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Dear Local Resident,

As I am sure many of you are aware the Governor Greg Abbott released an Executive Order on March 19, 2020 relating to Covid-19 preparedness and mitigation. We want to explain how this works in conjunction with County Emergency Declarations. First, let us start by saying there are no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in Parmer County. We do expect that to happen at some point and that is why we are doing everything we need to prepare now. Officials for the City of Friona, Bovina, Farwell and Parmer County are in constant communication with each other including representatives of Parmer Medical Center, Parmer County Sheriff's Office, and all County School Districts on how to best prepare for this and how to best protect the residents of Parmer County.

The Executive Order from the Governor is restrictive. Under the new executive order the following conditions and restrictions will go into effect tonight (March 20, 2020) at midnight:

- 1) All Texas schools must close temporarily. This does not mean that education stops. Superintendents will continue to work with the Texas Education Agency and principals to continue online or additional educational options.
- 2) People should avoid eating and drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts or visiting gyms. There will no dining at bars or restaurant dining rooms since they will be closed. Restaurants can still offer take-out, drive-thru or delivery options.
- 3) People shall not visit nursing homes or long-term facilities unless they are providing critical care assistance.
- 4) Every person in Texas must avoid social gatherings that have more than 10 people.

So what does this mean for Parmer County? All bars and restaurant dining rooms will be closed but you are able to get deliveries (if available), or you may go through the drive-thru or place orders to go. All schools are closed as well. People cannot visit Friona or Farwell Nursing Homes and finally, people may not gather in groups larger than 10.

This is going to be a trying time for all of us with many inconveniences. But have no doubt that we are doing everything we can to protect the residents of Parmer County.

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