Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For immediate Release:

From the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center:

We are sad to report that a third member of our community, a man between the ages of 80 and 90, passed away yesterday at Matagorda Regional Medical Center with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

There has been no change in the number of positive cases.

We are working with Matagorda Regional Medical Center and the Texas Department of State Health Services for the process and the results of the positive cases that are considered recovered. As soon as we get that information, we will release the numbers.

**The current number of positive cases in Matagorda County is 41.**

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.

We wish we could provide you with updated numbers from the negative and pending cases.

The amount of time spent by the nurses, and other medical staff was taking them away from patient care. It must seem easy to those outside of the medical field, but it is very time consuming. Thank you for understanding and supporting these hero’s working for us in a difficult time.

In an effort to fully inform the citizens of Matagorda County on the locations of the positive COVID-19 cases, we have complied 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.

Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald, Bay City Mayor Robert Nelson, and Palacios Mayor Glen Smith are working closely with each other to ensure the health and safety of our citizens and visitors.

The intent of the Mandatory Shelter in Place Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Tasks essential to your health and safety or to the health and safety of family or house-hold members are allowed under this Order, examples are foods and medicines. This Order also allows workers to report to work and for you to take care of family members or pets in another house-hold.

Should you need any additional information concerning the virus, please feel free to call 211 and you will be able to ask questions.

If you have questions for the Emergency Management Team, please email covid19@co.matagorda.tx.us

Visit the Matagorda County web site for any posted releases. <http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/page/matagorda.Emergency>

Here is a map from the Texas Department of State Health Services that shows where the current positive cases are located. Please note there is a lag in posting on to the DSHS site. So do not be alarmed that the numbers do not match. The numbers provided by the Matagorda County Regional Medical Center are the current numbers.

<https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83>

Patient and case-specific information disclosed in this release represents the extent to which any MCHD official and the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center personal can appropriately respond.

The Matagorda County Emergency Management team continues to work closely with the State of Texas Emergency Operations Center, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Matagorda County Hospital District, the Palacios Medical Center, MEHOP and our local physicians.

Continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands regularly, avoid touching your face, sneeze and cough into a tissue and disinfect frequently used items and surfaces regularly.