

# Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For immediate Release:

From the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center:

Today the MCHD officials are **reporting 3 new positive COVID-19 cases.**

They also report 14 pending cases.

All three are female, ages between 20 and 30, between 60 and 70, and between 75 and 85.

This morning's report from the Palacios Community Medical Center has ten negative cases with no pending case.

The total number of recovered cases are 18

There continues to be 4 patients being cared for in a hospital setting that have tested positive for COVID-19.

**The current number of positive cases in Matagorda County is 54.**

- **18 recovered cases**
- **3 deceased**

For a dashboard of all positive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Matagorda County or if you would like more information on the cases please visit:

<https://www.matagordaregional.org/covid19>

Please keep those that are effected with this virus, their families in your prayers. We understand they are scared and going through uncertain times.

Our local Doctors, MEHOP, the Palacios Medical Center, the Matagorda Regional Medical Center, and the Matagorda Medical group are all testing for COVID-19.

**Nothing has changed.**

If you or anyone you know believes you have symptoms and you need a test,

Please contact your doctor, or a medical facility and request a test.

Again there have been no change in the testing locations or the procedures for the COVID-19 test.

In an effort to fully inform the citizens of Matagorda County on the locations of the positive COVID-19 cases, we have compiled a list of the communities. This list has been reported to the Matagorda County Emergency Operations Center.

We hope this helps in convincing every Matagorda County residents including our visitors to follow the Mandatory Shelter in Place Order.

The Communities are:

Bay City, Wadsworth, Palacios, Matagorda, Van Vleck, and Blessing.

After the Governor's address on Friday, Judge McDonald met with County Commissioner Kent Pollard, and they decided to open access to the Matagorda County beaches as of Friday April 24th, 2020 at 8 am. The Judge also announcement, with consultation with the Port of Bay City Chairman Mike Griffith the openings of the boat ramps, the fish cleaning station, and the restrooms at the Matagorda Harbor effective, again on Friday April 24th 2020 at 8am. The Judge made it clear that County Officials expect all orders to be followed that have been issued by Governor Abbott:

- Order No. 1: In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in no groups of more than 10 people.

In addition we must follow the directions from the Department of State Health Services, and the CDC, they recommend, no groups of more than 10 people and practice social distancing.

If you have questions for the Emergency Management Team, please email [covid19@co.matagorda.tx.us](mailto:covid19@co.matagorda.tx.us)

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