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KARNES COUNTY REPORTS FIRST CASE OF COVID-19

Karnes County, Texas is reporting its first case of COVID-19 (coronavirus), in a county resident. This case arose due to in-state travel and the resident is reported to be recovering and has taken proactive measures to self-quarantine. It is NOT considered community spread.

Karnes County, Texas is working to identify any close contacts the patient may have had prior to their positive test so that they may be monitored for symptoms and quickly tested, if needed.

County Judge Wade J. Hedtke has issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency and has extended this Declaration from March 23, 2020 to April 22, 2020. This declaration can be obtained on our website : www.co.karnes.tx.us .

Karnes County and its partners have worked to be prepared for the spread of COVID-19 and anticipated that we may have a case of coronavirus due to our proximity to other cases. We are committed to assisting our citizens and our community to ensure that everyone is safe.

The disease causes respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, and in more severe cases, difficulty breathing. Coronavirus disease spreads primarily through contact with an infected person when they cough or sneeze. It also spreads when a person touches a surface or object that has the virus on it, then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.

DO THE FIVE :

1. **HANDS** : Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
2. **ELBOWS** : Cough into you elbow.
3. **FACE** : Avoid touching your face.
4. **SPACE** : Keep safe distance (6 feet recommended)
5. **HOME** : Stay home if you can.

WADE J. HEDTKE
KARNES COUNTY JUDGE