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

**April 23, 2020, 4 pm**

Hood County has 17 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, with one additional case pending verification with Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). No further deaths related to COVID-19 have been reported. Testing continues at local medical facilities in Hood County, with additional testing offered this Sunday, April 26th from 10 am to 6 pm by appointment only at the Hood County Emergency Operations Center. Call 512-883-2400 or visit <https://txcovidtest.org> up to 48 hours in advance for an appointment.

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

As of 4:00 pm on April 23d, 319 total COVID-19 tests have been reported for Hood County residents, with 18 positive results (two on the same person), 277 negative, and 24 pending laboratory confirmation. Three have died (two from COVID-19 related illness, one from other causes), four have recovered.

### **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/>.