

Press Release from Fayette County Judge Joe Weber

April 6, 2020

To the residents of Fayette County, per the authority invested in me under Chapter 418 of Texas Government Code I am hereby closing all hotels, motels, B&Bs and Air B&Bs in Fayette County to thru/transit personnel occupancy. The exceptions are those occupants who reside at such a facility on a permanent/at home basis and those personnel who are billeted on a temporary basis while providing essential services within Fayette County. Essential services have been defined in our Governor's Executive Order #14. As Fayette County residents, we continue to do our best in following our President's, CDC's, local leaders, and Governor's guidelines and directives to remain at home if non-essential, maintain social distancing and adhere to personal hygiene & protective measures. These measures remain clear, we know what they are, and what is expected of us all.

I will not let transient/thru travelers, some of whom are in violation of standing directives within their jurisdictions to stay at home, jeopardize the health & safety of our residents by exposing them to unnecessary and/or willful contact. This Order will take effect beginning at noon on April 7, 2020 and will remain in effect indefinitely. Under State Government Code 418, this Order will be codified at the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court meeting on April 9th when the County-wide imposed Disaster Declaration will be up for review. No Order, Directive or Guideline, by itself, will slow the spread of the Coronavirus within our County & Communities. Only each of us taking on personal responsibility, to do exactly what has been recommended and directed by our health experts & leaders, will insure

our success in this effort. By controlling what we have direct control over, ourselves and our loved ones, we will get through this most difficult time. I want to ensure all of you that as our confirmed case number increases, all cases are being managed, tracked and monitored by our State, County, Local Healthcare Providers and our Emergency Management Team.

I ask that you continue to monitor the Fayette County website and all official State and Federal websites for the most accurate information. The Office of Fayette County Emergency Management will continue to get important information to you as quickly as possible.

I thank you all for your effort in doing what we need to do to get through this crisis together. Now is not the time to get comfortable or to let our guard down. Our self-discipline and complete attention to this most serious matter at hand remains essential.

Thank you and GOD BLESS