

Press Release March 24, 2020

Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For immediate Release:

Members of the Matagorda County Emergency Management team are working with every testing site to keep the public informed concerning the number of positive cases and just as important the number of negative cases. We are also interested in the number of pending cases.

We want everyone to understand these numbers are fluid, which means there are test being done every day, reports every day, and the numbers change daily. This isn't a scorecard but a look into the window to see how Matagorda County is doing, as we protect the health and safety of our citizens and the thousands of visitors we have every day working in essential areas of our County.

Entity	Positive Cases	Negative Cases	Pending Cases
Private Physicians	2	130	19
MEHOP	0	1	13
MRMC	4	12	51
PCMC	0	0	1

Again these numbers are provided to the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center from the different medical stations.

As one can clearly see Matagorda County has six positive results for COVID-19.

We are aware of the different directives that are being announced by the surrounding Counties.

The Matagorda County Emergency Management team continues to work closely with the State of Texas Emergency Operations Center, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Matagorda County Hospital District, the Palacios Medical Center, MEHOP and our local physicians.

It is important to note that Texas Governor Greg Abbott has given the local officials the ability to decide what is best for each area of the State.

At this time we are monitoring the results of Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald's orders and those from Bay City Mayor Robert Nelson and Palacios Mayor Glen Smith.

It appears that once again Matagorda County is following the guidelines from our local officials.

Please continue to shop local when possible. Our restaurants are doing a tremendous job using the drive thru and delivery, as well as the pick-up options. Grocery stores are using security to keep enforcing common sense. We continue to keep those businesses that are forced to close in our prayers and are already working on a recovery plan.

Right this minute the Matagorda County EDC, the Bay City CDC, the Palacios CDC and the Bay City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture are working with State and National officials to have our region ready to respond when this pandemic is over.

Matagorda County we are Strong, and will come through this, continue to follow the guidelines set forth by our officials and we will be able to follow the current guidelines.

I repeat **thank you** Matagorda County for following the guidelines and allowing us to continue without the tighter controls that other Governments have been forced to implement.

Please 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.

Remember, "If you start to experience COVID 19 symptoms, please call your primary care physician for further instructions" said Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald.

All patients meeting State requirements for testing are directed to self-quarantine at home immediately regardless of when the test result is expected.

Should you need any additional information, please feel free to call 211 and you will be able to ask questions.

If you have questions, please email covid19@co.matagorda.tx.us

As always, we will provide you the latest information as soon as we receive messages from the State or our local officials.

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<http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/page/matagorda.Emergency>