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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 the publication of letter, there are zero confirmed cases within Kinney County. We want to encourage our people 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

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers various strategies in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Below are some general guidelines:

- Clean your hands often
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
 - Put distance between yourself and other people
- Stay home if you are sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes
 - Cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissue
 - Wash your hands immediately
- Wear a facemask if you are sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily
 - An option to disinfect is to dilute bleach; to make bleach solution:
 - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
 - Or
 - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Efforts within Kinney County

Kinney County officials and community leaders meet routinely 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 Coronavirus. 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 loan 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!!