



**Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III**  
Waller County Judge

TO: Media Release

FROM: Trey Duhon, Waller County Judge  
Waller County Office of Emergency Management

DATE: March 16, 2020

RE: WALLER COUNTY MODIFIES COURT SCHEDULES FOR COVID-19

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Hempstead, Texas - Today Waller County Judge Trey Duhon and the Waller County Office of Emergency Management met with all of the Waller County Judges, JPs, and Clerks, along with staff and the Texas Department of State Health Services, to put together an action plan for Court schedules in response to concerns related to the Covid-19 virus (Coronavirus) and mitigation of the same. Judge Duhon stated, "Waller County and its officials are working hard to make sure we do our part to protect our citizens and to help "flatten the curve" in relation to slowing the transmission of the Covid-19 virus."

Effective today through April 12, 2020, all jury trial settings for District Court and County Court-at-Law are cancelled, in addition to criminal and civil dockets, with the exception of this Tuesday and Thursday for the 506<sup>th</sup> District Court, which has modified the dockets for this week to only involve arraignments and bond hearings. In addition, the Texas Attorney General's March docket for March 19, 2020 has also been cancelled. Courts in Waller County will continue to handle emergency orders, CPS removal cases, temporary restraining orders and similar motions, which will be scheduled through each respective Court.

Additional information for the 506<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court can be obtained at [www.court506.com](http://www.court506.com). Questions in relation to the County Court-at-Law can be directed to Court Clerk Yesinia Pinon at [y.pinon@wallercounty.us](mailto:y.pinon@wallercounty.us). Questions for the Attorney General Docket can be directed to 936.539.3533 or 800.252.8014

In addition, at this time no outside visitation at the Waller County Jail will be permitted until further notice. This being done in accordance with state standards. Alternative visitation methods are currently being explored by the Waller County Sheriff's Office. Any questions in relation to inmates or these procedures should be made to 979.826.8282, attention Dep. Chief Zamora.

Further, the Waller County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Waller County District Attorney, has begun a program to assist with pickup and delivery of essential items for homebound Waller County citizens. To request assistance, please contact the WCSO at 979.826.8282. For more information, please visit the Waller County website or the Waller County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. For additional information related to this press release, contact Waller County Emergency Coordinator Brian Cantrell 979.826.7785