Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For immediate Release:

Members of the Matagorda County Emergency Management team continue to work with every testing site to keep the public informed concerning the number of positive and negative cases.

**The current number of positive cases in Matagorda County is 11.**

This isn’t a scorecard but a look into the window to see how Matagorda County is doing, as we protect the health and safety of our citizens and the thousands of visitors we have every day working in essential areas of our County.

**Private Physicians** we have 2 Positive Cases, 182 Negative Cases, 40 pending

**MEHOP** we have 0 Positive Cases, 4 negative cases, and 10 pending cases.

**MRMC** we have 9 positive cases, 33 negative cases, 69 pending cases

**PCMC** we have 0 positive cases, 2 negative cases, and 0 pending

Again these numbers are provided to the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center from the different medical stations.

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**

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.

We are aware of the different directives that are being announced by the surrounding Counties.

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. There is no change to the standing orders at this time.

The Emergency Management Team is also in direct contact with all five Matagorda County school district superintendents. All of the school districts have updated information on each web site. For more details concerning our schools please visit the web sites.

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.

 Remember, “If you start to experience COVID 19 symptoms, please call your primary care physician for further instructions “said Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald.

All patients meeting State requirements for testing are directed to self-quarantine at home immediately regardless of when the test result is expected.

Remember to practice "social distancing," which means staying away from other people, avoiding crowds and minimizing physical contact so that you do not spread illness. This means currently avoiding mass gatherings, skipping the usual handshake, and remaining six feet away from others.

See the CDC and DSHS websites to prepare your home and help prevent the spread of COVID-19.