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News at 7:20am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

The Weather



High yesterday was 83° Low this morning was 58°

The forecasters say to look for a warm and breezy weekend. The winds will be out of the south and gusty in the 20-30 mph range. The very warm temperatures along with the dry air may see temperatures hitting the triple digits west of highway 281. The most likely day for the 100° temperatures is Monday. Tuesday night we should see a cold front move through bringing us back to seasonal temperatures.

Today: Skies will be sunny with a high temperature near 87°. Winds will be S at 15-20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Increasing clouds with a low near 64°. Winds will be S near 15 mph, gusting to 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly Sunny with a high near 90° and S wind at 15-20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low near 68°, and S winds at 10-15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high temperature near 95°. Winds will be S-SW at 5-10 mph.

Sunday night: Mostly clear and a low near 69°, with S winds at 5-10 mph.

Monday: Sunny skies with a high temperature near 97°. (yes 97°) Winds will be S-SW at 5-10 mph.



**It's Friday !
What's goin' on?**

Lampasas County Health
Authority Dr. Georgia Hay was
in Lampasas Radio Studios this morning to



bring us up to date on the Coronavirus situation.

Lampasas County now has a 3rd case. Due to privacy laws the authorities are unable to be specific about the area the person lives in. It is a man in his 50's, he is not hospitalized, and it was a result of community spread. Dr. Hay stresses to "keep doing what you're doing". Wash your hands, and social distance. She feels the cloth masks are important, because they stop whoever is wearing them from leaving behind droplets of moisture. Dr. Hay feels that many people may have COVID-19 and not know.

The state of Texas has done 330,000 tests, Harris county has done 51,000, Travis County has done 12,000. Lampasas County has, according to the state website done 177 tests. Dr. Hay said that in Kempner yesterday 66 tests were administered. Those tests will go to a state lab and take several days for results. The state of Texas has 28,087 cases at this time with 782 fatalities and 1,686 hospitalized at this time.

Regarding the reopening of some local businesses, Dr. Hay said the case count will be monitored. If there is a surge in cases, the local authorities will decide whether or not to reduce occupancy to 25%.

Press Release from Judge Hoyer



Lampasas County – Beginning Friday, May 1, 2020, Lampasas County will open restaurants, retail stores, museums, and libraries at 50% of the restaurant's, retailer's museum's or library's total listed occupancy. Lampasas County Judge, Randy Hoyer said, *"It is because of the quick and aggressive action, taken early by the City of Lampasas and followed by the County, to implement a shelter in place order and adhere to the CDC guidelines, as well as the citizens of the county to follow and adhere to the order and guidelines, we were able to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus, thus limiting the number of confirmed cases in the county to less than five and allowing our county to open restaurants and retail stores at 50% occupancy instead of only 25% occupancy."*

Under the Governor's Report to Open Texas, rural counties may, on an individualized basis, increase capacity for restaurants, retail, shopping malls, museums, libraries, and/or movie theaters if the county judge certifies and affirms to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) that the below listed standards have been investigated and confirmed to be met. Judge Hoyer has certified and affirm that Lampasas:

- 1.County had five or fewer COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases on April 30, 2020 or, at a later date, five or fewer active COVID-19 cases as verified by DSHS.
- 2.County has created a list of testing opportunities in the county or the area.
- 3.County has been in contact with its designated regional advisory council to ensure the community is prepared for any needed health care transfers.
- 4.The county has provided public notice to the residents of the county, including:

- *Signs and symptoms of COVID-19
- *Recommended health and safety protocols in line with CDC guidance.
- *Information regarding how residents can get tested in the area.
- *A link to the DSHS website where residents can go to learn about community spread in nearby communities, in order to help county residents understand their risk to exposure if they travel regularly outside of the county.

1)County has contacted each of the following types of facilities located in the county to ensure they are complying with HHSC and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19.

- a) Nursing homes
- b) Assisted living facilities
- c) Industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant number of employees
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The Blotter

Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Thursday shows an early morning disturbance in the 1200 block of W. Ave B at 3:16am. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Nix Rd. at 4:58am. There were 3 minor accidents yesterday, one in the 200 block of N. Key at 11:55am, one in the 1700 block of CTE at 5:26pm, and one in the 1700 block of 281 S at 7:29pm. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of CTE at 11:26pm.

Lampasas County Sheriff's Dept. Blotter for Thursday shows Kempner with animal issues, medical calls, an alarm call, civil matters, reported threats and a reported disturbance. Out in the county there were medical calls, animal issues, a reported harassment, and civil matters. Deputies went into Cove on a reported trespassing.

Note: The Funeral Procession for Deputy John Rhoden of Bell County will be traveling through Lampasas between 4 & 5:30 this afternoon. There may be a large contingent. Deputy Rhoden was killed in the line of duty and will be interred in the Lampasas Cemetery

The Burn Ban has been lifted indefinitely

County has documented procedures to be activated if a resident becomes COVID-19 positive, including procedures to take appropriate measures as necessary in line with the Governor's Plan to open Texas.

County has contacted DSHS in order to create a plan to ensure contact tracing will occur within 48 hours of apposite test reported to DSHS.

Lampasas County, having met the above standards chooses to do the following:

1. Increase dine-in restaurant capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the restaurant's total occupancy. All other provisions regarding restaurants still apply.
2. Increase retail in-store capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the retailer's total listed occupancy. All other provisions regarding retail still apply.
3. Increase movie theater capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the movie theater's total listed occupancy. All other provisions regarding movie theaters still apply.
4. Increase museum and library capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the museum's or library's total listed occupancy. All other provisions regarding museums and libraries still apply.

*All counties must adhere to all other provision set forth in the Governor's Report to Open Texas.

*Lampasas County will continue to closely monitor reports related to the number of cases.

*Counties that file the attestation and qualify for 50% occupancy will revert to the 25% occupancy limits if any of the following occurs:

1. Five consecutive testing/tracking intervals with positivity rates greater than 12% in that interval.
2. The county has more than 3 positive cases per 1,000 residents
3. Less than 15% of the surge capacity in hospitals for the catchment area is available.

*Under GA-18, the Governor may, by proclamation, return any county to the essential services-only level.



Happy Birthday

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Lampasas County citizens, residents, restaurant owner/operators, retail store owner/operators and museum/library manager/directors are reminded; they must adhere to all of the Governor's Orders as well as the requirements in the Governor's Report to Open Texas. This information can be found at:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx#attest>

While we slowly and safely begin to return to a sense of normalcy, it is strongly recommended that individuals 65 years of age or older are at a higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19 and are encouraged to take extra precaution. Individuals with medical issues like heart disease, diabetes, cancer or a weakened immune system are also at a higher risk for getting very sick or dying from COVID-19 and strongly recommended to follow all the recommendations from the CDC guidelines.

Social distancing of a minimum of six feet is still required and wearing a face mask/covering in public is still recommended.

Lampasas County will continue to follow the directives from the Governor's Office as we continue to restart the State.

Updated Openings, Hours and Information

With retail and restaurant establishments able to have dine-in customers again, Lampasas Radio reached out to some of our local eateries.

The Country Kitchen is open today but there is no cafeteria line, menu only. They said they are giving it a trial run, operating at 50% capacity. They will be closed this weekend, reopening Monday from 7am to 8pm. There can be no parties of more than 6 people. They are still offering to-go orders.

Putters and Gutters has their restaurant and Putt-Putt golf course open, with social distancing at 50%. They open at 7am with a full menu. Putters and Gutters is also offering a movie night tonight for kids. The movie Trolls will be playing starting at 8:30pm. You need to call 512.564.5224 to reserve a seat. There is no cost, but seats are limited due to social distancing so you need to reserve your seat. Tomorrow they will show Fantasy Island at 10:30 and it is rated PG-13. Be sure to call and reserve a seat.

Alfredo's is going to continue take-out only for now. McDonald's will not be opening their dining room until further notice. El Rodeo has drive-thru only today. Subway has their dining room open, and Bush's Chicken also has their dining room open. Eve's café has hours of 11-3 for takeout listed online, but we could not get a hold of them. Dairy Queen will be opening their dining room Monday, today is drive-thru only. Giovanni's is open.

If you choose to go out, please respect others. Use social distancing, wash your hands often, and PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK!!

If you are concerned for your health, ((*especially if you are in a high risk group*)) or how the habits of others will affect you, consider staying home, or getting take-out.

Remember, we can do this.....together.

Kempner Methodist Church

Offering Drive-Thru Communion

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