



## Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

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## PRESS RELEASE

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Sunday, March 22, 2020

### **A Statement from Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez**

**EDINBURG** - On March 22, 2020 Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez signed modified orders relating to the State of Disaster due to a public health emergency stemming from two recent positive cases of COVID-19 in Hidalgo County.

A formal announcement is planned for Monday March 23, 2020 at 11am. The announcement was being organized for Monday to allow for communication with municipal partners and local law enforcement to clarify any questions. Unfortunately, the order was prematurely circulated. I apologize for any confusion. Enforcement action has not been requested at this time and further notice to the media will be sent in the morning.

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