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For the period of August 9 – August 15, Wharton County Office of Emergency Management received a report from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Houston office, that we have **one hundred forty-five (145)** new positive cases of COVID-19. Our regional hospitalization rate (Trauma Service Area “Q”) is currently at **21.5%**. According to the news, Texas is leading the nation in the daily number of new cases. We cannot stress enough the importance of using all available tools to curb the infection rate: Wear the mask when unable to socially distance or asked, maintain a safe distance, wash your hands, and for those still unvaccinated and do not have medical reasons why they cannot – get the vaccine.

Vaccines are readily available in our County. We suggest you check with your local pharmacy. Also, DSHS will come out and do a clinic for a church or other organization if there are at least five (5) folks requesting the vaccine. Call our office for details. DSHS will also offer two(2) free clinics on Tuesday, Aug 30 at the El Campo VFD Training Field and on Aug 31 at Oakbend Hospital, Wharton, 11 am – 6 pm. Stay tuned for more details.

The breakdown of the weekly statistics is as follows:

City/ Town	# New Cases	Gender	Ages Range	#Cases
BO	9	Male	0-19	36
DVG	2	Female	20-59	90
EB	19	Unk	60+	19
EC	51		Unk	<u>0</u>
GF	1			145
HF	2			
LC	1			
LOU	5			
WH	<u>55</u>			
	145			

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