

IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
MARCH 17, 2020

DIRECTIVE NO. 1 TO LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION DATED MARCH 17, 2020 - COVID-19 VIRUS:

1) This is the first directive issued from the Upshur County Court under the Upshur County, Texas Emergency Management Plan activated on March 17, 2020. For purposes of this Directive the word "case" or "cases" means any person or persons who have exhibited signs or symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, and also means any person or persons who have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

2) A committee to advise the Upshur County Court is hereby established by this Order and is designated and shall be known as the UPSHUR COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE COMMITTEE. The initial members of the Upshur county Covid-19 Response Committee are the following individuals:

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3) Each hospital, medical clinic or office, physician, nurses assistant, or any other health care provider; and any superintendent or principal of any public or private school; and each and every department head of any department of Upshur County, Texas, shall report, in writing, to the COVID-19 Response Committee any case, or suspected case, of the COVID-19 virus. The

written report shall identify the case by gender, age, address of residence, address of employment, and the identification of any public or private school where the case is enrolled or attends. All other information, including the name of the case, date of birth, Social Security Number, or Texas driver's license number shall be redacted from any of said reports, or the written report will be crafted to omit the excluded information.

4) Each written report shall be made immediately, in writing and via fax to the facsimile transfer number listed above or by hand delivery to either of the above committee members in a sealed envelope or wrapper. All reports and all information gathered by the COVID-19 Response Committee is confidential and may not be disclosed to any person, firm, or media outlet except by order of the Upshur County Commissioners Court. The Court finds that the continued spread of the COVID-19 Virus is a compelling reason not to disclose the personal identification of any person presenting a case of the virus, and further that it is necessary for this Court to remain constantly advised of all reported cases in order to help manage the public health crisis.

5) All persons, entities or firms who are required to comply with this Order are reminded that doing so is not a violation of HIPAA regulations, and is further mandated by the powers vested in Upshur County, Texas to contain and monitor the spread of this virus.

A copy of this Order shall be filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Upshur County, Texas and shall be published in all media outlets and posted on Upshur County's website. Further, the Declaration of Local Disaster Due To The Spread Of COVID-19 Virus of even date herewith is likewise ordered to be placed on the Upshur County website and published in all media outlets.

P DONE and ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2020, at 4 o'clock P.m.

TODD TEFTELLER
Upshur County Judge

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