

NOTICE FROM THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION

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

Today, June 29, 2020, The City of Port Arthur and Jefferson County Health Departments received confirmation of seven (7) additional positive COVID-19 cases in residents of Groves. The individuals include five (5) females between the age ranges of 20-25; 25-30; 40-45; 45-50 and 75-80.

The other individuals are males between the age ranges of 55-60 and 60-65. For confidentiality purposes the health departments are not releasing any additional information to identify this individual. This brings the total thirty-five (35) individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 for the City of Groves since testing began.

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.