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## STATEMENT FROM THE STONEWALL COUNTY JUDGE CONFIRMING POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

To the Citizens of Stonewall County:

I have been informed by the Stonewall County Health Authority of four positive antigen tests for Stonewall County. Three of the cases are Stonewall County Residents, and one was an out-of-county resident who had contact with the Stonewall County Sheriff's Office.

Currently, the Governor's order issued on July 2 under GA-29 for mandatory face-coverings while inside of any facility open for public business does not apply to Stonewall County.

However, I cannot stress enough the importance of wearing a face covering when in public. While wearing a face-covering does not guarantee that you will not be exposed to COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control has stated that the best practice to protect yourself and others is to wear a face covering and to practice good social distancing from individuals not a part of your household.

At this time, I am declaring a State of Disaster for Stonewall County, but I **am not** ordering mandatory face coverings. I will continue to monitor the situation and may make additional orders as needed in the future. If Stonewall County reaches twenty positive cases, the Governor's order for face coverings will trigger for Stonewall County and face coverings will be mandatory as a result of his order.

The Stonewall County Health Authority and I strongly recommend that you wear a face covering at all times while out in public when practically possible.

I realize that there are many varying opinions about the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. What I ask is that we all be considerate of our fellow citizens and take precautions to protect those in this community that are a part of the vulnerable population that is typically affected more by this virus.

Ronnie Moorhead  
County Judge  
Stonewall County, Texas