For Immediate Release:

Today the MCHD officials are again reporting **no new cases of COVID-19**. They are reporting 20 pending cases.

At this time, 3 patients are seeking care for COVID-19 and other conditions at the Matagorda Regional Medical Center. They are responding well to their treatment plan.

Late last night the Palacios Community Medical Center reported no changes to their numbers, 18 negative cases with 1 pending cases.

The last reported positive case was May 1st. This is a good trend, but we must continue to take this virus seriously. We must follow the guidelines from the CDC and DSHS.

The State sponsored drive-thru COVID-19 test site that was conducted on May 7, 2020 in Matagorda County reported testing 49 people.

We expect all drive-up test results to be available before Friday, May 15, 2020.

These numbers will be combined and included in daily totals just like all test site information in Matagorda County is combined and reported.

Our county total is 64 positive cases, of which 34 are recovered and 5 have passed away. Matagorda County’s number of active cases is now 25.

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](https://www.matagordaregional.org/covid19)

The Communities where we have positive COVID-19 cases remains the same:

Bay City, Wadsworth, Palacios, Matagorda, Van Vleck, and Blessing.
The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all parts of our community that are choosing to operate in Texas.

The list is long and detailed. It gives guidelines for everything from retail, restaurants, movie theaters, and wedding venues including attending a wedding.

Please check out this site.

https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx#protocols

Effective May 18, 2020

• Protocols for Manufacturers
• Protocols for All Office-Based Employees
• Protocols for All Office-Based Employers
• Protocols for Gyms and Exercise Facilities
• Protocols for Gym and Exercise Facility Patrons