



Daryl Melton, Sabine County Judge

March 17, 2020

RE: **CORONAVIRUS: COVID-19**

Sabine County is closely monitoring the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, now known as COVID-19. Sabine County's top priority is providing a safe environment for Sabine County citizens as well as Sabine County's staff. While there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Sabine County as of 03/17/2020, we understand there may be health concerns over the recent outbreak of respiratory illness caused by the new coronavirus. Therefore, at this time, Sabine County Courthouse will remain open with modifications. By law, the public must have access to certain open proceedings, such as state mandated court hearings, that occur in the courthouse. That said, each elected official is the sole authority for limiting or modifying the business of their offices. Those offices are:

County Attorney	409-787-2988
County Clerk	409-787-3786
District Clerk	409-787-2912
Tax Assessor/Collector	409-787-2257
Treasurer	409-787-2210
Justice of the Peace 1	409-787-3719
Justice of the Peace 2	409-787-2211
Sheriff/Jail	409-787-2266

Each official will make a decision on their office and shall publish to respective webpage. My suggestion is, until this crisis is over, please telephone their offices prior to walking in. Also if you do not absolutely need to come to the offices, please do not.

All essential services such as the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management and Road & Bridge will operate as usual. We remain in contact with the TDSHS and the Texas Department of Emergency Management. These measures are consistent with our ongoing efforts to keep the public and our employees safe and informed.

We appreciate your cooperation as we continue to monitor this situation and determine the best course of action in order to continue to serve the taxpayers of Sabine County.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daryl Melton".

Daryl Melton
County Judge