

County of Archer COVID-19 UPDATE

March 30, 2020

As of today, there have been no positive case reported from Archer County citizens that we are aware of. Please keep in mind that Archer County residents have traveled to other counties for testing, and we do not have accurate information on those test results to share at this time. Anyone that has been tested should self-quarantine until test results are available. The state wide information sharing protocol is changing daily. I will share any new information when received.

For additional information and/or testing and screening, please contact the Archer Family Clinic @ 940-574-2580. The clinic has limited test kits for acute cases.

Archer County recently had a part time employee, that does not reside in Archer County, that was privately tested in Wichita Falls, after he was refused testing at an ER due to lack of acute symptoms, he then self-isolated for five days, felt better and returned for one shift before learning he had tested positive for the corona virus. Local Health Authorities and the State Epidemiologists were consulted and the infected person was deemed low risk. Any and all personnel that were in direct contact with the part time employee were tested and quarantined. All test results came back negative.

After conferencing with the Commissioners, Mayors, and Superintendents of Archer County, I found that all have been supportive of the directives and restrictions implemented by Governor Abbot in his Executive Order on March 19, 2020 that include:

- Avoid Social Gatherings in groups of more than 10 people
- Avoid unnecessary social visits
- Avoid unnecessary travel
- Practice Social Distancing

Archer County has submitted a Disaster Declaration as well as some of the cities of Archer County. With the information that we have now, and as long as Archer County is not having compliance issues, a Shelter in Place Order will not be issued.

67 of the 254 Texas Counties have Shelter-In-Place Orders in effect as of 3/30/2020.

As I mentioned above, state wide protocols are developing now that will help all areas of our state, along with receiving testing kits and Personal Protection Equipment.

Please be considerate of Law Enforcement, all First Responders, and Emergency Management Personnel. These men and women are protecting you, but are potentially endangering themselves and their families on each service call.

The Archer County Courthouse and Annex has restricted foot traffic. All offices are open and operating. Please call individual offices for assistance or services. Archer County schools are closed until the Governor initiates directives or rescinds the state wide restrictions. City halls are operating with the same guidelines as the Courthouse and Annex.

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Archer Family Clinic 940-574-2580

I pray daily that all of our families, friends, and neighbors endure this historic event with grace and dignity.

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