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Hood County COVID-19 Update - 6-16-2020, 8:51 AM

Key points:

The fourth COVID-19 positive Hood County resident death was confirmed today by DSHS; the patient died from COVID-related complications earlier this month while hospitalized outside of Hood County.

Hood County currently has five active cases, we continue to meet Gov Abbott's guidelines for most businesses to remain open at 100% while following Open Texas guidelines.

Texas Public Health Commissioner, Dr. Hellerstadt, extended his original COVID-19 Public Health Disaster Declaration today, continuing to support Gov. Abbott's related executive orders and continuing access to federal disaster relief across the state.

Full report:

Hood County COVID-19 Update - 6-15-2020, 10 PM

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According to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Hood County now has a total of 35 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. Two additional cases have been locally reported since 6-11-2020 and are currently under investigation with DSHS. Including these two new cases, we are following five active cases of COVID-19. Sources of transmission for the new cases is unconfirmed at this time.

There was one additional COVID-related death earlier this month confirmed today by DSHS; four Hood County residents have now been COVID-positive at the time of death, three of those deaths were confirmed to be COVID-related. 75% of those deaths occurred in residents over 65 years old, and most had a history of underlying health issues.

Since we began testing in Hood County in late March, 44 COVID-19 PCR swab tests have been positive (some individuals had repeat tests), 2001 have been negative, and 84 are awaiting results. We have a 2.2% positive test rate (44 positive tests out of 2045 resulted). As many as 28 of the county residents who tested positive for COVID-19 are believed to be fully recovered.



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I support Open Texas, and I believe we remain at Substantial Risk of COVID-19 transmission. We have seen persistently high numbers and percentages of new positive cases documented in other North Texas counties over the past week, and transmission continues at peak levels across the country as communities leave isolation. Once cases demonstrate sustained decline across North Texas, our local risk of transmission will decrease.

Every local resident should continue to follow Open Texas guidelines and make their best personal decision to protect themselves, their families and businesses as we continue to work through this pandemic together.