Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For immediate Release:

From the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center:

Today the MCHD officials are reporting no new cases of COVID-19. They also report 23 pending cases.

**The results from last Friday’s (April 24th) drive-up testing initiative are 67 tested, 67 negative, 0 positive.**

No change from Palacios Community Medical Center they still report 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.

**Texas Health Trace: New Online App for Contact Tracing**

DSHS developed a simple online app called Texas Health Trace so you can check your symptoms, report exposure to COVID-19, and view test collection sites around the state.

You can also ask a question and find other types of support like:

•How to get tested and where

•What to do if you test positive

•How to get food during self-isolation

Your personal information is confidential and will be used solely for public health. Confidential information obtained by DSHS is never made public.

The goal of contact tracing is to slow and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the community. By participating and doing your part, you can help keep your loved ones and people you know from getting sick.

Texans can find more information about how to help stop the spread on Texas Health Trace, which will soon also be available in Spanish. You will need a valid email to register and use the app.

**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.