

COVID-19 UPDATE

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Judges and Court Personnel:

The Texas Municipal Courts Education Center cares about the health of our constituents, staff, and faculty. We continue to monitor all updates and recent developments concerning COVID-19 (the novel Coronavirus).

In light of the President's declaration of a national emergency and the Governor's declaration of a state of disaster in Texas, TMCEC has cancelled the following events:

- Prosecutors Conference, Houston, March 23-25, 2020 (registrants are encouraged to transfer to the Prosecutors Conference in Corpus Christi on May 18-20, 2020)
- Motivational Interviewing Workshop, Houston, March 25, 2020 (we are working to reschedule this event)
- Round Table, Temple, March 27, 2020 (this event will be rescheduled on a date to be announced)
- Lubbock Regional Judges and Clerks Programs, March 30 – April 1, 2020 (this event is rescheduled for August 17-19, 2020)
- Traffic Safety Conference, Austin, April 6-8, 2020 (we are working to reschedule this event)

Notification has been sent to registrants and faculty of affected programs.

TMCEC will make additional decisions about events for the remainder of April in the weeks to come.

For the latest updates to the TMCEC schedule of events in light of COVID-19, click [here](#).

This is our first pandemic, and like you, we are doing our best to try to anticipate the unanticipated. TMCEC will continue to monitor decisions made by state and local health authorities with the interest of our constituents, staff, and faculty in mind.

While most municipal judges have already met their judicial education requirements, 41 percent of municipal judges still need training.

During a meeting with Judge Hervey at the Court of Criminal Appeals on March 12, we discussed the rules governing judicial education. TMCEC is in communication with the Court of Criminal Appeals and preparing a plan for remote learning to last during the duration of this public health emergency. I look forward to sharing the details of the plan with you when it is finalized.

In the meantime, I encourage constituents, particularly judges, who are not familiar with the OLC ([Online Learning Center](#)) to check it out. We are proud of the content on the OLC and it is likely to play an instrumental part in the days ahead.

TMCEC is known for innovation and our coordinated response to provide for the continuity of judicial branch education during this challenging time is no exception.

Take care of yourself.

Regards,

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