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**From: Erath County Emergency Management Office**  
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On Thursday, March 12, Governor Abbott conducted a conference call for local officials. Erath County Emergency Management Coordinator Susan Driskill and County Judge Alfonso Campos along with several other local officials participated in the call. As of March 12, 2020, there were 25 cases of COVID-19 in six Texas counties: 8 Harris, 6 Fort Bend, 3 Collin, 3 Dallas, 3 Montgomery, 1 Gregg and 1 Tarrant.

We learned that the supply of test kits far exceeds the demands for testing. Testing is only done through the emergency rooms or a primary health provider. However, the goal is not to test everyone, rather only those who exhibit symptoms.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) expects the number of cases to rise and emphasizes that mitigation measures are essential to slow and curb the spread, protect vulnerable populations, and above all, to avoid overwhelming our health care infrastructure.

Besides practicing sound personal hygiene and limiting personal contact, the TDSHS recommends postponing non-essential gatherings and restricting travel.

For essential meetings, consider placing sanitation stations at entrances, signs to request that persons with symptoms not attend or wear surgical masks, and seating for participants be spaced throughout the room to avoid crowding. Government employers should prepare for extensive employee absences as the infections spread.

Locally, County Judge Alfonso Campos called a special meeting of the County Commissioners Court to discuss the situation. The meeting included most of the Elected County Officials and all were addressed by the Local Health Authority, Dr. Jeffery Moore. County officials are in contact with other local officials to be sure we are sharing pertinent information. Please be assured that our most important concern is for Erath County residents and their families' health.

We ask that everyone:

- Remain Calm
- Protect yourself and your family
- Work with the community to take protective measures in the best interest of public safety concerning events you may be attending.
- Stay informed! See daily updates – go to the TDSHS website at: <https://dshs.state.tx.us/>

For more information please contact Susan Driskill, Emergency Management Coordinator, at 254.965.1326 or Alfonso Campos, Erath County Judge, at 254.965.1452.