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VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING WITH GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT AND IN-PERSON MEETING WITH CHIEF OF STAFF LUIS SAENZ AND CHIEF OF TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NIM KIDD

Today, Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., had a video conference meeting with Governor Greg Abbott and an in-person meeting with Governor Abbott's Chief of Staff, Luis Saenz, Chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Nim Kidd, local and state leaders, along with Cameron County Hospital Administrators to discuss local needs and current COVID-19 status in Cameron County.

"Today we had a very successful and informative meeting with Governor Abbott and discussed the current COVID-19 status of Cameron County and the needed next steps for our County. We will be working hand-in-hand with his Chief of Staff Luis Saenz and Chief Nim Kidd to strategize how to best assist and mitigate the further spread of COVID-19 in our community," stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. "State and local elected leaders and Hospital Administrators are very concerned with the current state of our County and we informed the Governor of the needs, urgency and support we need, not only for the County, but for our entire Rio Grande Valley Region."

"Our ongoing collaboration with Judge Treviño and all leaders in the Rio Grande Valley is critical to effectively combating COVID-19 and keeping our communities safe," said Governor Abbott. "The State of Texas will continue to provide the support and resources that Valley leaders need to protect public health and mitigate the spread of this virus. By continuing to work together, we will overcome this challenge."

Some of the issues Judge Treviño discussed with Governor Abbott and his staff included additional CARES funding needed to continue the efforts to combat COVID-19, local authority needed to enforce and address issues with social gatherings, necessary alternative care and step-down facilities that would alleviate capacity problems at local hospitals, and investing and upgrading in internet infrastructure and Wi-Fi access capabilities for students within Rio Grande Valley school districts to be able to successfully accommodate distance learning. Judge Treviño further stated, "Governor Abbott is committed to assist Cameron County with the necessary resources needed to get us through this Pandemic. We urge all Constituents of Cameron County to heed the advice and mandates in place for the protection of their own life and the lives of others."

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