Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For immediate Release:

From the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center:

MCHD officials are reporting no new positive COVID-19 test results this morning. They’re also reporting 25 pending tests, the oldest of which is from April 5, 2020.

Today’s report from the Palacios Community Medical Center showed 6 negatives, 2pending – tests are turning around in about 48 hours

**The current number of positive cases in Matagorda County is 42.**

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.

As the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center continues to give updates on the MC EOC Facebook page and as it is posted on the County web site, we are reminded that not everyone has access to on-line information.

With that in mind we are encouraging Matagorda County citizens and our visitors to get the information from trusted media outlets. We are providing the latest information to all local media outlets, including newspapers, and local radio stations.

Please share this valuable information with friends and neighbors. If you know someone that doesn’t have access to on-line information, encourage them to seek the information from other sources. These local media outlets have been through many difficult times with the Matagorda County EOC. They have reported on hurricanes and tornadoes, floods, as well as other difficult times. So let everyone know they are a part of the Emergency Operation Center team.

We continue to work 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.

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

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.

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>

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.