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April 1, 2020

COVID-19 (New Coronavirus)

Llano, TX- 5:00 PM-

On April 1, 2020 at 4:30 PM Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham issued an UPDATED *Llano County Stay Home-Stay Safe* order which goes into effect April 1, 2020 at 11:59 PM. The order can be found at <u>www.co.llano.tx.us</u>

On March 31, 2020 Governor Greg Abbot issued an Executive Order GA 14, relating to statewide continuity of essential services and activities during the COVID-19 disaster which goes into effect at 12:01 AM on April 2, 2020 and continues through April 30, 2020.

Governor Abbot's order defines Essential Services and Activities Protocols for the entire State of Texas. These protocols provide more guidance and direction to counties and cities who have not implemented a Stay Home-Stay Safe during this Public Health Emergency.

The April 1, 2020 Llano County Stay Home-Stay Safe order extends the previous Llano County Judge Order through April 30, 2020 to coincide with GA 14.

Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham stated, "We are extremely grateful to our residents and businesses for their cooperation during this difficult time. Because of the cooperation we are receiving now, our First Responders, Medical Care Professionals, and businesses can better prepare for the potential community spread of COVID-19 in Llano County".

At this time, the Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS) is reporting 135 counties have confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 3,997 confirmed cases and 58 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 <u>www.co.llano.tx.us</u> or contact Emergency Management Coordinator- Gilbert Bennett at 325-247-2039 or email at.

DSHS has additional information on the COVID-19 for the public, health care professionals, health departments and labs at <u>www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus</u>

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