



## Board of County Commissioners

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Citizens of Conejos County,

March 20, 2020

As a board of county commissioners, we want to reach out to each of you during this time to let you know how much we care for and love this county and the great people that live here. You are the best and strongest people in the world and you are continually in our thoughts and prayers.

On Thursday, March 19, 2020, we met in person and by telephone with each of our department heads and elected officials. We discussed in length the needs of our citizens, the difficulties they are facing, and the hardships COVID-19 will cause. Under the direction of our Public Health Director Denise Jiron we felt it imperative that we do our part to limit the spread of this virus by following the guidelines set forth throughout the country and state. Because of this, we decided to close the courthouse to the public and allow employees to work remotely where possible and as needed. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.conejoscounty.org](http://www.conejoscounty.org) for a list of offices that are closed and services that are available during this time. However, this does not mean that we will not be here to serve our citizens. We encourage you to call any one of us with questions or concerns you may have and we will do all that we can to help resolve those concerns. Our telephone numbers and emails are listed on the website.

We understand that this is new territory for us all and ask for your patience as we work through these issues. As a county we have gone through difficult times in the past and have always made the best of the hand we were dealt. The citizens of this county are resilient and hard-working and can-do great things. We invite and encourage each of you to take time to look around and see what you can do to help. We always see people step up and do amazing things during difficult times and know that this will be no different. Please continue to serve and help your neighbors and those in need. We are very aware of the great services you provide for each other and ask that these efforts continue. We know they will.

We have no doubt that through the strength and determination each one of you possess that we will come out of these circumstances better and stronger than ever before and closer as a community. Life does not stop for any of us and we hope that each of you will continue your daily lives as much as possible. We encourage you to be aware of the businesses in our county who have served us for so many years. We ask that we show them gratitude by supporting and patronizing them now more than ever.

As we move forward as a county, we must stress the importance of following guidelines for personal protection and good hygiene: Wash your hands frequently, Avoid touching your face, Cover your cough or sneeze, and disinfect frequently used items and surfaces. Be smart! Use common sense! Get outdoors, stay active, and keep yourselves healthy (mentally and physically). Stay focused on the good around you and the great area in which we live. We truly are blessed to live in Conejos County.

Sincerely,  
Conejos County Board of Commissioners

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