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The number of COVID-19 cases in Wharton County continues to rise at a disturbing rate. Monday, August 2nd, Wharton County had 80 new cases according to the DSHS website. That brings our active total cases in Wharton County to 168. We had 6 active cases on July 8th. The hospitalization rate for our area (Area Q) Tuesday is 12.4%, up from 2.9% a month ago. That's an increase of over 327% in one month. What we should keep in mind is these numbers are in most cases 5-7 days old, so the actual totals are most likely much higher. Vaccination is the safest and most effective intervention for this disease. We are also aware that being vaccinated doesn't stop you from spreading the disease. The best ways to stop the spread of the disease continue to be cleaning your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer, social distancing, and wearing masks when in close proximity with others. There is plenty of vaccine available in Wharton County, and the Offices of Emergency Management of the cities and the county will be offering drive through vaccines soon in our area. Please consider getting yourself and your children 12 years old and older vaccinated with the appropriate vaccine.

Vaccine opportunities this week:

Boys & Girls Club of Wharton, 2120 Newton St.

Wednesday and Thursday, Aug 4 & 5 from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Register at <https://getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov> or by calling 1-833-832-7067

If you have questions, please call your local emergency management office following numbers:

City of East Bernard 979-335-6558

City of El Campo 979-543-5311

City of Wharton 979-532-4811 x570

Wharton County 979-532-1123

We will try to update this information periodically.