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To the Citizens of Hidalgo County,

Our community is strong. We are made up of proud, hard-working people -- people that believe in family and unity. This is the time to use that strength to help each other get through these uncertain times.

Your courts in Hidalgo County are doing everything within our power to help keep our justice system working. National, State, and Local health authorities are being consulted as often as it is necessary to stay informed with up-to-date information to assist us.

All measures necessary to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease and prevent or control the spread of disease are being taken. However, the courts must keep working. Through the help of The Texas Office of Court Administration, and many others within State and local government agencies, we are accomplishing this. We are making sure we take all precautions necessary to protect the public, the lawyers, the litigants, the judges, and the staff.

I thank every one of you who reads this for doing your part by complying with health guidelines that are changing every day. Together we can get through this safely. These times are serious and the information we get is ever-changing, but staying informed keeps us safe if we use the right information and apply it to our everyday lives.

The judges of Hidalgo County are here to help. We will continue to work with the appropriate authorities to find working solutions to problems that are arising.

Take care, be vigilant, stay healthy, and be strong.

Sincerely,

JUDGE NOE GONZALEZ  
Local Administrative Presiding Judge of Hidalgo County  
Signed March 18, 2020