

Media Release  
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With the continued spread of COVID19, Lampasas County will be taking additional steps to contain and mitigate this virus. While we do not have a confirmed case in the County, the seriousness of the virus continues to increase. Effective 11:59 P.M., April 1, 2020, I am issuing a Shelter in Place Order for the entire County, in other words, STAY HOME, STAY SAFE!

To protect yourself and your family, I cannot stress to you enough to do the following:

- Maintain a physical distance from one another of a minimum of 6 feet.
- Wash your hands frequently and
  - Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose or mouth with your hands.
  - Use hand sanitizers before and after touching surfaces like counter tops, gas pump handles, door handles and knobs, etc.
- Change and wash your clothing after you have been out for “essential business”.
- Use your elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Do not gather in groups of 10 people or more.
- Avoid contact with anyone who has traveled outside of the county and especially outside of the state.
- If you think you might be sick or ill, STAY HOME and call your healthcare provider.
- Do your very best to just simply remain at home and especially avoid travel outside the County, even for essential business. Let’s do our best to reduce and limit the spread of the virus into our County.

With Bell, Coryell, Burnet, and Llano counties all with confirmed cases, we can predict it is just a matter of time before we have a confirmed case. We need to step up the precautions currently in place. Our biggest concern is the impact on our local healthcare facilities being able to handle an outbreak of the virus in the County. We must be proactive; we must take this seriously.

Without a doubt, this virus has disrupted our lives, families, jobs, and everyday life. We will eventually prevail and return to our lives before Coronavirus. Do not panic, do not be fearful, be mindful of the seriousness of the times, and follow the orders and recommendations provided to you.

I was visiting with a senior citizen regarding the current crisis, and I felt he truly put this in perspective. This individual grew up during the Great Depression which lasted ten years. He stated, “For 10 years we struggled to survive, it [The Great Depression] changed everyday life for us.” Certainly, as Americans, Texans, & Lampasans, we can survive this crisis for several months!

We are resilient and in time we will look back and remember that what seemed to be an eternity of time disrupting our life, but it was only a few months.

Stay positive, Lampasas County, and remember: Stay Home and Stay Safe!

Randall J. Hoyer, Lampasas County Judge