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***Wharton County, TX, Saturday, July 18, 2020 1100 hours***

Wharton County Office of Emergency Management has received a report today from the Texas Department of State Health Services that we have **seven (7)** new positive cases of COVID-19 and **ten (10)** new recoveries to report.

The total who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now **three hundred ninety-two (392)** in Wharton County and we have had **two hundred seven (207)** reported cases who have recovered and sadly, one death. Wharton County has **one hundred eighty-seven (184)** active COVID-19 cases. **IMPORTANT: Tentative new testing dates HAVE CHANGED TO THE LAST WEEK IN JULY. More details to follow. IN LIEU OF WAITING, THERE ARE AT-HOME TESTS AVAILABLE BY MAIL, SUCH AS PIXEL.LABCORP.COM/COVID-19.**

The recent upward trend in positive cases means we **must** remain diligent in our efforts to slow the spread of this disease. Now is not the time to let up on our social-distancing practices! **Take personal responsibility and do your part:** continue to avoid crowds, wear masks pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order and use good common sense when out in the community.

**WE MUST TAKE THE PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS NOW TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19!**

Statistics will be updated on Monday's press release.

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