

FANNIN COUNTY COVID – 19 UPDATE

For Immediate Release
Fannin County Judge Randy Moore

Yesterday, April 1, 2020, Fannin County Commissioners Court voted to follow Governor Abbott's [Executive Order GA-14](#), which limits activities and designates essential services. Even though it is not named "Stay in Place Order", it basically is! Several businesses will have to close. Schools will remain closed until May 4, 2020 at this time.

Visit the [Fannin County Website](http://www.co.fannin.tx.us) (www.co.fannin.tx.us) for links to a list of "Essential Services" to determine if a business and its employees is considered essential. Fannin County also has a Proclamation in place:

Those who are ordered to stay home are:

- Any person who is sick or currently exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath is hereby ordered to stay home.
- Any person in a household who has tested positive for COVID-19, and all persons in that household is hereby ordered to stay home.
- Any person who has been tested for COVID-19, and all persons in that household should stay home until test results are received.

Other COVID-19 Orders and Recommendations:

- The Court recommends any person *65 years of age or older, because they are at a higher risk for severe illness from exposure to COVID-19, should stay home (unless traveling for necessities).*
- All businesses and employers are hereby ordered to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to increase social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) in the normal course of business activities, and to provide for a safe, clean and healthy work environment.
- All persons are hereby ordered to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to increase social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) in the normal course of business activities.

TAKE COVID-19 SERIOUSLY!

- Stay at home as much as possible. Keep trips away from home to a minimum.
- Get groceries, but don't make it a family outing. Designate one person to go.
- Pick up take-out from local restaurants.
- Call ahead to see your doctor, to pick up pharmacy items and to perform any essential errands.
- Continue to do those things you already know to do:
 - Wash your hands,
 - Don't touch your face unless your hands are clean,
 - If you cough or sneeze, do so in a tissue, handkerchief or into the inside of your elbow
 - Stay 6 feet apart from others.
- COVID-19 is dangerous and serious. Although currently it does not seem that we have a major problem **yet** in Fannin County, don't let this fool you about the seriousness of this deadly virus. To keep COVID-19 out, we must **all** do our part. This will pass, but we have to work together.

- This is not the time to have a “Social Distance Party” or a casual gathering of friends and family. This is a time for social distancing....**stay at home.**
- We all need guidelines on how to manage the COVID-19 virus. Some of these guidelines are listed above, and some should come from your healthcare professional. Do these things because you care about your family, friends and neighbors!

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