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Hood County COVID-19 Interim Update - 03-22-2021, 12 PM

This is an update based on numbers from reports received from our testing locations on positive cases in the community to DSHS for Hood County.

DSHS Reports a total of **6347** COVID-19 positive cases have been detected in Hood County residents. (There have been 164 New Cases reported for March as of today) (55 Active Cases)

We are at **122** COVID-19 positive deaths reported by DSHS for Hood County residents. (1 new death since the last update)

We have tested a total of **53,135** citizens in Hood County.

Our TSA Regional Hospital Rate as of 03/20/2021 is **4.4% - 10.6%** under the 15% threshold required by the state.

4 currently reported hospitalizations, all other active cases have been directed to self-isolate at home.

GISD updates available at the below link:

<https://www.granburyisd.org/Page/21860>

Tolar ISD updates available at the below link:

<https://www.tolarisd.org/Page/7811>

Lipan ISD updates available at the below link:

<https://www.lipanindians.net/vnews/display.v/ART/5fa1e6ee40908>

Hood County remains at MODERATE risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Continued efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other influenza-like illnesses as we enter flu season will continue to keep our community active at work and school. CDC community mitigation strategy guidelines are found below.

Prevention is Key!

I encourage our community to continue to follow CDC and TX DSHS guidelines found on their websites, including social distancing, mask use if social distancing is not possible, handwashing and disinfecting surfaces, and immunization against COVID-19 and influenza.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/community-mitigation.htm>

CDC "operational strategy" guidelines for schools (updated 3-19-2021):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/operation-strategy.html>

Most current CDC tracker (data appears to be about 10 days behind):

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

TX DSHS COVID-19 Dashboard (data about 7 days behind):

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/AdditionalData.aspx>

Review the Department of State Health Services "Open Texas," Hood County, and City of Granbury websites for the latest Executive Orders, reports and guidance on COVID-19:

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx>

<https://co.hood.tx.us/772/Infectious-Diseases>

<http://granbury.org/996/COVID-19-Coronavirus>

COVID Vaccine Information

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>