



# Press Release

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## **COVID-19 - Chambers County, TX – March 18, 2020**

The following is a summary of current actions that Chambers County is taking to curtail the spread of COVID-19. These actions are being taken upon the recommendations of the CDC and the Chambers County Local Health Authority:

### **County Closures**

- All County-owned rental facilities (community centers, arenas, etc.) are closed until April 28<sup>th</sup>. Parks are currently still open.
- All County Libraries will be offering curbside service M-F/8am-5pm. Please call the library to make your reservation: Anahuac 409-267-2554, Winnie 409-296-8245, Mont Belvieu 281-576-2247
- The 344<sup>th</sup> District Court is closed for two-weeks.
- No County Court judicial proceedings until April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- County Solid Waste Permit renewals (dump stickers) are suspended until April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have a sticker that has expired, you will be allowed to dump. If you need a new sticker you will have to purchase one as normal.
- Tax Office: Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, the Chambers County Tax offices will have the following hours:
  - MONT BELVIEU – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
  - WINNIE – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
  - ANAHUAC – Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, drive through customers only.
- County Jail: Inmate visitation in the Chambers County Jail is suspended for family and friends until further notice. Law enforcement and legal services visits are still allowed.

### **Commissioners Court**

Meetings are still open to the public. However, per County Judge's Order issued 3-18-20, persons exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness will not be allowed in the building. All persons will be screened before entry.

### **Shopping in Chambers County**

Please exercise courtesy and consideration for others, especially vulnerable populations, when shopping during the COVID-19 disaster. Please exercise social distancing, and limit your shopping trip to one family member to reduce the chances of exposure. Please limit purchasing large quantities of the same item so others have a chance to get the items they need as well.

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The following stores are open in Chambers County:

**Anahuac:**

B&B Foods 7am-8pm

Bi-Rite Supermarket Sunday 8am-8pm, Mon – Sat 7am-8pm

**West Chambers:**

HEB 8am-8pm (until further notice)

Wal-Mart 6am-11pm

**Winnie:**

Market Basket 7am-10pm (hours subject to change)

**Recommendations for the Community**

In support of the President's guidelines, "15 days to Slow the Spread", the Chambers County Public Health Department recommends that Chambers County residents:

- Avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people.
- If you are sick, STAY HOME, contact your Primary Care Provider, and avoid going to the ER if you do not need EMERGENT CARE.
- Exercise proper hand-washing techniques

At this time, these actions are necessary to protect the public and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Currently no cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Chambers County. We know this guidance may be inconvenient for many, but is necessary during this very serious situation. Should a case occur within Chambers County, protective actions and recommendations may change.

**We understand these are trying times and it is very stressful for everyone. However, if the community continues to work as a TEAM and follows Public Health Guidelines, WE WILL get through the COVID-19 disaster together.**

**Guidance Links:**

[www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

[www.co.chambers.tx.us/page/coronavirus](http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/page/coronavirus)

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