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 one new positive COVID-19 case and nine new recoveries this morning.

Today's report from the Palacios Community Medical Center showed 7 negatives, 1 pending.

The current number of positive cases in Matagorda County is 45.

- **10 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.

We are hearing unconfirmed reports that some patients that have been told they are positive have been seen running errands during the day. It is very important that if you have been told that you have tested positive for the COVID-19 that you do not leave your house for any reason.

If you live in a household with a COVID-19 patient you should also stay in your house for the required 2 week quarantine period.

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.