



Eighth Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Lavaca County

Lavaca County Office of Emergency Management is reporting the eighth confirmed case of COVID-19 in Lavaca County. The new case is in the City of Shiner and DSHS Region 8 reports this particular individual contracted COVID-19 by close contact associated with a workplace, outside of Lavaca County. The patient is currently isolating at home. The last reported case of COVID-19 was announced on the 12th of May.

A total of eight cases have been diagnosed in Lavaca County since Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of emergency on March 13, 2020. Four patients claiming to be residents of Lavaca County have fully recovered from the disease. Currently, two Lavaca County patients are under orders to isolate at home. One patient is being treated at a medical facility in Travis County, and One patient passed away, following a diagnosis of COVID-19.

In an effort to slow the spread of this infectious disease, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has issued Executive Orders during this period of emergency. In EO GA-14 he directs citizens to “stay home” and “stay safe.” More recent Executive Orders are directed at reopening the Texas economy in a safe and deliberate manner.

Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19 and be infectious even when no symptoms are present. If you believe you have been exposed, monitor yourself closely for symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath for 14 days after the exposure. If you experience any of these symptoms and do not need urgent medical attention, isolate at home and contact your healthcare provider.

If an individual knows they have been exposed, they should not go to work. If a fever and cough are present, they should isolate themselves from others at home and monitor symptoms.

Minimizing exposure is especially important for people who are 65 or older or who have an underlying health condition like heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, high blood pressure or cancer. People in those groups have a higher risk of developing severe complications if they do get COVID-19, and the safest thing for them during an outbreak will be to stay home as much as possible and minimize close contact with other people. To get ready, they should talk to their doctor about getting additional prescription medications and have enough household items and groceries on hand to stay home as needed.

Lavaca County Judge and Lavaca County Office of Emergency Management are communicating daily with local municipalities, state officials and regional leaders about the spread of the COVID-19 virus and referring callers to the official websites of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

You can find up-to-date coronavirus information at the Texas Department for State Health Services dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus, the Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>, Lavaca County Covid-19 page at www.co.lavaca.tx.us and facebook.com/LavacaOEM.

The governor's office is also providing information and links to the Executive Orders through the website www.gov.texas.gov

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