**OFFICE OF BOSQUE COUNTY JUDGE**

**RE: Declaration of Local Disaster-COVID19-2020-01**

 **7.08.2020-Covid-Declaration No 3**

Faced with the continued rapid increased spread of the virus in Texas, Texas Governor Abbott issued a series of Executive Orders limiting gatherings, business operations, and activities. Executive Orders supersede local control but can be supplemented by local control. Therefore, pursuant to Local Disaster Declaration, the office of County Judge is today instituting further restrictions based on the Governor’s Executive Orders:

1. **Order No. 1**: In accordance with the Guidelines from the Governor’s Office, all bars statewide are to be closed Friday, June 26, 2020 at noon and until further notice.
2. **Order No. 2**: In accordance with the Guidelines from the Governor’s Office, all restaurants shall limit their capacity to 50%, however, the use of drive-thru, pick-up, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.
3. **Order No**. **3**: In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
4. **Order No**. **4**: In accordance with the guidelines from the Governor’s office, mass gatherings shall be limited to 10 people without approval of the Mayor or County Judge; social distancing shall be maintained. There are no occupancy limits on houses of worship, local government, child care facilities, youth camps and recreational sports.
5. Order No 5: The Governor has issued a state wide MASK Order in counties with over 20 active cases. Bosque County now has over 26 active cases. One warning citation will be issued for first time offenders; additional violations may be subjected to a fine not to exceed $250.00.

These orders are effective immediately.

Data suggest the spread of the virus has increased significantly in the past two weeks. Consequently, measures have to be taken now to once again try to slow the spread of the deadly COVID-19. Hopefully these restrictions are temporary.

**Don L Pool**

County Judge