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Wharton County Office of Emergency Management has received a report today from the Texas Department of State Health Services that we have **four (4)** new positive cases of COVID-19 and **zero (0)** new recoveries to report. The only information we received on these cases is that two of the cases are in the El Campo area, one is in East Bernard and one is in the Boling area.

The total who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now at **ninety-eight (98)** in Wharton County with **forty-four (44)** reported cases who have recovered and sadly, one death. Wharton County has **fifty-three (53)** active COVID-19 cases.

This week Wharton County is having testing at 3 different locations.

Today June 17<sup>th</sup> - American Legion Post 226 East Bernard Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> - Wharton Civic Center Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> - El Campo Civic Center

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration required. Citizens may call for a testing time **24 hours** prior to each testing location. Registration call-center (512) 883-2400 or visit www.TXCOVIDTEST.org

The recent upward trend in positive cases means we must remain diligent in our social-distancing and hygiene efforts. Now is not the time to let up on our social-distancing practices! Continue to avoid crowds, wear masks when it is required, or you feel it is in your best interest to do so and use good common sense when out in the community to avoid spreading disease.