

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF CORYELL §

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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO *Coronavirus*
COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL CO., TEXAS

CoronaVirus (COVID – 19)

WHEREAS, Coryell County has experienced a presumptive positive test of a person who works in Coryell County and up to an additional 6 persons exhibiting signs of illness.

WHEREAS, CoronaVirus (COVID – 19) poses the threat of broad range sickness; and possible death to those with pre-existing conditions, the aged and those with a weakened immune system.

WHEREAS, CoronaVirus (COVID – 19) has the potential of endangering lives on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county “if the threat of disaster is imminent”; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which CoronaVirus (COVID – 19) could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of spread of CoronaVirus (COVID – 19) and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance.

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Roger A. Miller, County Judge of Coryell County, declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of CoronaVirus (COVID – 19) in Coryell County, Texas.

Under the authority granted to me by Chapter 418, Texas Government Code, a disaster declaration has been issued effective on March 13, 2020. Additionally, pursuant to Section 418.108(g), Texas Government Code, I hereby issue the following orders.

- 1) All public events in Coryell County shall cease.
- 2) Any event held at private facilities is urged to cancel but should make those determinations within their organizations and with staff of those facilities.
- 3) Events that would include any population at severe risk of severe illness should cease. The population at the greatest risk is anyone over the age of 65 and/or those with severe medical conditions as defined by CDC guidelines.
- 4) Nursing homes and senior living centers should limit visitation of the public within their facilities.

This order does NOT extend to law enforcement activities, emergency responses, court operations to include jury operations, and to all school districts or private school facilities within the jurisdiction of Coryell County.

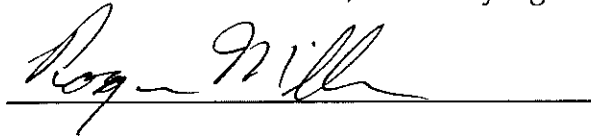
All Coryell County Employees must report for work as required by their supervisors. Effective immediately and through the duration of this order, all Coryell County employees shall cease any work- related travel.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the County Commissioners Court.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the county's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 13TH day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roy Mill", is written over a solid horizontal line.

County Judge

Filed with the Clerk Coryell County on 13 March 2020.