

Message from County Judge Roger A. Miller

On Friday, March 13, 2020, I issued a Declaration of Disaster for Coryell County in response to credible evidence that some of our citizens had been exposed to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The situation has evolved rapidly since the time of that Declaration. Several other Counties and Cities in Texas and across the nation have made similar declarations as well as President Trump making a National Declaration and Governor Abbott making a State Declaration. These declarations and the actions and guidance they contain is not going to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. These actions are designed to slow the spread of the virus to a level that is manageable and will not overly stress our healthcare resources. Some of the actions we are taking may seem extreme; they are not extreme, they are extraordinary. This is not an ordinary virus, so ordinary measures are insufficient to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. And that is our number one priority – protecting the health, safety, and welfare of ALL of our citizens. To that end, we will take actions which are in the best interest of our citizens.

What I know about the virus remains the same: This is a new virus so there is no vaccination at this time and no one has any natural immunities to it; the virus is highly contagious and spreads rapidly; it is a respiratory infection with symptoms which include, headache, fever, coughing, and sneezing, among others; treatment is with over the counter products such as aspirin, acetaminophen, cough suppressants, and decongestants – but always follow your doctor's advice; those over the age of 65 and those with compromised immune systems, heart conditions, and diabetes are at the greatest risk for the most severe cases of Coronavirus.

That being said, please do not panic. Please do not let fear be your guide. And for the record, toilet paper is not in any way connected to the symptoms or treatment of the Coronavirus. The most important thing each of us can do is to be responsible for ourselves. Practice the good hygiene measures that continue to be repeated and be aware of your own health condition. If you are feeling ill with any of the symptoms, simply stay at home. Call your healthcare provider before going to the clinic, hospital, or ER in order to limit exposure to others.

Lastly, I would ask for your prayers as we make these important decisions. I would ask that everyone be patient as we disseminate information as rapidly as we can verify it. And again, do not panic or be fearful.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.