



Public Announcement from Erath County Judge, Alfonso Campos

COVID-19 Spike in Erath County

Erath County is experiencing a tremendous increase in the number of infections of the COVID-19 virus. Since June 21, there have been 86 positive test results and the total number of cases stands at 149. The increase in cases has included an increase in hospitalizations as well.

Statewide, counties and jurisdictions have begun implementing measures and strategies to reduce the spread. We need to find strategies that do not involve shutting businesses down again. No one wants that. Our economy suffers and our citizens suffer as well with loss of employment or reduction of hours. Businesses suffer reduced sales and some are not able to stay open.

Do we have to choose between jobs and health? Better yet, what measures are we willing to take so we can have both?

I want to recommend that we take all measures to reverse the current trend. If this includes wearing a facial covering to protect those around us, we should do that. We act responsibly to protect ourselves, let's act responsibly to protect others as well. Whether at a grocery store or hardware store, or any other business, taking precautions serves to protect the workers who risk exposure every day to remain in the frontlines delivering goods and services to us. Let's be considerate of others!

Covering the face in public is recommended by State and Local Health Authorities. Let's adhere to the safety protocols developed by our medical experts and recommended by Governor Abbott:

-  Wear a face covering in public
-  Social distance - Stay six feet apart
-  Wash or sanitize hands often
-  If sick, get tested and stay at home
-  Stay home when possible

We can protect lives while also restoring and maintaining livelihoods. We can keep each other safe and keep our county open for business. Let's get this done, the alternative may be another shutdown.

Alfonso Campos, Erath County Judge 6/30/2020