

Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For Immediate Release:

Today, Monday June 22, 2020 The Matagorda County EOC has been informed that we have an **additional twenty-one (21) new cases of COVID-19.**

The Palacios Community Medical Center reports 34 negative and two (2) pending Covid-19 cases.

The totals are climbing. In March we had 27 reported cases, in April we had 36 cases, in May we only recorded 7 cases, now we are looking at the numbers **through the 22nd of June and we have 59** reported cases.

Matagorda County currently has 129 positive cases, of which 58 are recovered. Matagorda County's number of active cases is now 66.

The details on all of the positive cases of COVID-19 are being posted on the Matagorda Regional Medical Center dashboard.

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

The Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center has confirmed that we will have an “open to the public” testing site here on Wednesday and Thursday, next week, June 24, and 25th 2020. This team is from the State of Texas and will be testing between the hours of 9am and 6pm. They will be located at the Bay City Civic Center, located at 201 7th Street, across highway 35 from the BC High School.

This is a collaborative initiative between DSHS, TDEM, TMD, the RACs (HPP Providers), and the TX EMTF. There is no cost for the test. All tests will be scheduled in advance and patients will be given appointments for their test. All tests will be scheduled in advance and patients will be given appointments for their test. To be eligible for testing, you must have one or more symptoms of COVID-19.

CALL CENTER NUMBER: 512-883-2400 <https://txcovidtest.org/>

The call center will not be able to take reservations more than 48 hours in advance.

COVID-19 Specimen Collection Site Locations

Wednesday (June 24, 2020) (TIME 9am to 6pm)

Location: Bay City Civic Center 201 7th Street Bay City, Texas 77414

Thursday (June 25, 2020) (TIME 9am to 6pm)

Location: Bay City Civic Center 201 7th Street Bay City, Texas 77414

The positive cases continue to be located in the communities of Bay City, Palacios, Van Vleck, Sargent, Markham, Blessing, Pledger, and Matagorda.

“Doctors without Borders” say it’s important to protect yourself and protect others too. As with other coronaviruses, droplet infection seems to be the main mode of transmission. The virus enters the human body through the mouth or nose. This can happen by breathing in infected droplets, or by touching with your hands a surface on which droplets have landed, and then touching your eyes, nose, or mouth later.

Simple infection control measures such as good handwashing and proper cough and sneeze etiquette are effective and important for prevention.

Hand hygiene is paramount, so wash your hands often with soap and water. Use enough soap, and make sure all parts of both your hands are washed. Spend at least 20 seconds washing your hands. If there is no visible dirt on your hands, an alcohol-based gel is also a good option.

Stay home when you are sick, and avoid contact with other people. If you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or with the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues into a wastebasket immediately and wash your hands.

Social distancing is advised in places with community transmission of the virus. Avoid crowded places and large gatherings, and generally keep some physical distance between you and other people.

https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/covid19?source=ADD200U0U03&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=googlegrant&utm_content=nonbrand&utm_term=covid&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIh7GG-daV6gIVg8DACH1vsqbQEAAAYAiAAEgKX8fD_BwE

DSHS recommends these everyday actions to help prevent the spread of any respiratory virus, including COVID-19:

- Wash hands often for 20 seconds and encourage others to do the same.
- If no soap and water are available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, knobs, and other places touched often.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

DSHS also recommends that you start practicing social distancing. Social distancing involves staying away from other people to avoid catching or spreading illness. It's a fancy term for avoiding crowds and minimizing physical contact. This could mean avoiding concerts or weddings, skipping the handshake, and/or staying at least six feet away from others. How can I prevent myself from being infected?

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

