



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE

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To continue to protect the citizens of Chambers County, a Disaster Declaration was signed today, March 12, 2020 in conjunction with recommendations from the Local Health Authority, Dr. W. Clay Brown.

Currently there are no cases of COVID-19 in Chambers County. Our Public Health Department continues 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.

Please understand that Public Health in Chambers County is basing decisions regarding the current situation on the capacity to care for sick people. 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 are closely following CDC and Department of State Health Services (DSHS) guidance, and we routinely investigate infectious diseases and take preventive measures based on guidance to minimize the spread of disease. Infectious disease investigations may include guidance for potential contacts of a person under investigation to self-quarantine pending test results.

We continue to work closely with other area public health departments, local healthcare providers, hospitals, schools, businesses, and local, state, and federal health officials. The community spread of this virus is imminent. You can help slow the spread 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:

Chambers County Public Health www.co.chambers.tx.us/page/coronavirus

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

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

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