

COUNTY OF ZAPATA



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Dear Business Owner:

Due to the recent novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Zapata County Commissioners Court is seeking the cooperation of local businesses to implement the necessary precautions regarding the potential spread of the COVID-19.

Based on the knowledge of the disease, the COVID-19 is a virus that is spread from person-to-person, most frequently within 6 feet. This transmission occurs via respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath and can range from mild to severe. Asymptomatic individuals are capable of infecting those in close contact. Consistently, the most vulnerable segment of our population has been those over the age 65 and those with underlying medical conditions.

Because of this highly contagious virus and in an effort to protect the public health, the Zapata County Commissioners Court is issuing an order for the cooperation of all local businesses and houses of worship to implement certain safety measures. This includes minimizing the number of individuals on the premises to 10 at any given time and the practice social distancing. This order will go into effect tonight at midnight and will remain so for 2 weeks.

Zapata County will continue to monitor any new developments that arise regarding the COVID-19. Together we can work to ensure these preventative measures will keep our community safe from any unnecessary exposure to the COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Rathmell".

Joseph Rathmell
Zapata County Judge