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COVID-19 (New Coronavirus)

Llano, TX- At 10:00 AM today, the Llano County Local Health Authority (LHA), Dr. Jack Franklin notified Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham and Horseshoe Bay Mayor Dr. Cynthia Clinesmith of a confirmed diagnosis of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in Llano County. The patient is a male in his 60s, who resides in the Horseshoe Bay area. His case is travel-related and he self-quarantined immediately upon returning from his trip and remains in quarantine at this time.

Llano County is now in Phase 3 (No Person-to-Person Spread) of our phased approach. "The fact that Llano County has a confirmed case in our county should be no surprise to anyone," said County Judge Ron Cunningham. "We are grateful for this resident to act responsibly and are grateful for the healthcare professionals who treated and diagnosed this situation," he added.

The Llano County LHA advised he was aware of at least 17 tests conducted by providers in Llano County with twelve (12) of the tests coming back negative, three (3) tests still pending, and two positive COVID-19 cases, one of which was the Burnet County case reported on March 22, 2020 and the other positive case in Llano County today.

"At this time, there are over 400 confirmed cases in Texas and 9 confirmed deaths related to COVID-19 and it is imperative our residents follow DSHS and CDC guidelines in restricting travel unless absolutely necessary and taking proper precautions to contain and mitigate COVID-19," stated Dr. Franklin.

For additional information regarding Llano County's preparation and response, please see www.co.llano.tx.us or contact Emergency Management Coordinator- Gilbert Bennett at 325-247-2039 or email at 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

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