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As of Monday, March 30, 2020, Falls County only has a single confirmed case of COVID-19. However, I strongly encourage you to continue following the guidelines recommended by the Texas Department of State Health Services (www.dshs.texas.gov) to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash hands often for 20 seconds and encourage others to do the same.
- If no soap and water are available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, knobs, and other places touched often.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Practice social distancing by avoiding crowds, minimizing physical contact, and staying at least six feet away from others.

I am making every effort as our Falls County Judge to keep our county functioning and safe. We have taken numerous measures at the Courthouse Annex to protect our employees and citizens. While the Courthouse Annex is closed to the public, all offices are available by phone or by appointment only. The office numbers are posted on the outside of the Courthouse Annex or on the Falls County website (www.co.falls.tx.us).

Concerns regarding community welfare:

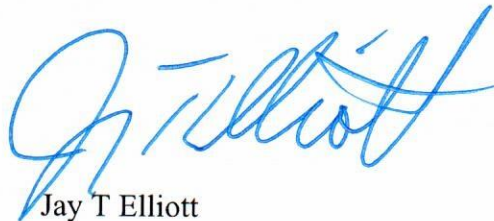
1. Each school in Falls County is committed to feeding each student two meals per day. They are also providing teaching aids, such as work packets and online learning opportunities.

2. Falls Community Hospital has implemented the use of a single entrance through the Emergency Room to limit traffic and control access points. The hospital has also established an emergency COVID-19 hotline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are experiencing possible symptoms, please call the hotline at 254-252-9387.
3. Both Golden Years Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Marlin and Heritage House Nursing and Rehabilitation in Rosebud have enforced a “no visitor” policy to protect your loved ones.
4. The Falls County Jail, as well as our two State Correctional facilities, has all taken action to protect both inmates and employees. Policy adjustments include no visitors and increased personal hygiene requirements.
5. The food service industry throughout Falls County has adjusted its service methods by using drive-through and carry-out options *only* to enable continued business to the public.

I would like to thank the employees of our essential businesses for their long hours and dedication to serving the public even in the midst of uncertainty and stressed patrons.

I would also like to thank those who continue to protect and serve on a daily basis including our law enforcement officers, fire department personnel, Acadian Ambulance Service, and our Falls County volunteer fire departments.

Our communities within Falls County have shown support and dedication to one another in these unprecedented times. Keeping our families and friends safe from spreading this virus wouldn't be possible without the people of our County working together.



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