



LLANO COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some people the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 Governor Abbott pursuant to Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code declared a State of Disaster in Texas Due to COVID-19, and pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code the Governor authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Trump issued a National Declaration pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207, thereby greatly expanding the resources available to states and communities for dealing with the coronavirus and the fallout from the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County Judge under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the County's response to this situation; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention persons at higher risk for contracting COVID-19 are older Americans and persons with heart disease, Diabetes and lung disease; and

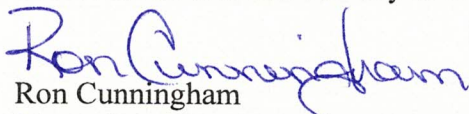
WHEREAS, according to U.S. census data approximately 40% of Llano County's population consist of citizens over the age of 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Llano County, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF LLANO COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Llano County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Llano County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Llano County emergency management plan.
5. Because of this change in the pattern of spread of COVID-19 in Texas, the Llano County Health Authority recommends the following precautionary measures be instituted in Llano county. These measures follow the guidance provided on [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) and the President's guidelines which can be found at www.coronavirus.gov
 - Cancel gatherings of ten (10) or more people.
 - Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants and food courts. Attempt to use food drive through pick-ups or delivery options, if possible.
 - Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips and social visits.
 - Avoid visiting nursing homes, retirement, or long-term care facilities, unless to provide critical assistance.
 - Consider offering video/audio of events.
 - Determine ways to continue providing support services to individuals at increased risk of severe disease while limiting group settings and exposures. (Meals on Wheels, and other home services)
6. To maintain the most current information, citizens are urged to monitor:
 - www.coronavirus.gov for federal information;
 - <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/> for state information;
 - www.co.llano.tx.us for Llano County information; as they are frequently updated.

DECLARED this this 18th day of March, 2020


Ron Cunningham
Llano County Judge