



PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Case Data Update

As of October 2nd, there are 557 recoveries, 36 active cases, and 48 fatalities in Washington County due to COVID-19. The Joint Information Center (JIC) last reported 505 recoveries, 40 active COVID-19 cases, and 47 fatalities in Washington County on September 11, 2020.

The Joint Information Center has changed the frequency of press release reporting on COVID-19. The local Public Health Authority, the Office of Emergency Management, the City of Brenham, Washington County EMS, Brenham ISD, and other area medical providers will continue to monitor COVID-19 data and release relevant information through their respective offices. Future press releases with COVID-19 case counts will come from the Washington County Judge, John Durrenberger, on an as needed basis. County Judge Durrenberger stated, "with the stabilization of COVID-19 trends in our community, officials have made the decision to demobilize the communication effort of the Joint Information Center. If at any time, there is an increase in the local COVID-19 trend, the team can quickly reengage."

The Washington County Public Health Authority, Dr. William Loesch, praised local school districts for their efforts to keep students safe, "we have not seen an uptick of COVID cases in our area with the opening of face to face learning, which is most likely due to the consistent safety protocols such as face coverings, enhanced cleaning protocols, and frequent handwashing. Current cases in Brenham ISD seem to be community spread rather than spread from within the schools."

As face to face community gatherings continue to increase in our community, local health officials remind the public to practice good hand hygiene and to wear face coverings to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In addition to the threat of COVID-19, the Fall typically marks the start of the flu season, so you are encouraged to check with your health care provider to see if the flu shot is right for you. The flu shot is now available at many of our local health care providers.

Leaders in our community remain committed to mitigating the impact of coronavirus in Washington County. You can access local COVID-19 data through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DHS) webpage, [Texas Department of State Health Services](https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/cases.aspx) (DHS).

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