

## **COUNTY OF WILSON**

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To The Citizens of Wilson County,

Another week has passed and the threat of the Coronavirus is still among us. The County has had a spike in its numbers because of the outbreak at the Frank Tejada Veteran's Home, but the good news is that overall cases in the county have slowed and recoveries have increased.

Your County leaders are working together and also with the office of the Governor to formulate a plan to reintroduce the daily business and personal activities that we all relied upon and enjoyed before this began. However, as we prepare to return to some semblance of normalcy to our work schedules and the opening of our local economy, we must remember social distancing is still recommended and is included in the County's and Governor's Executive Orders and Disaster Declarations.

The CDC guidelines are now six-foot distancing and no more than five people gathering at one place. Elective surgeries are now being scheduled by hospitals, some retail markets are opening up for carry-out and curbside service, and even private golf courses and some parks are allowed to operate while observing social distancing. I encourage you all to get out and utilize these services in our local economy.

Please do not relax your guard, social distancing will likely be with us for some time to come. We might be faced with the prospect that we will have to learn to live with the coronavirus in our society until there is a vaccine to prevent it. We may need to adjust our common greeting of hello without a handshake or hug. When at the store, be a buyer not a shopper. If you pick something up put it in your cart, the more things are handled the more chance there is of contamination.

Unfortunately, we have had our second death in the County at the Frank Tejeda Veteran's Home. The accurate numbers are still posted on our website as soon as TDSHS release them to us. That being said, I can assure you that the staff at the Veterans home is working tirelessly with state and local officials to minimize the spread there and prevent further harm. My hat is off to those brave men and women.

Stay safe and stay at home. If you are not at work you should be at home only going out for essentials. Remember the coronavirus does not take off for the weekend, so let's all stay home and stay isolated, we will get through this.

Wilson County Judge

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