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Hon. Leward J. LaFleur
Marion County Judge

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To the People of Marion County,

Today I met with Sheriff David McKnight, JISD Superintendent Rob Barnwell, Mayor Victor Perot, Principal Mike Walker, and Emergency Management Coordinator David Capps to discuss the COVID-19 outbreak. The first thing I would like to say is please DO NOT PANIC.

Governor Gregg Abbott has declared all 254 counties in Texas in a state of disaster, this was done for many different reasons. This give the Attorney General the ability to swiftly prosecute price gouging throughout the state and allows federal funding to come into Texas and help.

Marion County Government is operating as usual with a few exceptions. If you are sick or have been around someone who has been sick please do not congregate publicly, wash your hands frequently and sanitize often.

The Center for Disease Control has made a recommendation that 50 or more people should not gather for the next 8 weeks; It is a recommendation only. I am issuing no order attempting to restrict any events at this time. Therefore, please use your best judgment for you and your family.

This situation is very fluid and continues to change almost hourly. I am monitoring this situation very closely and I'm in close contact with my counterparts in counties that touch ours.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact my office 903-665-3261

Please continue to pray for Marion County.

Respectfully,



Judge Leward J. LaFleur