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## **COUNTY JUDGE KP GEORGE LOWERS COVID- 19 RISK LEVEL TO GREEN**

**(FORT BEND, TX)** – Fort Bend County Judge KP George today announced the lowering of the County’s COVID-19 risk level from Level Yellow (Low/Moderate Community Risk) to Level Green (Minimal Community Risk, effective immediately.

This announcement follows the Fort Bend County Health and Human Services Department (HHS) aligning its metrics with the Centers for Disease Control’s new Community Impact Guidance issued in late February. Fort Bend HHS continues to use local data to monitor trends in case counts and the rate of infection of new and old variants.

Fort Bend County Health and Human Services Director Dr. Jaqueline Minter stated that Fort Bend, along with the majority of other counties in the greater Houston region, now fall into the low impact category of COVID-19 risk based on the following criteria:

- Counties with less than 200 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents over seven days.
- Counties with less than 10 COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 residents over a 7-day average.
- Less than 10% of staff inpatient beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients.

According to the latest data provided by the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC), Fort Bend County meets the criteria for the low impact of COVID-19 risk based on the following:

- Fort Bend County has an average of 19 active cases per 100,000 residents over 7 days.
- Fort Bend County has 3.6 new hospital admissions per 100,000 residents over a 7-day average.
- Fort Bend County has 2.7% of staff inpatient beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients.

“Although, we are making this announcement today, we will continue to monitor the COVID-19 risk level in the community and make any necessary adjustments to the risk level as advised by Fort Bend Health and Human Services,” stated Judge George. “I urge our residents to continue to be vigilant in the fight against the virus, it’s because of their efforts that we are successful.”

Looking towards the future, Judge George predicts that the change in the risk level will allow increased capacity in businesses and facilities across Fort Bend County.

COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and boosters are free for residents. Please visit <https://www.fbchealth.org/> to view the FBC COVID-19 testing locations or call (281) 633-7795 for more information.

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*About **Fort Bend County Judge KP George**: Judge KP George assumed the office of Fort Bend County Judge on January 1, 2019. The County Judge is the executive of Fort Bend County’s governing body and presides over Commissioners Court, which oversees the County’s more than 3,000 employees and its nearly \$400 million dollar budget. Fort Bend County is the tenth largest county in Texas and one of the fastest-growing counties in the United States.*

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