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## Denton County Issues Disaster Declaration for Public Health Emergency

**March 13, 2020** — Denton County Judge Andy Eads issued an executive order for disaster declaration for public health emergency effective immediately on Friday.

“Denton County community members’ health is of the utmost importance and this disaster declaration assists us in protecting public health within our county,” states Denton County Judge Andy Eads. “We strongly urge businesses, schools, places of worship, and community members to follow the guidance set forth this evening.”

With the assistance of Denton County Public Health and Denton County Department of Development and Emergency Services, Denton County has established emergency protective measures, implemented emergency operations plans, and continues to scale as necessary to protect the public health of Denton County.

“Even without confirmed positive or presumptive positive cases in Denton County, the public health is at risk as COVID-19 continues to spread throughout North Texas,” states Dr. Matt Richardson, Director of Denton County Public Health. “As COVID-19 spreads locally, throughout Texas, and nationally, this disaster declaration creates strong recommendations to assist in inhibiting COVID-19 spread throughout Denton County.”

Denton County recognizes community transmission of COVID-19 has occurred within neighboring counties over the past 48 hours. While there are currently no positive or presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 within Denton County, this proactive disaster declaration allows communities within the county to actively practice social distancing and reduce risk of community spread within Denton County.

Information regarding COVID-19 can be found at [CDC.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19) and [DentonCounty.gov/COVID19](https://www.dentoncounty.gov/COVID19).