

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

On March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of this date, Callahan County has not issued a disaster declaration.

The state has taken some measures relevant to specific geographical locations (primarily major metropolitan areas of the State with active infections). Information on measures taken by the state can be found at the following web sites:

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-provides-update-on-coronavirus-texas-testing-capabilities-in-san-antonio-press-conference>

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

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Local emergency management personnel are actively following the progress of this pandemic and we will be making adjustments to our operations as warranted. For that reason, citizens should call and check before coming to the courthouse, and check for updates on the County website at: <http://www.co.callahan.tx.us/>

County offices will be open, however, per the CDC guidelines, in order to reduce exposure, we advise the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home.
- If you are in an “at-risk” status, avoid large crowds and interacting with others unnecessarily.
- Wash your hands with soap and water and disinfect your surroundings often.
- We ask that you do not bring anyone under the age of 18 and restrict the attendance to the parties involved.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/index.html>

The county has been treating common spaces, doors, stairwells, etc. to minimize the risk of infection. However, if you are at risk because of a lower immunity to sickness, stay home. If your visit to the courthouse can be delayed a few weeks, please wait to come at a later time. Some departmental information to consider:

- Jail visitation has been cancelled until further notice.
- Some Court proceedings have been postponed, please check with the appropriate court for updates on delayed or reschedule court dates.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your understanding our need to protect our citizens, employees and their families during this situation. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.