

Red River County

Responds to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency

(Last updated March 30, 2020)

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RED RIVER COUNTY**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY,
*EXTENDED & AMENDED DECLARATION***

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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:

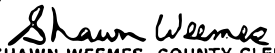
- 1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Red River County pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.**
- 2. The State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of the declaration, unless continued or renewed by the Red River County Commissioners 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.**
- 6. This Declaration authorizes the County Judge to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the coronavirus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals and other hospitals, and ensuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County rules and directives.**

- 7. That all Game Rooms shall be closed beginning at 11:59 P.M. on March 25, 2020, and continuing until such time as this Declaration of Disaster shall expire. Game Rooms, which are operated within other businesses, such as convenience stores and restaurants, may continue operations of those other businesses, pursuant to the President and Governor's proclamations, as long as all games are non-operational.
- 8. This Declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings of not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. A gathering refers generally to a scheduled event, a common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.
- 9. As of Monday, March 30th, effective at 10:00 P.M. a curfew is set in place from this date forward until further notice, for Red River County to begin each night at 10:00 P.M. until the following morning at 6:00 A.M.
- 10. In accordance with Texas Govt. Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Declaration commits an offense punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or confinement in Jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
- 11. This Declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
- 12. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and upon approval of the Commissioners Court shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this Declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge as being necessary.

ORDERED on the 30th day of March, 2020.

SIGNED: 
 L.D. Williamson, County Judge

FILED FOR RECORD
9:23 o'clock A. M. on

5/ MAR 30 2020

 SHAWN WEEMES, COUNTY CLERK
 RED RIVER CO., TX

This is an official **CDC HEALTH ADVISORY**

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March 28, 2020, 11:00 AM ET
CDCHAN-00431

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 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>)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national, and international organizations.

Categories of Health Alert Network messages:

Health Alert Requires immediate action or attention; highest level of importance
Health Advisory May not require immediate action; provides important information for a specific incident or situation
Health Update Unlikely to require immediate action; provides updated information regarding an incident or situation
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##

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ORDERED on this, the 16th day of March, 2020, at 12 Noon.

SIGNED:



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 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

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