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Below is a list of measures we have and are putting into place:

- Access to the jail facility will be limited. All volunteer program has been suspended, and only law enforcement agencies will be allowed into the jail. A sign will be posted at sally port and the entrance of the jail facility, notifying all civilians and visitors that all access to the jail is suspended until further notice. Only those civilians working in the jail will have access.
- We will utilize non-contact visitation for parole, probation, bondsmen, and attorneys visits in which they will be subject to screening procedures. The visitation areas will be properly sanitized after each visit.
- Judge Moore advised he will begin using video magistration until further notice. The courts and DA are considering video for hearings for the jail docket. We are working with the DA's office to develop a plan and provide equipment necessary to keep from transporting inmates to the courts.
- We are in the process of implementing new intake procedures. We will meet the arresting officer in the sally port to screen the new arrestees before bringing them into the facility. Arrestees will be taken to a handwashing station and given hand sanitizer when available.
- Arrestees who meet the criteria of having a fever or showing symptoms of covid-19 will be diverted to the hospital. If appropriate, we will ask the arresting officer to release the individual and obtain an arrest warrant. If it is not appropriate to release the arrestee, the jail will accept the individual after he has been cleared from the hospital.
- Regarding inmate meals, we will provide a menu for four weeks and ensure we can adjust the menu as necessary with the food on hand. We anticipate this will not be a problem as we have not heard anything from our vendors regarding shortages or backorders.
- We are monitoring our janitorial supplies. Some items are on backorder, but our vendors have assured us we are a priority and will not limit our orders.



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- We need to limit the movement of inmates in and out of this facility as much as possible. We are researching the list of inmates on work release, weekenders, and court commitments. We intend to request the courts suspended these programs for 30 days and re-examine at a later time.
- We need law enforcement agencies to practice cite and release as much as possible, issue warrants rather than arrest, requesting that no class “c” be arrested and only arrest the most severe cases.
- Our medical department is identifying those inmates who are over 60 years of age who would be of high risk for Covid-19. We are preparing to make changes in housing schemes as necessary in the event we have a case of Covid-19 present itself in our facility.
- We will be doing random temperature checks of the inmates in custody.
- Medical costs to inmates with flu-like symptoms will temporarily be waived.
- As you know, we have increased our cleaning in the jail facility and are providing inmates with a cleaning cart and additional spray bottles to sanitize their living areas more often per shift. We have begun sanitizing the inmate living areas today. However, we were able to purchase the Electrostatic Sprayer out of commissary, in which it will arrive on March 24th.
- Due to families not being able to have an in-person visit at this time, we are working with Securus to provide two free phone calls per week for every inmate in the Hays County jail. This will be in effect for only 30 days and be re-evaluated as things evolve.

As this situation develops, we continue to monitor local health officials and CDC recommendations to make necessary changes as we learn more about this virus.

Respectfully,

Gary Cutler