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## COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, Zapata County

Good evening Zapata County:

It should be noted that the statistics below do NOT reflect an increase in the number of positive cases for the county of Zapata. They are a correction of two inaccurate adjustments made in the county's previous reports.

On Monday, the number of positive cases was reduced to five (5) following the news that one of the individuals was released from isolation. However, as per the Texas Department of State Health Services, the total number of positive cases does not decrease as the total numbers of individuals released from isolation increase.

Secondly, I was made aware today of a positive case that was included in Webb County's statistics despite the fact that the individual is a resident of Zapata County. Hence, the numerical increase. It is worth noting that this individual has been released from isolation making it the second release from isolation. This is good news for our community.

Joseph Rathmell  
Zapata County Judge

