ATTENTION

PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE CDC GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT COMMUNITY SPREAD OF COVID-19

Today, June 26, 2020, the City of Port Arthur Health Department received confirmation of thirteen (13) additional Port Arthur residents who tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). These individuals include nine (9) females, between the age ranges of 15-20, two between 20-25, two between 25-30, two between 65-70, and two between 80-85.

The other individuals include four (4) males, one between the age range of 0-5, one between 20-25, and two between 40-45. For confidentiality purposes, the PAHD is not releasing any additional information to identify these individuals. This brings the total to one hundred sixty-one (161) Port Arthur residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 since testing started in the City of Port Arthur.

As more businesses are opening, the Health Department is encouraging all citizens to remain vigilant about maintaining social distance. If you are in a place where social distancing cannot be maintained, a face covering should be used. This is still very serious situation, and we are not yet in the position of relaxing our efforts of using those non-pharmaceutical interventions.
These are steps you can take to keep you and your loved ones protected:

- **Wear a face mask that covers nose and mouth when entering an area where it is difficult to follow social distancing guidelines.**
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash. If tissues are not available, cough and sneeze into your elbow. Do not cough and sneeze into your hands.
- Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Get a flu shot. The flu vaccine does not offer protection against COVID-19, but it is also flu season.

Call the City of Port Arthur Health Department at (409) 983-8880 or your healthcare provider if you are experiencing fever, cough or shortness of breath for further guidance, and for location of testing sites.