



## COUNTY OF WILSON

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Citizens of Wilson County;

Today marks a possible start to the end of the dominance COVID-19 has over our lives. Pfizer has started the distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine. It is due to be in certain locations and inoculations will begin as soon as today. But as of now only certain major metropolitan areas will receive the vaccine and then only certain people will be vaccinated. For those who are concerned and anxious to get the vaccine, it could be like in the movie JAWS. When Quint (Robert Shaw) was telling Hooper (Richard Dreyfuss) and Brody (Roy Scheider) about when during WW II the ship he was on was sunk by enemy fire. Many of the crew survived to be left floating in the water waiting for rescue. Of these many were attacked by sharks. Quint said the worst part was when the rescuers arrived and were picking the survivors out of the water, the threat of the shark attacks were still there and they were anxiously awaiting rescue, the anticipation of being attacked right before rescue was an anxiety they had to deal with.

This is how it is with the COVID-19 vaccine, it is out there and available to some extent. But will people who are waiting for the vaccine be exposed and contract the disease before being vaccinated. Frontline workers, Healthcare workers, First Responders, the elderly, and vulnerable individuals are what I have been informed will be the first to be vaccinated. Do not let your guard down, protect yourself. Wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands often, and stay at home if possible. Do not expose yourself unnecessarily, avoid being around other people, be patient there will be a time when you will be able to get the vaccine.

Our hospitals both locally and the major hospitals in San Antonio are nearing capacity in the COVID wings. This news should keep us diligent in stopping the spread of COVID-19. This could affect not only someone with COVID-19 but someone with some other condition that might require hospitalization. There will not be room for you if the hospital is full.

Be patient, protect yourself, help protect the elderly and vulnerable, social distance, and stay home if possible. Remember we are all in this together and Lord willing we will all get through this together.

May God Bless Wilson County!

Wilson County Judge

Richard L. Jackson