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Keith Mudd
Lavaca County Judge

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To the citizens of Lavaca County:

The COVID-19 virus continues to spread across the nation and threatens our Texas and Lavaca County residents. We must make every effort to slow the spread of this virus. The virus predominately spreads from person to person via hand to hand and hand to surface contact, then it infects a person by hands touching your face. The best preventative method, other than avoiding social contact, is to wash your hands frequently, and avoid touching your face (i.e. eyes, mouth and nose).

Your best source for local COVID-19 information regarding this matter is via our Facebook Page: Lavaca County, Texas OEM (Office of Emergency Management). Our OEM Coordinator, Egon Barthels, is the lead source on all information related to the COVID-19 virus within Lavaca County. He is also working diligently and directly with Federal and State officials to bring you the most up to date and relevant data.

Most all county offices are open at this time, but have reduced their face to face interaction with the public. We advise all residents to call before driving to a county office to insure how the county office intends to interact with you. Most importantly at this time, please remember to:

- Keep Calm
- Wash hands frequently
- Keep a social distance
- Do not shake hands
- Stay home as much as possible

Please remind school age children, that school administrators have **NOT Extended Spring Break**. School age children should practice social distancing, while learning from home. This pandemic will soon pass, and we will all learn from it. May God bless you, and please stay safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith Mudd".

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