

ROBERTSON COUNTY

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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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

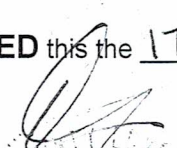
WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Robertson County; and

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

1. That a state of disaster is declared for Robertson County, Texas pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Robertson, Texas.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 11th day of March, 2020



Charles Ellison, County Judge



Attest: Stephanie Sanders, County Clerk

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Stephanie M. Sanders, County Clerk
Robertson County, Texas
By: S. Sanders

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For Immediate Release

To continue to protect the citizens of Robertson County, a Disaster Declaration was signed today, March 17, 2020 in conjunction with recommendations from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the office of Governor.

Currently there are no cases of COVID-19 in Robertson County. Authorities in Robertson County will continue to monitor the situation as it evolves daily, and will release information regarding positive cases and will promptly inform the residents and public if a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in our County.

Social distancing, avoiding large gatherings, and working on non-pharmaceutical interventions will help slow the spread of the virus. This in turn will ease the burden on hospitals, public health, local healthcare providers, and infrastructure.

We continue to work closely with other area public health departments, local healthcare providers, hospitals, schools, businesses, and local, state, and federal health officials. You can help slow the spread of COVID-19 by taking the same preventive measures and practicing healthy hygiene:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your upper sleeve.
- If sick, stay home from work and mass gatherings.
- Keep sick children at home to prevent the spread of illness at schools and daycares.
- Disinfect often touched objects and surfaces.

Updates on COVID-19 can be found at:

Texas Department of State Health Services www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/

Centers for Disease Control www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.