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Majority of Covid regulations in Texas rescinded

Covid-19 numbers continue to decline in Coke County and across Texas. The latest report received by County Judge Hal Spain this week shows only 5 active cases in the county - 3 in Bronte and two in Robert Lee.

Following this major decline in the number of active Covid-19 cases in Texas, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA 34 which became effective on Wednesday of this week and goes a long way in returning Texas to business as normal.

Overall, the order removes any limitations on business operation capacities and removes all state face mask mandates unless in an area with high hospitalizations. It further states that no jurisdiction may require or mandate the wearing of face masks.

The order also rescinds GA 17, 25, 29, and 31 in their entirety and supercedes any conflicting order issued by local government officials.

According to the order, "Area with high hospitalizations means any Trauma Service Area that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent,

until such time as the Trauma Service Area has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15 percent or less."

Texas is divided into twenty-two Trauma Service Areas. Coke County is at the very northern edge of TSA-K with San Angelo as the main city. The current percentage of Covid patients in this TSA is 1.9%. Abilene is the major city in TSA-D and its current percentage is 2.5%. This week, no Trauma Service Area met the high hospitalization threshold and only two of the areas were as high as 10%. Trauma Service Areas and their main cities and percentages are listed below.

- A. Amarillo - 4.3%
- B. Lubbock - 4.1%
- C. Wichita Falls - 1.76%
- D. Abilene - 2.5%
- E. Dallas/Ft Worth - 6.59%
- F. Ark-La-Tex - 3.84%
- G. Longview/Tyler - 5.15%
- H. Lufkin - 7.5%
- I. El Paso - 11.67%
- J. Midland/Odessa to Big Bend - 3.12%
- K. San Angelo - 1.9%
- L. Killeen - 6.81%
- M. Waco - 6.73%

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| N. College Station - 7.18% | Q. Houston - 9.40% | T. Laredo - 6.26% |
| O. Austin - 5.82% | R. Beaumont - 10.46% | U. Corpus Christi - 5.99% |
| P. San Antonio - 6.05% | S. Victoria - 6.94% | V. Brownsville - 7.63% |

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, March 12

Early Release -
Robert Lee ISD, 12:30 pm

High School Track -
Bronte, Robert Lee at Kenneth Rasco
Memorial Relays, Robert Lee

Monday, March 15

Spring Break -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell Cisd

Tuesday, March 16

Spring Break -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell Cisd

Wednesday, March 17

Spring Break -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell Cisd

Thursday, March 18

Spring Break -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell Cisd

Bronte City Council Meeting, 5:30 pm,
Bronte City Hall

Friday, March 19

Spring Break -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell Cisd

RL4Restoration meeting set for March 21

RL4Restoration will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 21, at 5 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. The meeting is opened to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

WCCHD to meet March 30

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors will meet on Thursday,

March 30, 2021. The meeting will be held at 9 am at the Jail Annex in Robert Lee.

Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were longtime members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation was established by their family.

The scholarship is for students who are in at least their second year of college or trade school. Applications are available from Lanette Fletcher at Glenn-Bivins Insurance, 123 W Main Street in Bronte, and from Pastor Stacy Sprinkle at Bronte's First United Methodist Church.

Applications must be returned to Lanette Fletcher or another United Methodist Women's member no later than Friday, March 12. The scholarship recipient will be announced after the United Methodist Women's September meeting.

Spring Forward



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.