

COVID-19
UPDATES FROM THE JUDGE'S OFFICE

May 7th, 2020

As of May 5th, 2020 Governor Abbott announces new directives and guidelines for continuing to open Texas. Governor Abbott announced new guidelines from Texas Education Agency (TEA) on graduation ceremonies and the creation of "Surge Response Teams" to combat any Covid-19 flare ups in Texas. As of immediately, funerals will be conducted under the same rules as religious services as wedding venues and services indoors are limited to 25% occupancy. If these are conducted outdoors, there are no restrictions on occupancy. Water outings on rivers are under same rules as parks and beaches. Outdoor seating restaurants must be limited to six persons in a party and six foot distancing between tables.

As of May 8th, 2020, the following may open: barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, tanning salons and must keep six foot social distancing between each work station. Swimming pools may open subject to certain limitations. As of May 18th, 2020 the following may open: office buildings, gyms, exercise facilities, exercise classes, and non-essential manufacturing. All these new directives and opening only allow a 25% occupancy. They also are subject to protocols outlined by DSHS. These protocols can be found on the "Open Texas Website." Foard County has done an excellent job responding to this pandemic. Let us continue to be safe even with these openings. I firmly believe we are not on the downside of this pandemic. Let us continue keeping our guard up and keep our community safe. "We can do this, stay firm in our conviction." :For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Cor. 5:7.)

Respectfully,

Foard County Judge and Commissioners.