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## **Hood County COVID-19 Update**

### **April 21, 2020, 5 pm**

Hood County still has 17 positive COVID-19 cases. No further deaths related to COVID-19 have been reported since the last update on 4-15-2020. Testing continues at local medical facilities in Hood County.

#### **Hood County COVID-19 test results to date**

As of 5:00 pm on April 21st, 297 total COVID-19 tests have been reported for Hood County residents, with 18 positive results (two on the same person), 251 negative, and 28 pending lab confirmation. Three have died (two from COVID-19 related illness, one from other causes), four have recovered, and one has relapsed and has been returned to isolation and medical observation. Others remain under monitoring in accordance with U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) collaboration.

#### **Where did these people contract COVID-19?**

Seven people are believed to have contracted the highly contagious virus from travel, four from work contacts in Dallas Fort Worth area, and six contracted the illness from infected family members or contacts.

#### **Hood County Has Substantial Impact from COVID-19**

I recommend to County and City leaders that we continue community mitigation strategies in our schools, workplaces, and community consistent with CDC guidelines for communities with "substantial" impact or transmission of COVID-19, based upon the status of spread in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the higher than average risk of severe COVID-19 related illness in our population.

Hood County and City of Granbury websites have the latest guidance on social distancing and public health emergency measures enacted to protect our local communities.

Texas DSHS website and Texas 2-1-1 remain the best sources of information for Hood County residents regarding COVID-19 testing and self-protection measures. DSHS updates their county-by-county tracking map daily at <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>.