

Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For immediate Release:

From the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center:

MCHD officials are reporting no new positive COVID-19 cases and 7 additional recovered cases. That brings the total number of recovered cases to 18

There continues to be 4 patients in the Matagorda Regional Medical Center being cared for and have tested positive for COVID-19.

Today's report from the Palacios Community Medical Center has the nine negative with one pending case.

The current number of positive cases in Matagorda County is 51.

- **18 recovered cases**
- **3 deceased**

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>

Please keep those that are effected with this virus, their families in your prayers. We understand they are scared and going through uncertain times.

As the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center continues to give updates on the MC EOC Facebook page and as it is posted on the County web site, we are reminded that not everyone has access to on-line information.

With that in mind we are encouraging Matagorda County citizens and our visitors to get the information from trusted media outlets. We are providing the latest information to all local media outlets, including newspapers, and local radio stations.

Please share this valuable information with friends and neighbors. If you know someone that doesn't have access to on-line information, encourage them to seek the information from other sources. These local media outlets have been through many difficult times with the Matagorda County EOC. They have reported on hurricanes and tornadoes, floods, as well as other difficult times. So let everyone know they are a part of the Emergency Operation Center team.

Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald updated his statement, “We continue to make progress concerning the positive cases of COVID-19, but I ask that you continue to follow the guidelines set forth from our President and Texas Governor Greg Abbott”.

Judge McDonald continued, “The County Judges and Mayors have a conference call planned with the Governor tomorrow and I suspect we will learn more about the back to work plan.

But for now continue to keep you and your loved ones safe. I pray every day that we have seen the worst of this terrible Virus”.

In an effort to fully inform the citizens of Matagorda County on the locations of the positive COVID-19 cases, we have compiled a list of the communities. This list has been reported to the Matagorda County Emergency Operations Center.

We hope this helps in convincing every Matagorda County residents including our visitors to follow the Mandatory Stay at Home Order.

The Communities are:

Bay City, Wadsworth, Palacios, Matagorda, Van Vleck, and Blessing.

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.

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.