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KINNEY COUNTY

COVID-19

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To all Citizens of Kinney County:

The purpose of our communication is to provide factual information concerning the COVID-19 virus to all citizens. Additionally, our focus is to keep all citizens within Kinney County safe and healthy. As of today's date, there are zero confirmed cases within Kinney County. We want to encourage our citizens to stay home as much as possible. In the instance people have to leave their homes, please practice social distancing. At this point, there is not a shelter in place for Kinney County.

How to Protect Yourself and Others

We as the citizens of Kinney County must do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 virus. This will happen only if each of us does our part as a community. There are various steps each of us can take in order to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors. Doing our part cannot be over emphasized especially with our surrounding communities increasing in number of confirmed COVID-19 cases. Doing our part may consist of:

- Practice social distancing
 - Remain at least 6 feet away from anyone
- Best practice is to not have gathering of more than 10 people according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
 - This will include in public areas, businesses, and private residences.
 - Back yard gatherings of family and friends should not be 10 or more
 - Do not plan and avoid parties or "get together's"
- Stay home if you are sick or feeling sick and call your primary physician. You may also call a clinic, such as:
 - United Medical Center in Brackettville – 830.563.2311
 - United Medical Center in Del Rio – 830.774.5534
 - Uvalde Health Clinic in Uvalde – 830.278.7105
 - United Medical Center in Eagle Pass – 830.773.5358
- If your physician has asked you to self-quarantine, ask questions such as:
 - How long?
 - What about people in my household?
 - Can I go outside my house?
 - Do you have any suggestions on how I get supplies?
- More information concerning self-quarantine can be found at Texas Department of State Health Services (dshs.texas.gov)
- Only call 911 for medical emergencies that are not related to COVID-19
 - Kinney County has limited resources and unnecessary calls place a strain on other emergencies within Kinney County

As we progress into our new normal of staying home constantly, we must remember to treat each other with respect, especially our loved ones. The pressures of COVID-19 may bring strain on our families and may also bring financial concerns. Rough times such as our current situation, we rely on our loved ones, our faith, and our neighbors to survive. We are in this together, be kind, be respectful, and be safe.

Efforts within Kinney County

Kinney County officials and community leaders will meet weekly to discuss the current COVID-19 situation. Moreover, discussions and planning include current situation, impact on Kinney County residents, and resources for Kinney County residents. Below you will find useful information to various offices and resources within Kinney County:

- Kinney County Directory
- Kinney Courthouse – (830) 563-2401 ext. 2
- City of Brackettville – (830) 563-2412 (Emergency – (830) 563-5882))
- Brackett ISD – (830) 563-2491
- Sheriff Office (non-emergency) – (830) 563-2788
- Emergencies dial 911
- Kids Café – (830) 867- 4017
- Hope Outreach – (830) 867- 4017

Nutrition Center is serving meals for Kinney County residents 60 years and older. Interested resident must register please call 830.563.2015, please ask for Pat Aldaco.

Brackett ISD is providing meals (breakfast and lunch) to students Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Anyone age 18 or under is eligible to pick up meals. We ask to please drive through the back gate on Fort Street, please do not get off your vehicle, the meal(s) will be delivered to your car.

Sources of Information Concerning COVID-19

Residents may call 211. The 211 service is a resource for general information dealing with COVID-19. Information included is:

- Tele-medication contact
- Agencies for financial hardship
- Mental health resources
- Child care agencies

There are various other organizations providing information concerning the COVID-19. The following are suggested agencies to help Kinney County residents with additional resources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov))
- Texas Department of State Health Services ([dshs.texas.gov](https://www.dshs.texas.gov))
- The Texas Division of Emergency Management ([tdem.texas.gov](https://www.tdem.texas.gov))
- Department of Homeland Security ([fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov))
- Small Business Administration (SBA)
- May have long term low interest rates for small business

We want to assure residents of Kinney County that we will continue to stay abreast of the COVID-19 situation. We urge our residents to Stay Calm, Stay Local, Shop Local, and Protect Local.

BLESSING TO ALL!!