

**...Covid-19 Timeline**

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As of Tuesday, March 31, 2020, worldwide there have been 838,061 cases of Covid-19 with 41,261 deaths and 175,727 recoveries. Of these 838,061 cases worldwide, 177,452 are in the United States with 3,440 deaths.

As of 8 pm Monday, March 30, 2020, 42,992 Texans had been tested for the virus. Of those 42,992 tested, there are 3,266 confirmed cases spread over 122 of Texas' 254 counties. Forty-one Texans have lost their lives to the virus

as of presstime. In Texas, 7.5% of all people tested are confirmed to have the virus, and of those confirmed cases, 1.25% result in death. Worldwide, the rate of death of those confirmed to have Covid-19 comes in 4.92%. For the United States, the death rate is 1.938%.

A regressive timeline of the pandemic begins below.

**March 2020**

All Covid-19 testing restrictions were lifted early in the month. Cancellations, closures and shelter in place orders followed for many areas.

Many states are under shelter in place orders with travel now being restricted between certain states and certain states are under quarantine. Unofficial studies are being done on certain drugs and drug combinations to treat Covid-19. Results appear to be successful when patients are prescribed the combination of hydroxychloroquine and Azithromycin. A new Covid-19 test has been released where results are available within minutes and a vaccine is in the first stage of clinical trials.

**February 2020**

motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Everett Bedford and Jerita Taylor arrived at the meeting.

Quotes have not been received for the liability insurance coverage. This agenda item was tabled until next month's meeting.

The Director of Nurses' Report was not available. Ms. Gomez reported that we have hired Priscilla Valadez as the new Director of Nurses. She is doing an excellent job.

Ms. Gomez gave the Administrator's Report and reported that we have 32 residents.

We are still short three day shift and one night shift CNA's.

Ms. Gomez reported that certification training is available for our MDS nurse and asked if the board would be interested in our nurse. They agreed for the facility to pay for the training.

She reported that we are a 5-Star Nursing Facility again. She asked if the board would have an appreciation event for the staff.

Mr. Mathis gave the Chief Financial Officer's Report. He distributed copies of the Accounts Receivable Aging Report through January 31, 2020, and the financial statements for January.

The board reviewed the bank statements, credit card statement, and the petty cash

President Trump forms a task force of the top scientific medical professionals led by Vice President Pence. On the 29th, a travel ban was imposed on Iran and new travel restrictions imposed on Italy and South Korea. Regulations on Covid-19 testing were relaxed.

**January 31, 2020**

President Trump declares a public health emergency and imposes a ban on travel to and from China. Mandatory two week quarantines were imposed on United States citizens coming from affected area.

**January 23, 2020**

China closes off the city of Wuhan completely to slow the spread of the coronavirus to the rest of China.

**January 21, 2020**

The first person with coronavirus arrives in the United States from China, having been in Wuhan.

**January 7, 2020**

The coronavirus is identified.

**December 30, 2019**

The World Health Organization discovers an unknown virus with pneumonia-like symptoms first observed in the Wuhan province area of China.

# UPCOMINGS!

**Virtual family fun nights slated**

Feeling cooped up? Looking for fun and interactive ways to stay healthy as a family? Join Coke, Concho, Menard, and Sterling AgriLife Extension Agents live each week at 8 pm for a four-week series highlighting healthy snacking, moving more, fuel foods, and sugar detectives. Visit online at [www.facebook.com/CVHcokeconchomenardsterling](http://www.facebook.com/CVHcokeconchomenardsterling) or on the following county

websites:

- Coke County - [coke.agrilife.org](http://coke.agrilife.org),
  - Concho County - [concho.agrilife.org](http://concho.agrilife.org),
  - Menard County - [menard.agrilife.org](http://menard.agrilife.org),
  - Sterling County - [sterling.agrilife.org](http://sterling.agrilife.org)
- The date and topic for that date are listing below:
- April 3 - Snacking Smart,
  - April 10 - Moving More,
  - April 15 - Fuel Foods,
  - April 24 - Sugar Detectives

## ECCHD board meeting minutes told

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 17, 2020, at 5 pm in the business office of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Lanette Fletcher and Gina McCutchen. Administrator Daisy Gomez, Chief Financial Officer Johnny Mathis, and Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg were also present.

Everett Bedford and Jerita Taylor were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by President Baker.

A quorum was established.

Prayer was led by Johnny Mathis.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the January 20, 2020, meeting were reviewed. Lanette Fletcher moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Gina McCutchen seconded the

reconciliation.

The board reviewed all bills that have been paid.

The board took a brief recess at 5:36 pm.

The board moved to executive session at 5:58 pm.

After completion of the executive session at 6:35 pm, Jerita Taylor moved that the meeting be adjourned since there were no executive items to take action on. Everett Bedford seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The board meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.



**Endurance**

by James M. Decker

Last time, I encouraged each of us to make time during our ongoing national shutdown to find some good books to read. I had just started "Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Journey." It didn't take me long to finish. It was simply that good and that meaningful.

Sir Ernest Shackleton was an Irish explorer who attempted the

first land crossing of Antarctica. With 28 men and his ship *Endurance*, Shackleton sailed into Antarctic waters on December 5, 1914. Two days later, his expedition encountered pack ice. They fought on, until becoming trapped in the ice in January 1915. For eight months, they drifted in the ice until their ship was crushed in October. What came next is almost impossible to imagine. The men camped on the ice floes and hiked towards land for six months. In April 1916, they set out across the violent sea in tiny lifeboats. In August, 22 months after leaving South America, the entire expedition was rescued. Shackleton hadn't lost a man.

A century later, Shackleton's expedition is famous for its perseverance. Leadership experts praise Shackleton leadership amidst adversity. Those experts are correct - poor leaders don't bring 28 men through two years in the harshest conditions. However, this is more than a textbook leadership story. Sometimes, our world tends to airbrush its history. In the real world, heroes aren't always flawless, fearless leaders. They and their stories are much more complicated.

Shackleton spent much of his life searching for fulfillment through adventures and ill-fated business schemes.

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# Open Air Prayer and Worship

Each Sunday at 2 pm • Sanco

It is non-denominational and everyone is invited to attend.

*Bring your Bibles, folding chairs, and a musical instrument if you have one.*

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