



MAYORS COUNCIL

Governor Abbott,

We, the Executive Committee of the Parker County Mayors Council, urge you to return local control to county and municipal governing bodies beginning May 1, 2020 when your latest executive order expires. After consulting with our fellow mayors, we have determined that the current state of the COVID-19 virus in our cities no longer warrants all of the restrictions laid out in Executive Order GA-16. We understand that this pandemic has forced elected officials at all levels of government to take drastic measures in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus among our citizens and to give our medical facilities the opportunity to prepare for a possible influx of patients. However, in a county with a population of 140,000, Parker County has seen to date only 21 cases of the Coronavirus with 16 having already recovered.

We also stand unanimously in agreement with Parker County Judge, Pat Deen, when he stated that the citizens of Parker County have “earned” the right to go back to work and to begin the process of restarting our local economy. Our citizens have obeyed your orders and have done what was necessary to prevent the rapid spread of this virus in our community. Our citizens and business owners are eager to begin the process of restarting their lives and livelihoods. They are our families, our friends and our next-door neighbors. No level of government is more devoted to their safety and well-being than us, their locally elected officials. We believe that a “phased-in” approach developed and implemented by our own Parker County COVID-19 Task Force will determine what is best for us.

The mayors of Parker County want to thank you, Governor Abbott, for your leadership during this crisis and for placing the health of all Texans at the forefront when making decisions for the best course of action during this pandemic. It is time, however, to return the responsibility for the health and safety of Texans back to local authorities. We will be ready May 1st and we are eager to get Parker County and Texas back to work!

Respectfully,

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Secretary