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**FORT BEND COUNTY JUDGE, KP GEORGE, ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF THE COVID-19
DISASTER DECLARATION AND ISSUES NEW ORDER**

Fort Bend County, Texas - Fort Bend County Judge, KP George, Fort Bend County Health & Human Services Director and Local Health Authority, Dr. Jacquelyn Johnson Minter, along with other County and Municipal officials will issue an order under Texas Government Code Chapter 418 to do the following:

- (a) Restaurants and other establishments that serve food, with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law,
- (b) All bars, adult entertainment establishments and other business establishments that serve alcohol and do not serve food shall close, including nightclubs, lounges, taverns, arcades, private clubs, athletic facilities and gyms

This order is effective as of tonight midnight and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2020, unless terminated or modified by an earlier order. This Order applies to all unincorporated and incorporated areas within the boundaries of Fort Bend County.

“Minimizing the spread of COVID-19 is something that government officials cannot do alone. Enacting this order will protect our frontline emergency and medical personnel and those at higher risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19,” said County Judge KP George. *“From The White House to our regional partners, we agree that this situation requires all of us, including the young and healthy, to follow and make sacrifices if our community is going to remain healthy and intact. We must listen to the science, data, and medical experts to ensure we do all that we can to flatten the curve and spread of COVID-19.”*

“We need to protect our parents, grandparents, and those who have chronic medical conditions. It will take the entire community to slow the spread of COVID-19,” said Dr. Minter, Local Health Authority of Fort Bend County. *“Science shows that proactive measures like this help flatten the curve and slow spread of COVID-19, especially when there is evidence of community spread in our region.”*