



VICTORIA CITY/COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS RELEASE

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Declarations of Local State of Disaster Lifted

Earlier today, Judge Zeller and Mayor McCoy signed orders terminating the City and County Disaster Declarations, which were originally issued on March 16th. For several months, City and County officials have worked to inform the public about COVID-19 and slow the spread of the disease. As part of that process, local disaster declarations were issued, enabling steps to be taken to safeguard public health and proactively prepare the community with additional regional, state, and federal resources. Victoria's local officials have remained dedicated to their responsibility to inform the public and combat the spread of COVID-19.

Thanks to the continued efforts of our community and the hard work of our emergency and public health officials, the need for a continued disaster declaration does not exist at this time.

Victoria's County Judge, Mayor and Public Health Authority remain ready to take any needed actions regarding public health, and the Victoria County Public Health Department, in collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management, continues their surveillance of and response to COVID-19.

The termination of the local disaster declarations signifies another step forward in our return to normalcy.