



PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Case Data Update

As of August 13th, there are 395 recoveries, 86 active cases and 40 fatalities in Washington County. The Joint Information Center (JIC) last reported 365 recoveries in Washington County, 95 active COVID-19 cases and 39 fatalities as of August 7, 2020. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DHS) webpage incurred a significant data reporting error Sunday, August 9, but the source of that error was identified and corrected. The case data reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DHS) today aligns with the local Health Authority and the Washington County Office of Emergency Management case data.

According to County Judge, John Durrenberger, “Our local health agencies along with our local private healthcare providers closely monitor COVID-19 data in Washington County. This error in reporting at the State was quickly identified by our local team, and the state was notified. The errors were studied and confirmed then quickly corrected to reflect the reality of Washington County”.

Jason Jennings, Regional President for Baylor Scott and White – College Station Region stated, “Over the last month, we have seen a decline in the number of cases in the Brazos Valley, and it is important to note that the vast majority of hospital care we have been providing at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – College Station and Baylor Scott & White – Brenham for the past several months is for care unrelated to COVID-19. We are honored to have worked with so many families over the years, and it is our priority to exceed our patients’ expectations for safe, high quality care. Our current patient count, or “census” as we refer to it in healthcare, at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – College Station in both our ICU and within our hospital is around 75% of our current total of 142 beds. At Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – Brenham, our hospital capacity is below 50% of our current total of 60 beds. This does not account for any additional capacity we could build into our hospital.”

The JIC, local public health officials, the County’s Public Health Authority, Dr. William Loesch, and our private healthcare providers are committed to mitigating the impact of coronavirus in Washington County and to reporting accurate COVID-19 data through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DHS) webpage. If you would like further information about the demographics of COVID-19 data, please refer to the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) (DHS) dedicated COVID-19 Case Count webpage.

Mayor Milton Tate continues to remind residents and visitors to Washington County, “Our active case numbers are decreasing and it is partly due to people are wearing masks and social distancing. However, we must continue to be vigilant in wearing masks, it shows our neighbors that we care about them and their well-being. We are also getting out more, visiting friends and supporting our local businesses. That is great

as well but remember to keep 6 feet apart and wear your mask, especially indoors. If we continue to follow the CDC Guidelines, our economy and community will recover quicker and stronger.”

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Link: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/cases.aspx>

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