



## COUNTY OF WILSON

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Citizens of Wilson County;

It is like getting used to something new like a new vehicle or a new easy chair, when the old one was comfortable and conformed to you as much as you conformed to it. But the wife decided the old one was to worn to stay in the living room so we had to get a new one. You are allowed to go out now but it is not the same. Restaurants are not packed, the noise is not loud, dishes are not rattling, but you may hear the squeak of Styrofoam or the snap of a plastic fork. Stores are not crowded but the drive through line at the fast food restaurants seem endless and if you are lucky you can get toilet paper and paper towels at the grocery store. This is a sign of the reopening process of Texas.

Still, the virus is out there. Until there is a vaccine, the threat of the coronavirus is still present. With the relaxing of stay at home order and the fight to prevent boredom there will be more people out in the public. This increases the chances of contracting coronavirus. Now you can get your hair done, a manicure, a pedicure or a haircut. These types of services will be allowed to open up on May 8 with limited capacity. See Governor Abbott's executive order GA-21 for more details and other dates and businesses allowed to open.

Now if you are out in the public you will be exposed to more people some wearing masks and some not wearing masks some practicing social distancing and some not. With this increased exposure the likelihood of coming in contact with someone carrying the coronavirus is much greater than when we were isolated at home. This is something to think about, do we want to relax our guard expose ourselves to the coronavirus with greater risk and chance another outbreak and have to go through what we just went through again. Or do we want to be diligent with our social distancing, the wearing of masks, and avoid large gatherings so we can keep this gradual reopening of Texas going in a positive direction.

Sunday May 3 Wilson County hosted another coronavirus mobile testing site. 43 individuals were tested and results will be returned soon. This will assist healthcare officials in identifying any surge in the coronavirus epidemic in our area. Remember it is as important now as ever to social distance and keep the coronavirus from spreading so we can keep opening Texas up and getting back to normal.

Be safe, be diligent, social distance, and pray for Wilson County and Texas.

Wilson County Judge

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