

**LLANO COUNTY PRESS RELEASE**

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**COVID-19 (New Coronavirus)**



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**March 30, 2020**

Llano, TX- 5:00 PM-

On March 30, 2020 at 4:45 PM Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham issued a Llano County Stay Home-Stay Safe order which goes into effect March 30, 2020 at 11:59 PM. This order was issued following verification by the Llano County Local Health Authority of a THIRD confirmed COVID-19 case in Llano County which involved a Llano County resident who contracted the virus through a Community Spread incident and it was unknown where specifically the person contracted COVID-19.

“As the virus continues to spread across central Texas, it should not be surprising to anyone that COVID-19 is now Community Spread in Llano County,” said Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham. “Beginning in January the state of Texas, Llano County, and our cities began taking actions to educate and prepare the public in ways to contain and mitigate this virus, however, after meetings and discussions with the Mayors of Llano, Sunrise Beach Village and Horseshoe Bay, and Llano County Commissioners, we are all in agreement this spread of COVID-19 within our community now calls for a Llano County Stay Home-Stay Safe Order,” he added.

The Llano County Stay Home-Stay Safe is not to be mistaken for a “Shelter in Place” order which are oftentimes issued during and or after a disaster declaration such as a tornado or hurricane. The Llano County Stay Home-Stay Safe Order has been issued during this Federal Public Health Emergency Declaration to add another protective measure for Llano County to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Llano County, while ensuring they are able to carry out essential activities and support our local businesses.

As of this time, the Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS) is reporting 124 counties have confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 2,877 confirmed cases and 38 fatalities in Texas. This number does not include the “presumptive positive” cases which have not been tested or quantified due to limitations on test kits or have not received results back from tests.

For additional information regarding Llano County’s preparation and response, please see [www.co.llano.tx.us](http://www.co.llano.tx.us) or contact Emergency Management Coordinator- Gilbert Bennett at 325-247-2039 or email at [gbennett@co.llano.tx.us](mailto:gbennett@co.llano.tx.us).

DSHS has additional information on the COVID-19 for the public, health care professionals, health departments and labs at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus)

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