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## Precautions Regarding COVID-19 Lake Conroe open to families at this time

Conroe, Texas—With the issuance by Montgomery County of an order directing citizens to "stay home, stop the spread," the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) and Montgomery County wish to clarify that the order does allow individuals to go to "public parks and outdoor recreation areas, therefore Lake Conroe will still remain open to visitors. The community is strongly urged to observe federal, state, and local COVID-19 guidelines if visiting the lake, especially guidelines related to social distancing.

While visiting Lake Conroe, please observe the following guidelines:

- Follow CDC recommendations on social distancing.
- Gatherings of any number of people outside of a family unit are prohibited.
- Follow recommended hygiene practices including frequent hand washing when visiting any common spaces such as marinas, gas stations, or boat launches.
- Review Montgomery County emergency proclamations for information related to county parks, including the Lake Conroe Park off of SH 105.

"It's important that people take personal responsibility for their health and the health of those around them," stated County Judge Mark Keough. "We are working with the SJRA to keep Lake Conroe open for recreation, just like our county parks, but we need cooperation from the public. Any recreational use of Lake Conroe should strictly adhere to the CDC guidelines and the County's recent 'stay home, stop the spread' order."

"Our highest priority is for the health and well-being of Lake Conroe visitors and businesses, so it's important that people take the County's order and CDC guidelines very seriously," said SJRA General Manager Jace Houston. "However, we still want people to be able to get outside with their families and enjoy the lake. We just need people to do it in a way that keeps them safe and healthy. As long as people are courteous to each other and follow the guidelines, we plan to keep the lake open."

"Precinct 1 advises everyone to enjoy Lake Conroe but make sure that you are following best practices and social distancing while on the water," said Lt. Cade Montgomery County Precinct 1 Constable's Office. "Make sure to keep your party to family units only, wash your hands, and for more information regarding COVID-19 visit <a href="https://www.mctx.org">www.mctx.org</a>."

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