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Wharton County Office of Emergency Management received reports from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Houston office, that we have **one hundred twenty-eight (128)** new positive cases of COVID-19, **one hundred eighty-five (185)** recoveries. We are still working on getting more information on deaths due to COVID in our County. Our regional hospitalization rate is currently **12.01%.** We have surpassed seven consecutive days and restaurants may open to 75% of occupancy; bars can reopen; and elective surgeries may begin again. We are keeping an eye on this rate.

IMPORTANT: The next testing is schedule for this THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 at the Wharton Civic Center, 8am-4pm. The link is https://secure.dentrustocs.com/docs/tdemscreening or you can text DOCSTX to 41411. The test is free.

DSHS is reporting ages in composite groups only now. For those that follow the statistics:

City/	No					Ages	
Town	Cases	Active	Deaths	G	ender	Range	#Cases
ВО	189	16	4	Male	1,631	0-19	588
DVG	17	0		Female	2,028		
EB	376	9	4	Unk	<u>97</u>	20-59	2,243
EC	1,712	45	41		3,756		
EL	4	0				60+	882
EGY	19	1					
GF	12	1				Unk	43
HF	65	4					3,756
LC	24	2					
LOU	109	2	1				
LS	9	1					
PRC	7	0					
WH	<u>1,213</u>	32	28				
	3,756	113	78				

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