



STATE OF TEXAS

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On March 19, 2020, faced with the continued rapid increased spread of the virus in Texas, Texas Governor Abbott issued a series of Executive Orders limiting gatherings, business operations, and activities. Executive Orders supersede local control. Therefore, the office of County Judge issued a Local Disaster Declaration today and instituted the following Orders based on the Governor's Executive Orders:

1. **Order No. 1:** In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
2. **Order No. 2:** In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating, drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pick-up, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.
3. **Order No. 3:** In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes, retirement, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
4. **Order No. 4:** In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

These Orders take effect statewide at 11:59 PM on March 19, 2020. Violations of the Orders are Class C Misdemeanors and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000.

Limestone County and State now find ourselves in dealing with this deadly COVID-19 drastic and immediate action must be initiated to stem its spread. Hopefully, these restrictions are temporary.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Duncan", is written over a large, faint, circular watermark that contains the text "Limestone County, Texas".

Richard L. Duncan  
Limestone County Judge

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