



Nacogdoches County

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County Judge

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To the citizens of Nacogdoches County-

Nacogdoches County does not have any confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus at the time of this writing.

The Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services establishes the criteria for who will be tested. We are told that the number of persons tested is not releasable to us, so we do not know how many have been tested. We are assured that if we have a positive test result they will notify us immediately. When and if a positive result is reported, we will immediately tell you.

The Nacogdoches County Courthouse will remain open with modifications. By law, the public must have access to certain open proceedings, such as state mandated court hearings, that occur in the courthouse. That said, each elected official is the sole authority for limiting or closing or modifying the business of their offices. Those offices are:

County Attorney

County Clerk

District Clerk

District Attorney

Tax Assessor/Collector

District Courts

County Courts

Treasurer

Justices of the Peace, Pct. 1,2,3 and 4

Constables, Pct. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Sheriff/Jail

Each official will make a decision on their offices. My suggestion is, until this crisis is over, to telephone their offices prior to coming. Also if you do not absolutely need to come to the offices, please do not come.

The remaining county offices, such as Environmental Services, Elections, Collections, County Extension, Road and Bridge and the Expo/Civic Center will be closed to the public, but will be staffed as usual. If you have business with any of these offices, please telephone them.

All essential services such as the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management will operate as usual.

We remain in contact with the TDSHS and the Texas Department of Emergency Management. These measures are consistent with our ongoing efforts to keep the public and our employees safe and informed.

Greg Sowell