Confirmed COVID-19 cases increase 194% from Monday

from staff reports

The spread of COVID-19 across Northeast Texas continued Tuesday with a new confirmed case in Gregg County, five in northeast Smith County and more municipalities ordering residents to stay home to stop the pandemic.

Pamela Wood and Anderson contain all announced their first cases and the city of Gilmer issued a local disaster declaration. For Thursday night, the total of confirmed cases in Northeast Texas stands at 13, up nearly 194% from 68 a day earlier. In Titus County, one of the few counties without a case, County Judge Broce Lee said residents must understand COVID-19 is confirmed, “Remember, it's as if we can still be carriers and not even realize that we've got it,” he said in an afternoon video report. “We’ve got to bear down hard, distance ourselves from others, wash our hands, stay at home. Don’t get out unless you need to.”

Residents at home was the goal for American County Judge Chelsi White and Marshall County Commissioner Jeff Smith, who issued an order to keep nonessential businesses closed and issued a mandatory shelter-in-place order for all residents. It was effective at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday. In response to her county’s first case, Panola County Judge Jason Akin issued an order for all residents to stay home. Monday evening, the announces an order for all residents to stay home until April 13, unless extended or terminated. Both orders require residents to stay home except for essential activities, although similar orders in other municipalities have

More counties ordered to stay home

Longview grad LeSeanoue senior Will Bradshaw had outstanding baseball season cut short due to pandemic, hopes to return.

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Charity Crunch

Area nonprofits face drop in funding as more events canceled

Jojo Shelton, 6, of Longview strums along on his guitar in March 2019 as musician Cole Allen performs for the crowd at a block party to promote the Greater Longview United Way in downtown Longview. This year’s party was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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N onprofit agencies serving the Lowetview area, especially those that depend on the Greater Longview United Way, foresee a possible drop in funding as events are canceled and the unemployment rolls climb amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The local United Way year-round third-hand clothing store, located at 1900 S. Tyler St., announced March 14 it would temporarily close, while another local charity, the Lowetview Symphony, announced March 20 it would cancel all concerts and performances through May 15 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

n the oil patch of the Panhandle or beyond, hardworking people in some communities are peeling back social distance restrictions — and possibly dreaming of the time when COVID-19 is behind them, such as Ollie’s, as well as some others retailers in the Longview area, are 204% essential under a shelter-in-place order issued March 27 by Ollie’s Bargain Outlet owner, Megay Acker.

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