

COVID-19 UPDATES FORM THE JUDGES OFFICE

April 17th, 2020

As many may know, the President addressed the nation on Thursday, April 16th, 2020 setting three phases in re-opening the Country. He also gave the Governors options on how to re-open the economy. On Friday, April 17th, 2020, Governor Gregg Abbott, in his briefing, issued a number of Executive Orders (GA-16) that will, on a rolling basis, open up Texas Business', hospitals, and other parts of the State.

Under the Governors Executive Order GA-19, these are his directives:

- (1) Formed a new task force of politicians, business leaders, and doctors who will develop a strategic plan to reopen Texas.
- (2) All schools will be closed for the remainder of the academic year.
- (3) Loosen restrictions on some medical procedures that have been temporarily paused to ensure hospital capacity.
- (4) Reopen all State Parks, next week, but visitors must wear face coverings or masks and follow "social distancing" guidelines. (No more than five people in a gathering.)
- (5) The Order allows retailers that are not deemed essential to re-open on April 24th, 2020 and sell "to go" if State guidelines can be followed.

With these new directives from our Governor, let us continue doing our part to keep our community safe- "STAY HOME" and practice good "SOCIAL DISTANCING." These next three weeks are so critical for our State of Texas. Let us "Stay the course." We are all in this together. "Together" we will "Conquer" this pandemic.

Always asking for God's protection and blessings.

Respectfully,

Foard County Judge and Commissioners