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Statement From Jeff Barnhart, CEO, Hereford Regional Medical Center on Governor Abbott's Plan to Re-Open Texas

“We appreciate Governor Abbott’s thoughtful approach to re-opening Texas businesses. His directive allowing some businesses to re-open on May 1 maintains key evidence-based restrictions on resuming normal activities, including continuing social distancing, encouraging mask wearing when in public, and limiting capacity of restaurants and retail stores to 25 percent.

COVID-19 remains a threat to our community and region. Deaf Smith County continues to see an increase in the number of confirmed positive cases. We have 25 confirmed cases, and neighboring counties are also seeing increases.

Our hospital and our community have risen to the challenge posed by this virus. We have seen generosity, resilience and compassion in response, and I hope all of our families, friends, neighbors and colleagues will keep doing their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Hereford Regional Medical Center is open, safe and ready to care for our community’s medical needs – no matter what they are. We will continue to restrict staff travel, limit visitors and postpone non-emergent procedures as we do our part to stamp out COVID-19.”

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ABOUT HEREFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Hereford Regional Medical Center (HRMC) is a full-service health care facility operated by the Deaf Smith County Hospital District. We operate an outpatient clinic and inpatient hospital and are designated by the Texas Department of State Health Services as a Level IV trauma center. HRMC is governed by an elected board of directors and licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Our mission is to improve the health and quality of life of the individuals and communities we serve.