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## Hood County COVID-19 Update - 6-24-2020, 8 am

According to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Hood County has a total of 36 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Twelve additional laboratory confirmed cases have been reported to DSHS and are now under investigation, bringing the total to 48 cases since we began testing in Hood County in late March, with a 2.6% positive test rate. A total of 60 COVID-19 PCR swab tests have been positive (some individuals had repeat tests, some were tested here but are residents of other counties), 2244 have been negative, and 138 are awaiting results. Other county residents have tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies, but are not included in the DSHS numbers.

We are now following 15 active cases of COVID-19 in our county, with the virus transmitted from work, family, and community spread.

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

### Local "Open Texas" Recommendations

I believe we remain at Substantial Risk of COVID-19 transmission, with 12 new cases in Hood County residents since my last report. Once cases demonstrate sustained decline across North Texas, our local risk of 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>

- Social distancing is best - if you need to get close to others, "mask up"  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>
- COVER coughs and sneezes with a mask or a sleeve
- Wash or sanitize hands and surfaces often