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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wharton County, TX, April 2, 2020 – 1600 Hours – Wharton County Office of Emergency Management has received one new report of a positive test for Wharton County today, bringing our county-wide total to nine. No other information has been released to us as of 4PM. Testing continues, and our efforts to stop the virus must not slow down. Positive tests continue to mount in nearby counties, and we must continue to work hard to slow the spread in our area. Continue social distancing, hand washing and disinfecting, covering coughs and sneezes and whenever possible **STAY HOME!** Wharton County OEM will provide updates at <http://www.co.wharton.tx.us/> and on Facebook.

| <u>Facility of testing</u> | <u>Tests</u> | <u>Positive</u> | <u>Negative</u> | <u>Pending</u> | <u>Deaths</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| El Campo MH | 73 | 4 | 65 | 4 | 0 |
| Oak Bend MC- Wharton | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| MEHOP | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Out of county testing | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 84 | 9 | 71 | 4 | 0 |

Please follow Governor Abbott’s Executive Order GA-14 which restricts travel to only essential businesses and requires residents to Stay at Home.

Medical recommendations are as follows:

1. With mild cold symptoms, **STAY AT HOME** and utilize supportive and symptomatic care.
2. Call your Healthcare Provider or local Health Department with questions or concerns about symptoms.
3. Utilize symptom checker on CDC website/Health Department website, if needed.
4. Call your Local Healthcare Provider and schedule an evaluation if symptoms worsen, or if advised to do so. **Covid-19 testing is available at medical centers in the County if you meet criteria.**
5. Call ahead to ER if symptoms are severe or call 911 if an emergency.

Guidance Links:

CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
DSHS website: [https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/CDC's Symptoms Checker:](https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/CDC's%20Symptoms%20Checker)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

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