



OFFICE OF COUNTY JUDGE
TIM O'HARE

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COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Rescindment

On March 13, 2020, the Tarrant County Judge's office issued a Declaration of Local Disaster in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Now, nearly three years later, an 'emergency' declaration remains in effect.

Our county, state, and nation have risen to the challenges presented by this pandemic.

And while not without a heavy cost, as a people, we have succeeded in moving into the 'new normal.'

Tarrant County is blessed with a first-rate medical community, anchored by public and private healthcare institutions, including JPS Health Network and our Level 1 trauma facility.

I have complete faith in these institutions and the highly trained medical professionals who work tirelessly to serve their patients each and every day.

I also have enduring faith in the residents and business owners of Tarrant County to make the best decisions for themselves, their families, their customers, and our community.

It is time we re-embrace the full scope of our freedoms and the responsibilities that come with them.

Make no mistake: COVID-19 is still with us and may be here to stay. Our high-risk residents must remain vigilant and take the precautions they deem appropriate to protect themselves and their families.

I have confidence in the ability of our local public and private healthcare institutions to meet future challenges that may arise.

Together, we can move forward, and the time to move forward is now. With that, as authorized by Texas law, I hereby immediately and fully rescind the present Declaration of Local Disaster related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tim O'Hare
County Judge