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COUNTY JUDGE  
JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE

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**Notice of Clarification**  
**JB-01**

In response to questions from citizens of Tyler County regarding the “**Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency**” and the “**Amended Emergency Order**” issued by this office, the following points of clarification are offered:

1. The “Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency” authorizes quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property. However, **NO order requiring quarantine has been issued**. Any such order would be issued from this office and would outline the conditions of the quarantine in an emergency order.
2. On March 19, 2020, the Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services (John W. Hellerstedt, M.D.) declared a state of **PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER** for the entire State of Texas. Dr. Hellerstedt states that in order to reduce and delay the spread of COVID-19, citizens should “limit trips into the public to essential outings. Traveling to (and from) work, the grocery store, the pharmacy or to seek medical care would be considered essential trips.”
3. It is recommended that activities such as travel to hair and/or nail salons, martial arts or dance lessons, etc., while likely under the 10-person group size restriction, be halted. These settings may not allow for appropriate social distancing (six feet away from others) and therefore not be in compliance with the DSHS DECLARATION referenced in item 2.