

LLANO COUNTY PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 (New Coronavirus)



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Llano, TX- Llano County strives to address the national health pandemic in a cautious, but responsible manner. The continued spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Llano County. Due to the Public Health Emergency from COVID-19, Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham has issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency.

“By issuing the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency governmental entities within Llano County are working in a proactive versus reactive manner and will have access to additional state and federal resources needed to respond to this public health emergency and allows entities to seek potential reimbursement for the costs of activities associated with responding to the Coronavirus pandemic,” said Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham.

The Declaration also creates opportunities for certain qualifying small businesses located in Llano County that are impacted by the health emergency to access assistance from the Small Business Administration (SBA), under its guidelines and rules.

Llano County is utilizing a phased approach of monitoring and reporting of COVID-19:

- Phase 1: Persons Under Monitoring (PUM)
- Phase 2: Persons Under Investigation (Testing in Progress) (PUI)
- Phase 3: Confirmed Case (No Person-to-Person spread)
- Phase 4: Limited Person-to-Person Spread (Close/Household Contacts)
- Phase 5: Person-to-Person Spread in the Community

Llano County remains in Phase 2-Persons Under Investigation (Testing in Progress) as of time of this release, with no known cases of COVID-19 in our county.

For additional information about Llano County’s preparation and response, please see www.co.llano.tx.us or contact the Emergency Management Coordinator- Gilbert Bennett at 325-247-2039 or via email at gbennett@co.llano.tx.us.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has additional information on the COVID-19 for the public, health care professionals, health departments and labs at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus

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