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Hillsboro, TX – The Commissioners Court of Hill County met Tuesday morning and during the meeting County Judge Justin Lewis released a statement outlining the County’s activities regarding the COVID19 outbreak. Lewis also highlighted the activities of the County as they coordinate with regional and state officials on response efforts.

In addition to the outlined plan below, the County has begun communication efforts among various entities in Hill County to ensure an effective dissemination of information to help keep all members of the public informed on this fluid situation.

“We are continually monitoring the situation and adjusting our strategy as needed. At the current time, Hill County has no confirmed cases of COVID19, so we are in Stage 1 of our action plan. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation with the voluntary efforts of social distancing. The County has not enacted any mandatory changes, and with the public’s help, we will delay any of those actions until absolutely necessary to protect the health and well-being of everyone who lives and works in Hill County, “said Lewis.

People interested in monitoring updates on the situation will find the most current information on the Hill County Emergency Management Facebook Page. The County will also provide regular updates to *KHBR 1560 AM Radio* and the *Hillsboro Reporter*.

In addition, the County has an emergency notification system. If you would like to receive phone call, text or email updates as warranted, you can register with the Hill County Emergency Notification System. Visit the Office of Emergency Management website at www.hilloem.com, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on emergency alerts. Follow the prompts to set up your account.

Hill County is currently following the State and Federal guidelines for managing the spread of COVID19 and is in compliance with all mandatory orders. In addition, the County has issued the following guidelines highlighting the various measures to be enacted locally to help curb the spread of the virus.

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Hill County COVID19 Action Plan

Stage 1 (no confirmed cases of COVID19 in Hill County)

- Stay home if you are sick
- Avoid contact with persons who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue away
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces with a disinfectant
- Don't travel to areas with active community spread of COVID19
- Wash your hands with soap and water regularly and use hand sanitizers with at least 60% of alcohol content when soap and water are not available

Stage 2 (a confirmed case of COVID19 in Hill County)

- All of Stage 1 measures
- Actively practice 'social distancing' - whenever possible maintain 6 feet of distance from others
- Avoid physical contact with others in social and workplace settings

Stage 3 (community spread of COVID19 in Hill County)

- All Stage 1 & Stage 2 measures
- Hill County may issue orders restricting and/or prohibiting mass gatherings and/or movement of people

Resources :

National : Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC")
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

State: Texas Department of Health and Human Services ("DSHS")
www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus