

TO: All

FROM: Judge Cary DATE: May 18, 2020

In an effort to reopen the Hays County Justice of the Peace Precinct 5 courtroom, you will notice certain safety measures have been implemented in and around the courthouse. These measures are to protect those individuals that must come to the courthouse to conduct business and the individuals who work in the building. The safety measures are consistent with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local public health guidelines, which include social distancing measures and cleaning/disinfection procedures.

To provide the needed attention to the court's dockets, scheduling of cases may be set at differing times throughout the day to reduce the volume of people in the courtroom. If you are scheduled to be in court at a specific time, **please be on time and ready for your hearing**. Only ten people, including the judge and court staff, will be allowed in the courtroom at any given time. Constable John Ellen or his deputies will screen all participants as they arrive.

If you feel you are a vulnerable person susceptible to contracting the coronavirus, please call the Court at 512.295.2700. Individuals over age 65 and those with a serious underlying health condition, such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised, such as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions, are considered vulnerable. Accommodations to those individuals will be made on a case-by-case basis if requested.

All individuals coming to the Precinct 5 courthouse are strongly encouraged to wear a protective face covering not only for your health, but also for the protection of courthouse employees.

If you have any questions, please call: 512.295.2700.

Respectfully, Scott J. Cary

Scott J. Cary Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5 Hays County, Texas