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The Wharton County Office of Emergency Management has been notified that cases are up significantly in our County, as well as the state. Here are some of the comparisons:

On December 15, the County had an estimated 52 active cases; today that number is 166.

On December 15, the hospitalization rate for our Trauma Service Area (“Q”) was 3.27%; today that rate is 11.74%.

On December 15, approximately 75,000 Texas were suffering with COVID-19; today that number is over 180,000.

Since December 15, some 800 Texans have died from the disease; three (3) from Wharton County.

The medical professionals are all telling us that the Omicron variant is ***highly contagious*** and the comparisons above support that fact. On this New Year’s Eve day, PLEASE use every precaution to avoid getting infected with the disease. Avoid crowds. Mask up, if indoors. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. And plan to get vaccinated, if you haven’t already and are eligible to do so. And on that note, there are two opportunities to get vaccinated coming up in January – Jan 7 at the Wharton Civic Center and on Jan 18 at the Fire Training Field in El Campo, from 10 AM – 4 PM and both Pfizer & Moderna vaccines will be available.

Let’s protect each other, as much as possible. Testing is hard to get and antiviral medications and antibody drug infusions are extremely limited if you get infected. The medical community is getting weary. Let’s make being kind to one another our collective resolution for 2022.

Be safe.

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