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Q. Why haven't Hallettsville, Moulton, Shiner, Yoakum or Lavaca County issued a Stay-At-Home order?

A. The Governor of the State of Texas has already put the Stay-At-Home order in place, Executive Order (EO) GA-14, for the entire State of Texas, including Lavaca County, and ALL Lavaca County residents should also be following the orders put in place by the Office of the Governor.

Q. Why have Bexar, Dallas, Victoria and other counties and cities issued a Stay-At-Home order in place?

A. Those respective counties have also added a few additional items to the EO GA-14 such as curfews or mandatory stay home if ill orders and restated the EO GA-14 orders. At this time the Elected Officials of the Cities and County Elected Officials feel that the residents can follow the EO GA-14 without resorting to stricter items being added and the issuing of a local Stay-At-Home Order.

Let us all show them that they are correct with this current decision of trust of the residents of the community to follow the EO GA-14.

Q. What are the main items of the EO GA-14?

1. Stay at Home, Stay Safe.

Stay at Home means that you should stay at home or in your yard unless you are going to work or to get essential supplies.

It does not mean to go to the store and browse because you are tired of being home. It means go in, get your items, pay and go back home. It means only one person should go in the store to do the shopping. If help will be needed to load the vehicle, the ones that will be helping should stay in the vehicle.

It means, go to a restaurant that offers drive thru, curbside or pick up service, place your order or call it in, pick up your food and go back home.

It also means that only the persons that live in your household should be at your home. You should not have family gatherings with family that do not live in your home or with friends and/or neighbors.

Children should not have friends over or spending the night. Child care for someone working is acceptable.

2. No Gatherings of more than 10 people.

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This refers to churches and you should refer to the Texas Attorney General's Opinion on this.

Churches should try to do some type of video service, if possible

Again, if you do not have a reason to be out of your home, stay home.

3. Stay Safe

Wash your hands, Wash your hands, Wash your hands and practice good personal hygiene.

Only use hand sanitizer when soap and water is unavailable.

Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes and mouth.

Disinfect surfaces and objects often where the virus can live such as door handles, counter tops, keys, jewelry, your cell phone, and such.

Change and wash clothing after being away from home before sitting on furniture.

Stay six feet away from other people when possible.

Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw it away. If a tissue is unavailable use the crease of your elbow and always turn away from people.

If you feel sick, stay home from work. Do not go to the store, send or ask someone to get you what you need.

You could have and spread COVID-19 without having symptoms.

Do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Stay Calm, Wash your Hands, Stay healthy, Stay away from others and #stayhometexas.

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