



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
County Judge

For Immediate Release

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COUNTY CLOSES BOCA CHICA BEACH AND STATE HIGHWAY 4

On March 15, 2019, the Commissioners' Court approved an Order authorizing County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., to execute any and all necessary or appropriate notices or orders of temporary closure of State Highway 4, and/or Boca Chica Beach in connection with space flight activity, now or in the future.

Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., has ordered the temporary closure of access to Boca Chica Beach as well as State Highway 4 from FM 1419 (Oklahoma Ave.) to the entrance of Boca Chica Beach due to anticipated test launch activities for SpaceX.

"I have ordered the closure of Boca Chica Beach and Hwy 4 for the purpose of protecting Public Health and Safety during SpaceX testing activities on May 28, 2020, in the time period between 6:00 a.m. Central Standard Time and 2:00 p.m. of the same day, and in the alternative on May 29, 2020, and/or June 1, 2020, from 6:00 a.m. Central Standard Time and 2:00 p.m. of the same day. Should SpaceX not complete its test launch activities on May 28, 2020, then SpaceX may use an alternate date to complete its test launch activities." Treviño stated.

SpaceX and law enforcement authorities will be coordinating to ensure that no individuals or vehicles are allowed access to these areas during these times of the day. In coordination with the County, SpaceX will establish a safety zone perimeter that will include two temporary checkpoints on Highway 4. Individuals who provide proof of residence between the two checkpoints will be allowed to proceed through the soft checkpoint and access their homes during testing. Access beyond the hard checkpoint to the beach will not be permitted during temporary closures. The beach will be closed and those wishing to visit a beach during the closures may do so on South Padre Island at County parks: Cameron County Beach Access No. 3, Cameron County Beach Access No. 4, Cameron County Beach Access No. 4 (West) or Cameron County Beach Access No. 5 (West).

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the Cameron County website, www.co.cameron.tx.us.

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