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Open Texas Plan in Winkler County

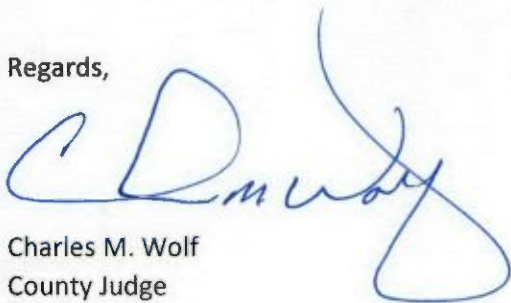
To: Winkler County Residents and Businesses

This is to inform you as of Thursday the 30th of April, 2020, the Governor of Texas will not extend his Executive Order which pertains to rural counties with 5 or less COVID-19 cases as verified by DSHS. I have confirmed that we have only had 3 confirmed cases throughout the county, 2 cases are being reported as recovered, and the third active case is being monitored by DSHS as of 29th April 2020. I continue to work with DSHS in monitoring and reporting COVID-19 cases in Winkler County.

Winkler County businesses may increase capacity for restaurants, retail establishments, museums, libraries, churches, industrial, agricultural, business facilities, etc. This increase is permitted, but not mandatory. All areas listed cannot exceed 50% of total occupancy. All other provisions regarding business operations still apply. Refer to the Open Texas guidelines set by the Governor for more detail. This order goes into effect on 1st May, 2020 and will be subject to review by myself and DSHS if we see a spike in case numbers as set in the Open Texas Plan.

We are still encouraging safe distancing practices, hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, and other safety measures recommended by the CDC to keep the spread of COVID-19 low in Winkler County. Thank you in advance for all you have done in keeping Winkler County's number so low. I anticipate in the next couple of weeks and in the future to continue opening other businesses and increasing our capacities, all of which depends on keeping the spread below the threshold. Be Safe!

Regards,



Charles M. Wolf
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