

Red River County

Responds to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency

(Last updated March 20, 2020)

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 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.)
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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 of 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