Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For immediate Release:

From the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center:

At 11:00am today, the COVID-19 Public Information Page on the hospital website reflects the addition of 1 new positive case, the new total is 64. The new case is a female, between the ages of 20 and 30, recovering at home in Matagorda County.

**The results from last Friday’s drive-up testing initiative are 67 tested, 67 negative, 0 positive.**

The Palacios Community Medical Center reports 14 negative cases with no pending cases.

Our county total is 64 positive cases, of which 28 are recovered and 3 have passed away. Matagorda County’s number of active cases is now 33.

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>

The Communities where we have positive COVID-19 cases remains the same:

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

**Just as a reminder,** Gov. Greg Abbott’s statewide stay-at-home order on coronavirus has expired. Texas shopping centers, stores, movie theaters, and restaurants may open with 25% occupancy.

Barber shops, hair salons, gyms, massage establishments, tattoo parlors, video arcades and bowling alleys must wait until mid-May at the earliest to reopen.

Outdoor sports such as golf and tennis may resume with no more than four participants in a match, and they must observe social distancing guidelines.

Businesses will be free to choose not to open. Museums and public libraries may reopen, again with the 25% capacity limitation, again they are not required to open.

Many of our local establishments are choosing to open later in the week or in some cases next week.

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.

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

The Governor’s Strike Force to Open Texas brings together nationally recognized medical experts with public- and private-sector business leaders to achieve this mission.

The Chief Medical Advisors on the Strike Force are health experts who are developing a medical architecture to comprehensively test and trace COVID-19 to enable Texans to gradually and safely begin the process of returning to work and other activities.

The Chief Medical Advisors are working alongside a Special Advisory Council of 39 business leaders representing the state's regions and industries who are sharing innovative ideas to help businesses strategically open while containing the spread of COVID-19. The Council is collaborating with Working Groups to recommend strategies, statewide standards, and appropriate timeframes to open all sectors of the Lone Star State.

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.