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OFFICE OF BOSQUE COUNTY JUDGE

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

6.26.2020-Covid-Declaration No 2



County Clerk, Bosque County, Texas


Previous directives from the office of County Judge were to protect as much as possible the public from spreading or obtaining the COVID-19 virus through close contact with others who potentially may be infected, never to limit business operations nor impose hardships on employees.

Today, June 26, 2020, 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 this office, mass gatherings shall be limited to 75 people and social distancing shall be maintained.
5. Orders take effect countywide at 11:59am on June 26, 2020. Violations of the Orders are Class C Misdemeanors, however, these are small violations compared to the spread of the Virus to your neighbors, friends, and relatives.

The County had hoped the Open Texas initiative by the Governor would relieve pressure on our businesses. Data suggest the spread of the virus has increased significantly since Memorial Day and the opening of certain businesses seems to have encouraged the spread. 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.

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County Judge