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To the Grimes County Fair Association and the Public of Grimes County:

For the moment, I am taking off my Grimes County Judge hat and putting on my Grimes County Emergency Management Director hat.

The question at hand is, "Should Grimes County let the Grimes County Fair Association conduct their swine show tag-in to occur on Tuesday evening, March 24, 2020, at the Grimes County Fair Grounds?"

Although the Fair Committee has been diligent in devising the best possible plan for this tag-in to occur, I believe it still does not comply with either the CDC guidelines or Texas Governor Abbott's Executive Order regarding gatherings no larger than 10 persons.

Even though the Fair Association has gathered volunteers, planned on drivers and family members staying in vehicles, passing paper and monies through open vehicle windows and dealing with only one-at-a-time, these fair members and helpers will be exposed to 35 to 40+ exchanges of people and information. As Emergency Management Director I am very concerned about exposing these people to so many interactions along with violating the CDC and the Governor's directives.

As Grimes County Judge, I am closing the Grimes County Expo Center and Fair Grounds immediately and until further notice. A review of this decision will not be conducted before April 3, 2020. The Commissioners Court will make their first review of this decision on April 8, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Fauth III", is written over a horizontal line.

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Grimes County Judge