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Hood County COVID-19 Update - 6-19-2020, 8 pm

According to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Hood County has a total of 35 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. Four additional cases are under investigation, bringing the total to 39 cases since we began testing in Hood County in late March, with a 2.1% positive test rate. A total of 47 COVID-19 PCR swab tests have been positive (some individuals had repeat tests), 2148 have been negative, and 104 are awaiting results.

We currently have 7 active cases, with the virus transmitted from work or community spread, and 28 county residents have fully recovered.

Four Hood County residents were COVID-positive at the time of death; three of those deaths were COVID-related. Three deaths occurred in residents over 65 years old and three had a history of underlying health issues.

Local "Open Texas" Recommendations

With fewer than ten active cases in Hood County, Judge Massingill has obtained permission to open most county businesses up to 100% capacity through the attestation process described at the DSHS "Open Texas" website: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx>

I support Open Texas, and I believe we remain at Substantial Risk of COVID-19 transmission, with seven active cases right now. Once cases demonstrate sustained decline across North Texas, our risk of local community transmission will decrease.

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

Prevention is Key to Opening Texas

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>