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### **Statement from Stephenville Mayor Doug Svien**

“As our community, state, nation, and the entire world deal with the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic, I want to reassure the citizens of Stephenville that it is the intent of the City Council, City staff, and our medical professionals to protect our community from this deadly disease and to do so in a responsible manner that minimizes negatively impacting our local economy and jobs.

I have heard from citizens who want their city leaders to impose additional public safety restrictions to further flatten the COVID-19 curve, as well as from those wanting city officials to immediately lift the public safety restrictions we currently have in place. I appreciate hearing from you. Without a doubt this situation has put our community and your city leaders in a difficult position as we attempt to do what is best for all of our citizens.

Yesterday, I learned that the President of the United States will announce his plans for reopening our economy today and that Texas Governor Greg Abbott will begin issuing a series of executive orders on Friday to initiate reopening our state’s economy as well. I have been told these actions will not take place overnight, but will be implemented in a series of steps over the coming weeks and perhaps even months and will be done in a way that minimizes undue risk to our citizens. After the President and Governor make their announcements later this week, the city council will then meet and address what actions we will implement here locally in order to be consistent with federal and state directives, as well as properly deal with our city’s own unique concerns.

In the meantime, I ask that everyone do their part to continue to minimize the risk of this disease and further flatten the curve. As Mayor, I have been most proud of the way the vast majority of our citizens have adhered to the public safety restrictions currently in place. When all of this is behind us and we evaluate the City of Stephenville’s and our citizen’s response to this public health crisis, I am confident we will be able to say this was one of Stephenville’s finest moments.”