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Statement from Hidalgo County Judge regarding status of COVID-19 in the county

EDINBURG – The following is a statement by Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez in response to inquiries about any actions being considered with regard to COVID-19:

“I am in constant contact with local medical experts about the status of the pandemic in Hidalgo County. They are advising me that every precaution should be taken to avoid crowds and follow good hygiene practices. It is important to get tested if you suspect you have been exposed to COVID and to isolate yourself if you test positive. The protocols have not changed.

There are no plans currently for Hidalgo County to disrupt commerce with any type of closure. Decisions regarding local schools are properly being made by administrators and school boards overseeing those schools; Hidalgo County is providing statistical data to aid in those decisions but is not involved in any final determination regarding schools.”

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