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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Washington County Officials Encourage Wearing Masks in Public**

County Judge John Durrenberger and Brenham Mayor Milton Tate are strongly encouraging all citizens in Washington County to wear their masks when out in public. The State of Texas and Washington County have seen an increase in COVID cases and the wearing of masks is one factor that will help slow the spread of the virus. Judge Durrenberger said “mandating masks is hard to enforce and places an unnecessary burden on businesses that are already struggling in the midst of the pandemic”. Yesterday Governor Abbott recommended the of wearing masks but stopped short of requiring them at this time. Mayor Tate echoed Judge Durrenberger’s strong encouragement and added that “the City is planning several summer events to help move our community forward that will require attendees to wear a mask during the events, except when eating or drinking. If we are going to keep our businesses open and our economy strong, all of us must do our part to reduce the spread of the virus, wear a mask.”

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