

**COUNTY OF CRANE, TEXAS
COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that CCVI D-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Crane County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF CRANE COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for CRANE COUNTY, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless approved by the Commissioners Court of Crane County, Texas.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Crane County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied

structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 7. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

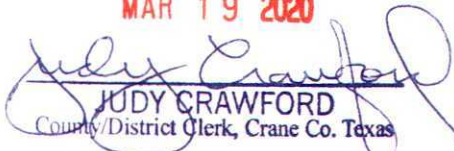
SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Commissioners Court, shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 19 day of March 2020.



Roy Hodges, County Judge
Crane County, Texas

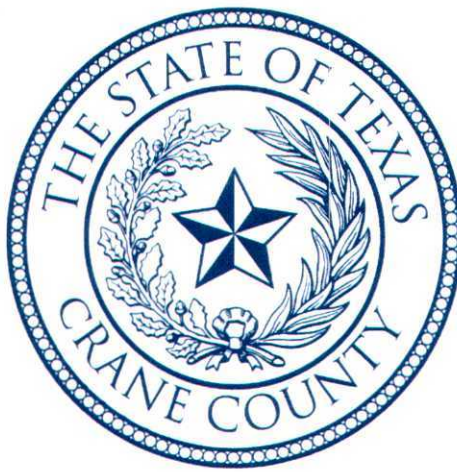
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County Judge

March 19, 2020

To the Citizens of Crane County

As of March 19, 2020, Crane County has had one case of the COVID-19 virus confirmed.

The County Judge has been in contact with Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) – Rachel Sonne MD. They are investigating this case to try and confirm where this person was infected.

Crane Memorial Hospital has been in contact with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) about this case. The people involved have been ordered to stay home and do not leave quarantine.


Crane County Judge Hodges has Declared and signed a Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency. This Declaration is in effect immediately. The Crane County Commissioners Court will meet next Tuesday March 24, 2020, at the regularly scheduled meeting to extend the Declaration until further notice.

Crane County Courthouse will be closed until March 24, 2020, at 9:45 a.m. for the Crane County Commissioners Court special meeting and at 10 a.m. for the regular meeting of the Crane County Commissioners Court. As soon as the meeting has adjourned the Crane County Courthouse will be closed until March 30, 2020.

We realize this is an unusual situation for our small county. Crane County's most important job is to keep our citizens as safe as possible. The information that is broadcast on the national and state news is real. Please do what you can to abide by the warnings that are being shared.

The Crane County Website will have updated information as it comes available as well as the contact information of all elected officials.

The Crane County Commissioners Court members want to reiterate to all citizens of Crane County that they are our Number One concern and our goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy.


Roy Hodges, County Judge
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