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On Thursday, April 2, 2020 our office received directions from the Secretary of State providing additional guidance regarding Governor Abbott's March 31, 2020 executive order. The executive order includes but is not limited to the following: It (1) extends social distancing guidelines through April 30th, (2) defines essential services, and (3) extends school closures across the state through May 4, 2020.

Based on this information, to continue with elections in May 2020 could potentially subject voters to risks associated with their health and the strict guidelines of the executive order issued by Governor Abbott.

From the guidance received today, Grimes County Elections will postpone all City & School Elections to be held in May 2020.

Elections that were to be held May 2 2020 will be postponed to the General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact our office for further details.

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