

Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For Immediate Release:

Today's report, the MCHD officials are reporting one new positive case of COVID-19. The patient is male between the ages of 50 and 60. He has been hospitalized at MRMC but responding well to his plan of care. This case is suspected to be travel related. **They have announced 5 additional recovered cases that brings the recovered to 42.**

The last report we received from the Palacios Community Medical Center said 19 negative and 0 pending.

We will continue to provide press releases on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, unless something happens.

The daily numbers are being posted on the Matagorda Regional Medical center dashboard.

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

Our county total is 67 positive cases, of which 42 are recovered. Matagorda County's number of active cases is now 20.

These numbers are provided to the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center by the experts at the Texas Department of State Health Services. The Texas Department of State Health Services is the official source for these numbers. They serve as the Health Department for Matagorda County

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all parts of our community that are choosing to operate in Texas.

Under the direction of Governor Abbott, with the advice of the Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, Attorney General, and Texas Comptroller:

The Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas will safely and strategically restart and revitalize all aspects of the Lone Star State—work, school, entertainment, and culture.

Please check out this site, it has hundreds of sites that offer you ways to re-open and stay safe.

<https://gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas>

Open Texas Checklists

New, In Effect May 22, 2020

- Bars
- Bar Patrons
- Bowling Alleys, Bingo Halls, Simulcasting, Skating Rinks
- Bowling, Bingo, Simulcasting, Skating Customers
- Rodeo / Equestrian Events
- Zoos, Aquariums, Natural Caverns
- Zoo, Aquarium, Natural Cavern Visitors

Here is a site for bars or similar establishments:

<https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Bars.pdf>

Effective today, May 22, 2020, bars or similar establishments may operate for in-person service up to 25% of the total listed occupancy inside the bar or similar establishment, and may not offer valet services except for vehicles with placards or plates for disabled parking; there is no occupancy limit outdoors at a bar or similar establishment; and bar or similar establishment employees are not counted towards the occupancy limitation. For these purposes, bars or similar establishments are establishments with a permit from TABC that are not otherwise considered restaurants. Any components of the bar or similar establishment that has interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, interactive games, and video arcades, must remain closed. Interactive amusement venues, such as video arcades, amusement parks, or water parks, remain closed.