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Ellis County Now Has Three Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

March 21, 2020 – The Local Health Authority has confirmed one additional case of COVID-19 in Ellis County. This increases the countywide total to three confirmed cases of COVID-19. These cases are currently being monitored by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Case 1: A female resident of the City of Maypearl in home isolation after community spread.

Case 2: A male resident of the City of Palmer in home isolation after community spread.

Case 3: A male resident of the City of Waxahachie in home isolation after community spread.

There is community spread of COVID-19 in Ellis County. Every person **shall avoid all gatherings in groups of more than 10 people**. Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness for COVID-19 cases. These include symptoms of fever, cough and/or shortness of breath, viral pneumonia, and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) which can lead to **permanent damage** and or **death**. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. For more information on COVID-19 please visit:

<https://co.ellis.tx.us/948/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>

As a reminder, Governor Abbott's Executive Order is effective now through 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020.

All critical infrastructure shall remain open and continue providing essential services. Businesses are to implement policies allowing employees to work from home to eliminate the spread of COVID-19.

Inside dining at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors is prohibited. Restaurants and other establishments are allowed to utilize drive-through, delivery,

and pick-up options. People shall not visit nursing homes, retirement, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance. Schools throughout the state shall temporarily close through April 3, 2020.

For Governor Abbott's full order please visit:

<https://co.ellis.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/10959/COVID-19-JOINT-PDF-31920>

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