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Wharton County has been notified of two additional positive COVID-19 cases in Wharton County. This brings the total number of positive cases in Wharton County to FIVE.

The first case today is a female healthcare worker in her 50's living in the rural area around Wharton. She is an employee of Matagorda Regional Medical Center and was exposed at work. She has been on strict home quarantine for over 10 days before symptoms arose and subsequent testing confirmed COVID-19.

The second case is a male under age 10 living in the same household in El Campo as last Tuesday's confirmed case (case # 3) where the individual came in contact with a confirmed case who traveled outside of Texas (but within the United States). Today's confirmed case indicates that three of Wharton County's five current cases are likely related to one individual that traveled out of state. All of these individuals have been quarantined and all contacts with these three have been identified, contacted by state health authorities, and remain on self-quarantine.

Here is the current countywide testing results:

ECMH – 38 tests – 4 positive, 8 pending

OBMC-WHARTON – 2 tests - 2 negative

MEHOP – 3 tests - 2 negative - 1 pending

We ask that all residents continue to work hard to slow the spread of COVID-19. Stay at home as much as possible. If you must go out try to stay at least six feet from others, and not touch common surfaces such as shopping cart handles, door handles and bathroom fixtures. WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY, and use antibacterial hand sanitizer when available.

Your local governments are working hard to keep you informed about the current situation in Wharton County. THANK YOU for doing your part to stop the spread in Wharton County.