



PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Case Data Update

As of August, 21st, there are 434 recoveries, 51 active cases and 41 fatalities in Washington County due to COVID-19. The Joint Information Center (JIC) last reported 395 recoveries in Washington County, 86 active COVID-19 cases and 40 fatalities as of August 13, 2020. The JIC, local public health officials, the County's Public Health Authority, Dr. William Loesch, and our private healthcare providers remain 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.

"The continued increase in recoveries and decrease of active COVID-19 cases in Washington County is welcomed news as students and educators return to campuses across our County." said County Judge, John Durrenberger.

Dr. Edna Kennedy, Superintendent for Burton ISD stated, "Burton Independent School District is excited to welcome back students for the 2020-2021 school year to both in-person and remote instruction. Things may look a little different, however we are still #TEAMBURTON promoting a learning environment that exemplifies the pride and excellence of our Burton Panthers! Additional procedures have been implemented to ensure students, staff, and the community are healthy, safe, and well. With the extra attention to sanitizing and disinfecting details, protocols for COVID-19 exposure and/or the virus, and lots of prayers, we will survive this challenging time. Best of luck to all of our students, staff, and their families as we begin a new year. As the Superintendent of Burton ISD, I am thankful for our community and know we are blessed to have so much support!"

Jamie Woodall, Head Athletic Trainer and Brenham ISD COVID-19 Response Leader, participated in a joint video release with the County's Public Health Authority, Dr. William Loesch, to discuss the health and safety needs of students and educators as they return to campuses. You can [view this video on-line by following this link](https://youtu.be/Dwsq5WrqkLQ) (https://youtu.be/Dwsq5WrqkLQ).

Blinn College welcomed students back to the Brenham campus this week with new protocols for social distancing, a phased move into student housing, and health screenings. Local public officials and community leaders attended a "Back with Blinn" update earlier in the month to review Blinn's campus COVID-19 plan for their Brenham campus. Students, faculty and staff will be expected to wear masks in campus buildings, social distance, and practice hand washing, symptom awareness, and reporting.

“Our community’s education partners have been working hard to prepare their campuses and staff for this new year with all of the COVID precautions and protocols in place. It is a time of uncertainty, but I believe Brenham ISD, Burton ISD, and Blinn are doing everything they can to ensure the safety of everyone on their campuses,” said Mayor Milton Tate.

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

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