ATTENTION

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

Today, June 30, 2020, the City of Port Arthur Health Department received confirmation of twenty-one (21) additional Port Arthur residents who tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). These individuals include two females between 10-15, one between 15-20, one between 20-25, three between 30-35, one each between 45-50; 50-55; 60-65; and 65-70.

The other individuals include two males between 5-10; one between 10-15; two between 20-25; two between 30-35; one each between 35-40; 40-45; and 65-70. For confidentiality purposes, the PAHD is not releasing any additional information to identify these individuals. This brings the total to one hundred ninety-one (191) Port Arthur residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 since testing started in the City of Port Arthur. **A correction is being made for the Friday, June 26th report; the total should have reflected 160 instead of 161.**

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.