

Lavaca County reports fourth case of COVID-19

Lavaca County is reporting the fourth case of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, in a City of Hallettsville Resident. It has been determined that the case is associated with a Victoria County outbreak and the patient is currently hospitalized in Victoria county. There was no community exposure. State health officials will not confirm the age or gender of the patient

The Texas Department of State Health Services is supporting Lavaca County Office of Emergency Management in identifying any close contacts of the patient while sick, so they can be isolated and monitored for symptoms and quickly tested, if needed.

Lavaca County Office of Emergency Management continues to work in conjunction with county and local municipalities officials in communicating to our Lavaca County neighbors the importance to continue the message to maintain good hygiene practicing and social distancing, as well as sharing the latest guidance from CDC, DSHS, and local healthcare providers.

There are things everyone can do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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 disease 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.

If you have questions about COVID-19, call 2-1-1 option 6. You can find up-to-date coronavirus information at dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus and local announcements on the Lavaca County homepage, co.lavaca.tx.us and the Lavaca County, Texas Office of Emergency Management Facebook Page at Facebook.com/LavacaOEM.