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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**New Cases of COVID-19 Reported in Wharton County**

March 30, 2020 – 1600 Hours – 4PM

<i>Facility of testing</i>	<i>Tests</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Recovered</i>
El Campo MH	53	4	44	5	0
Oak Bend MC- Wharton	5	1	3	1	0
MEHOP	3	0	3	0	0
Out of county testing	2	2	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**Wharton County, TX** – Wharton County Office of Emergency Management is reporting two new cases of COVID-19 in Wharton County. This represents the sixth and seventh positive cases in Wharton County; these are two females 30-50 years of age one resides in the City of Wharton and the other in the City of El Campo. It appears these cases are not travel related. Due to patient privacy no other information will be released at this time. After today, new positive cases will be updated daily at 4:00pm on the Wharton County website [www.co.wharton.tx.us](http://www.co.wharton.tx.us) without further press releases. This will also be updated on [WCOEM Facebook page](#).

WCOEM states that along with DSHS and other healthcare partners, they will continue to monitor COVID-19 in the County to prepare for more cases. They advise following Governor Abbott’s Executive Orders prohibiting social gatherings larger than 10 people and recommend the following:

1. With mild cold symptoms, stay at home and utilize supportive and symptomatic care.
2. Call your Healthcare Provider with questions or concerns about symptoms.
3. Utilize symptom checker on CDC website 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 only if you meet symptom 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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