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Majority of Texas counties now have at least one case of Covid-19

Coke County continues to deal with restrictions due to the Covid-19 virus. As of Tuesday afternoon, there are no confirmed cases in Coke County. The closest cases to our county are in Tom Green County, Taylor County and Mitchell County. If one of our residents tests positive, County Judge Hal Spain will be notified immediately due to his position as Coke County's Emergency Management Coordinator.

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA 14 which closes all non-essential businesses in Texas through April 30, 2020. This order also will not allow any in person instruction in Texas classrooms until May 4, 2020, at the earliest. Non-essential businesses include, but are not limited to, hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, tattoo parlors, tanning salons, businesses that don't sell essential goods, entertainment venues and theaters, enclosed shopping malls. Essential businesses include those involved in agriculture like feed stores, grocery stores, pharmacies, pet supply stores, veterinary clinics, health care providers, fuel stations, banks, day care centers, and critical infrastructure businesses.

On Sunday, March 29, 2020, President Trump extended his 15 day program of social distancing and other recommendations until April 30, 2020. At presstime, Texas was not under a "Shelter in Place" order. Although all of the restrictions imposed by Governor Abbott March 13, 2020, and March 19, 2020, remain in place. These include no gatherings of more than 10 people, sixfeet apart and limiting the restaurants to take-out and delivery only. Schools remain

closed and nursing homes remain locked down. With the multiple cases in Tom Green County, large grocery and big box stores must go to one entrance allowing monitoring where only 100 customers may be in the store at any one time.

The Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee and the Justice of the Peace office in Bronte are closed to the public. However, most of the offices still have employees working and can be reached by phone or email. The numbers for these offices are:

- County Judge, 453-2641
- County Auditor, 453-2922
- County Attorney, 453-2712
- County Clerk, 453-2631
- County Treasurer, 453-2713
- County Sheriff, 453-2717
- County Tax A/C, 453-2614
- Appraisal District, 453-4528
- Justice of the Peace, 473-2323

As of Tuesday, April 7, 2020, worldwide there have been 1,390,511 cases of Covid-19 with 79,091 deaths and 295,696 recoveries. Of these 1,390,511 cases worldwide, 379,965 are in the United States with 11,851 deaths. As of 8 pm Monday, April 6, 2020, 88,649 Texans had been tested for the virus. Of those 88,649 tested, there are 8,262 confirmed cases spread over 161 of Texas'254 counties. One hundred fifty-four Texans have lost their lives to the virus as of presstime. In Texas, 9.3% of all people tested are confirmed to have the virus, and of those confirmed cases, 1.86% result in death. According to these percentages, the curve of this virus is still on the upswing in Texas. Last week's percentages came in at 7.5% and 1.25% respectively. Worldwide, the rate of death of those confirmed to have Covid-19 comes in 5.68%. For the United States, the death rate is 3.11%.



The tomb is empty because He lives!

Jesus is once again the "Reason for the Season"!



From our Family to your Family HAPPY EASTER!

*See page 8 for
map of Covid-19
cases in Texas*