**City of La Vernia**

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Wilson County is reporting its first case of COVID-19 this morning. It is being considered a travel related case and the county resident is currently in a San Antonio hospital. Texas Dept. of State Health Services is supporting Wilson County in identifying and close contacts the patient may have had prior to testing positive, so that they can be isolated and monitored for symptoms and tested quickly if needed.

On Friday, I signed and place a Declaration of Public Health Emergency that mirrors the Executive Orders of President Trump, Texas Governor Abbott and Wilson County Judge Jackson.

Added to the Declaration were orders that pertained to the City Park and it is in effect until this coming Friday. City Council can elect to extend this order as well as add additional provisions as needed to protect the health and welfare of our citizens.

By signing the declaration, it’s allows the City of La Vernia to be reimbursed for any expenditures incurred responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Please do your part in helping rid ourselves of this pandemic by following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and best practices found on the their website, [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/). For alerts from the Wilson County Emergency Management Center, register for I-Info alerts at <http://registry.i-info.com/rc/arc>

We will post additional information on the City’s website [www.lavernia-tx.gov](http://www.lavernia-tx.gov) and on our City’s Facebook Page as it becomes available! As we move forward, and for the betterment of our friends, family and neighbors, please share facts, not rumors and exercise calm during the weeks to come.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at City Hall!!

Thank you La Vernia!

 Robert Gregory

 Mayor