

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 ten (10) additional residents in the Jefferson County 77627 zip code area who tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The individuals include four females in the age ranges of 15-20; 40-45; 45-50; and 55-60.

The other individuals are six (6) males between the age ranges of 15-20; three in the age range of 25-30; one between 50-55; and one between 70-75. For confidentiality purposes, the health departments are not releasing any additional information to identify these individuals. This brings the total to fifty-four (54) individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in this zip code 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.