

# Red River County

Responds to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency

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*April 6, 2020*

## *Testing is Now Available for Red River County Residents*

We have received confirmation that Titus Regional Medical Center is swab testing for the Covid 19 virus. There is a hotline number to call. That number is 903-577-7425. The Center number (next to the hospital) is 903-577-9355. Hours of operation are 8 am to 6 pm week days and 8 am to noon on Saturdays. Additionally, Dr. Muthappa, Dr. Kumar, and Red River Urgent Care in Clarksville are testing.

## *Commissioners Court Update*

“Pursuant to the Suspension Order by Governor Abbott, the Commissioners Court meeting will be closed to protect the public, staff and members from potential exposure to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The public may participate in the meeting through the following toll-free dial in number or video conference link that will be provided prior to court.”

## [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

1. [CDC](#)
2. [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
3. [Prevent Getting Sick](#)
4. [Cloth Face Covers](#)

# Cloth Face Coverings: Questions and Answers

This document is intended to address frequently asked questions about cloth face coverings.

In light of new data about [how COVID-19 spreads](#), along with evidence of widespread COVID-19 illness in communities across the country, CDC recommends that people wear a [cloth face covering](#) to cover their nose and mouth in the community setting. This is to protect people around you if you are infected but do not have symptoms.

A cloth face covering should be worn whenever people are in a community setting, especially in situations where you may be near people. These settings include grocery stores and pharmacies. These face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing. Cloth face coverings are especially important to wear in public in areas of widespread COVID-19 illness.

Yes. Wearing cloth face coverings is an additional public health measure people should take to reduce the spread of COVID-19. CDC still recommends that you stay at least 6 feet away from other people (social distancing), frequent hand cleaning and other everyday preventive actions. A cloth face covering is not intended to protect the wearer, but it may prevent the spread of virus from the wearer to others. This would be especially important if someone is infected but does not have symptoms. View CDC's guidance on [how to protect yourself](#).

Cloth face coverings can be made from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.

Surgical masks and N95 respirators are in short supply and should be reserved for healthcare workers or other medical first responders, as recommended by CDC guidance.

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# This is an official **CDC HEALTH ADVISORY**

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## **Severe Illness Associated with Using Non-Pharmaceutical Chloroquine Phosphate to Prevent and Treat Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

### **Summary**

Chloroquine phosphate, when used without a prescription and supervision of a healthcare provider, can cause serious health consequences, including death. Clinicians and public health officials should discourage the public from misusing non-pharmaceutical chloroquine phosphate (a chemical used in home aquariums). Clinicians should advise patients and the public that chloroquine, and the related compound hydroxychloroquine, should be used only under the supervision of a healthcare provider as prescribed medications.

### **Background**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has become aware of two individuals who ingested non-pharmaceutical chloroquine phosphate, a chemical for aquarium use that is commercially available for purchase at stores and through internet websites. One of the individuals died shortly after arrival to the hospital. The second individual was critically ill with severe gastrointestinal symptoms and cardiac conduction abnormalities. Upon recovery, the surviving individual reported to the media that they ingested the product to prevent infection with SARS-CoV-2, which causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), after seeing information on the medical use of chloroquine on television. The product in their possession was in powder form inside a 2.2-lb. container and labeled “for Ornamental Fish Use Only”. CDC is also aware of unconfirmed media reports that these commercially available aquarium-use chemicals may be out of stock due to potential increased demand by the public.

At this time, there are no routinely available pharmaceutical products that are FDA-approved for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19. Pharmaceutical chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate are approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat specific medical conditions, such as malaria, lupus, and rheumatoid arthritis. Currently, these medications are being studied and evaluated as treatment for COVID-19; however, their efficacy to either prevent or treat this infection are unknown. In overdose situations or when used inappropriately, these medications can lead to severe toxicity, including cardiac rhythm disturbances such as prolonged QT, severe hypokalemia, cardiovascular collapse, seizures, coma, and death. Inappropriate uses include taking commercially available non-pharmaceutical preparations, taking chloroquine phosphate or hydroxychloroquine sulfate without a prescription, and taking additional doses not recommended by a healthcare provider. Chloroquine phosphate has a narrow therapeutic index—it can be toxic at levels not much higher than those used for treatment—which raises the risk of inadvertent overdose.

### **Recommendations for Clinicians and Public Health Officials**

1. Educate patients on the serious risks of misusing non-pharmaceutical chloroquine products and other aquarium use chemicals.
2. Counsel your patients on the importance of taking medications only as prescribed and as directed by healthcare providers.
3. Contact your local poison center (1-800-222-1222) to report cases and to obtain specific medical management of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine poisoning.
4. Adverse events related to pharmaceuticals can be reported to the FDA MedWatch program (<https://www.fda.gov/safety/medwatch-fda-safety-information-and-adverse-event-reporting-program>).

Adverse events related to non-pharmaceutical products can be reported by emailing [FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov) or calling 1-888-InfoFDA (1-888-463-6332).

### Recommendations for the Public

1. Do **not** ingest aquarium use products or any other chemicals that contain chloroquine phosphate. These chemicals are not intended for human consumption and can lead to serious health consequences, including death.
2. Medications like chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate should be taken only when prescribed by and under the supervision of your healthcare provider and always according to the instructions provided.
3. Seek immediate medical attention if you are experiencing any unexpected symptoms after taking chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine by contacting your healthcare provider or your poison center (1-800-222-1222).

### For More Information

- CDC coronavirus website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>)
- U.S. Government coronavirus website (<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>)
- FDA Letter to Stakeholders (<https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/product-safety-information/fda-letter-stakeholders-do-not-use-chloroquine-phosphate-intended-fish-treatment-covid-19-humans>)
- Banner Health (Phoenix, AZ) press release (<https://bannerhealth.mediaroom.com/chloroquinephosphate>)
- Dailymed (<https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/index.cfm>) for medical prescribing information
- American College of Medical Toxicology (<https://www.acmt.net>) for poisoning information
- Association of American Poison Control Centers (<https://www.aapcc.org>)

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**Health Advisory** May not require immediate action; provides important information for a specific incident or situation  
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**HAN Info Service** Does not require immediate action; provides general public health information

##This message was distributed to state and local health officers, state and local epidemiologists, state and local laboratory directors, public information officers, HAN coordinators, and clinician organizations##

**RED RIVER COUNTY**

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020, and**

**WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019, and**

**WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death, and**

**WHEREAS, the COVID-19 mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and**

**WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Red River County, and**

**WHEREAS, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease, and**

**WHEREAS, this Declaration activates the County's Emergency Management Plan, and**


**WHEREAS, the County Judge of Red River County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency,**

**THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by the County Judge of Red River County that:**

- 1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Red River County pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.**
- 2. The State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of the declaration, unless continued or renewed by the Red River County Commissioners Court, pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Government Code.**
- 3. This Declaration of a Local State of Disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk, pursuant to 418.108(c) of the Government Code.**
- 4. This Declaration of a Local State of Disaster activates the Red River County Emergency Plan, pursuant to 418.108(d) of the Government Code.**
- 5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.**

**ORDERED on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at 12 Noon.**

**SIGNED:**

  
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**L.D. Williamson, County Judge**

# There are NO known cases of Covid-19 in Red River county at this time

- Precautions
  - Wash hands
  - If you or someone you know is coughing, sneezing, or running a fever STAY HOME.
  - With active cough or sneezing, cover your mouth and/or nose. Wash hands immediately afterward.
  - The most accurate source of information can be found on the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

# Still Active

- Drive thru eating establishments are still open
- Banks have drive thru banking and ATM banking available.
- County offices are in operation but are not open to the public at this time.
- Emergency personnel are responding ie. police, EMS, and Sheriffs. (Please indicate any known potential for infection when requesting assistance.)



# Closures

- All county public schools
- County public library (see their flyer attached)
- Area churches
- Forestry office
- District Court has canceled court for this week and next week
- Area nursing homes - No visitation
- Extension Office

## **Red River County Public Library**

After careful consideration of the rapidly-evolving COVID-19/Coronavirus situation, **The Red River County Public Library will be closed effective immediately.**

*Containment measures that are in place **BEFORE** the virus emerges in a community are most effective! We feel it is important, and our duty, to be proactive in taking any preventive actions that we can to protect the health our patrons and our community. We urge all members of the community to follow the CDC guidelines found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>*

**HOWEVER**, we are well aware how fundamental reading is to stave off loneliness, pass the time, and of course help us manage our mental health. During this time (that feels more like the plot of a novel than real life) we will be offering the following:

### **DRIVE-UP, CARRYOUT SERVICE**

**During select hours, staff will be available to put your items in a designated spot by our library door.** Our building will remain closed to the public, but we are happy to check out books and movies to keep you busy at home! *Items will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.* Because of expected disruptions to our delivery service, we can not guarantee a specific title for you.

**You may search our card catalog on [rrlibrary.org](http://rrlibrary.org) or ask us for recommendations.** Please keep your requests simple like "picture books w animals" or "Mary Higgins Clark or similar authors" or "funny movies rated PG-13 or lower."

**You can send your requests by email, Facebook message, or text.**

Call us: 903-427-3991

Email us at: [rrlibrary@email.com](mailto:rrlibrary@email.com)

Facebook message us: Red River County Public Library

Text: 580-579-0511

### **Scheduled Drive-Up Hours**

Monday 12pm-5pm

Tuesday 9am-12pm

1pm-5pm

Wednesday 12pm-5pm

Thursday 12pm-5pm