

# Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For Immediate Release:

**The Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center will have a Facebook live event today, Monday May 18, 2020 at 5PM. It will be on our MCEOC Facebook page.**

Texas Governor Greg Abbott is set to hold a press conference today at 2 p.m. We think he will provide updates on the state's response to the virus.

It's been more than two weeks since Abbott allowed Texas retail stores, restaurants, movie theaters, shopping centers, museums and libraries to open at 25% capacity. Since then, the governor has also allowed hair salons and pools to reopen, and gyms were allowed to resume operations today. We expect the governor will increase the number of customers in the re-opened establishments.

Today's report, the MCHD officials are reporting no new positive case of COVID-19.

There was no report from the Palacios Community Medical Center.

We will start posting the press releases on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, unless something happens.

The daily numbers are being posted on the Matagorda Regional Medical center dashboard.

<https://www.matagordaregional.org/covid19>

Our county total is 66 positive cases, of which 37 are recovered and 5 have passed away. Matagorda County's number of active cases is now 24.

These numbers are provided to the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center by the experts at the Texas Department of State Health Services. The Texas Department of State Health Services is the official source for these numbers. They serve as the Health Department for Matagorda County

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all parts of our community that are choosing to operate in Texas.

**Please check out this site.**

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx#protocols>

The list is long and detailed. It gives guidelines for everything from retail, restaurants, movie theaters, and wedding venues including attending a wedding.