

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 30, 2020, the City of Port Arthur and Jefferson County Health Departments received confirmation of eight (8) additional residents in the Jefferson County-77627 zip code area who tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The individuals include four (4) females in the age ranges of 20-25; 40-45; 45-50; and 60-65.

The other individuals include one male between 30-35, two males between 45-50, and one between 50-55. For confidentiality purposes, the health departments are not releasing any additional information to identify this individual. This brings the total to sixty-two (62) 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 a 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.