



HARDIN COUNTY JUDGE

Wayne McDaniel

March 18, 2020

TO: All Restaurant Owners

RE: Slowing the Spread of COVID-19

After receiving guidance from Governor Abbott during a call this evening with all Texas County Judges and Mayors, I am writing to you about upcoming changes to my Emergency Order which took effect on March 17, 2020.

Governor Abbott has recommended that we, as the Emergency Management Directors for our respective Cities and Counties, do take much more restrictive measures to limit contact between Texans in order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. This includes shutting down restaurants and limiting groups to no more than 10 people, among other things.

After meeting with all 5 of our Mayors tonight, which included all of our Chiefs of Police, Sheriff Davis and County Attorney Rebecca Walton, the Mayors and I came to the consensus that we desire to ask all food establishments to halt all dining in. The Mayors and I also unanimously agreed that any who can continue to serve food through a drive-through, delivery, or curbside pickup should begin to operate in that manner. We do not want to shut down any business unless absolutely necessary – We do not feel we are there yet.

I have not yet issued an Amended Emergency Order, but plan to do so soon. In the meantime, I am merely making a recommendation to you that you begin following this recommendation. If you choose not to do so, I understand, but please know that an Order is coming and I ask that you begin preparing for this unfortunate change in the way you operate going forward.

The safety of your employees, your customers and you are my top priority in making this decision, and the Mayors all agree with this as well.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne McDaniel", is written over the typed name.

Wayne McDaniel
Hardin County Judge