

DARYL L. FOWLER County Judge

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DeWitt County reports additional COVID-19 infections and recoveries

County officials are reporting changes since the January 6, 2021 update. There are **thirty-eight** (38) new cases to report. **Thirty** (30) previously diagnosed cases have recovered. The number of deaths reported to the state remains at **fifty-eight** (58).

Nineteen (19) of the individuals live in the Cuero zip code. **Twelve** (12) live in the Yorktown zip code. **Three** (3) live in the Yoakum zip code. **One** (1) lives in the Nordheim zip code. **Two** (2) live in the Westhoff zip code. As of today, there are **one hundred-eight** (108) active cases. **Two** (2) of these patients are hospitalized. **One hundred-six** (106) are recovering at home. [See Table 1 and Chart 1on Page 2.]

After accounting for classification errors, a total of **1,407** cases have been diagnosed in DeWitt County since Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of emergency on March 13, 2020. The active case count in the county may be higher due to the fact that not every infected person experiences symptoms or seeks treatment for COVID19.

Approximately **67 percent** of the **156,304** confirmed cases and approximately **63 percent** of the **2,513** deaths attributable to COVID-19 in DSHS Region 8 have occurred in Bexar County. There are approximately 3.1 million people in the 28 counties that make up Region 8. DSHS data is current through **January 7, 2021**.

In an effort to slow the spread of this infectious disease, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has issued Executive Orders during this period of emergency. A rising hospitalization rate in Trauma Service Area S has resulted in the closing of bars, and restaurant serving capacity has been reduced from 75 to 50 percent pursuant to guidelines published in GA-32. The list of trauma service areas can be obtained at www.dshs.texas.gov/ga3031.

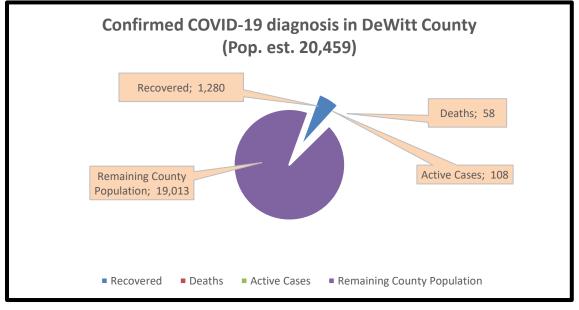
DeWitt County does not meet the governor's criteria for a waiver of the requirement to wear a face mask in public when social distancing cannot be achieved. Before a county becomes eligible, the rolling 14-day case count must be under 30 new cases during the previous 14 days according to GA-29.

The public can find up-to-date coronavirus information at the Texas Department for State Health Services <u>dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus</u> and the Centers for Disease Control at <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus</u> and DeWitt County at <u>www.co.dewitt.tx.us</u> and on the Facebook Page of DeWitt County Office of Emergency Management. The governor's office is also providing information and links to the Executive Orders through the website <u>www.governor.texas.gov</u>

Table 1. COVID-19	Case Count and I	Patient Status
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DIAGNOSED CASES					
(Estimated Population 20,459)					
New Cases		+ 38			
Cumulative Tota	1	1,446			
Adjusted Net Total			1,407		
RECOVERED					
New				+ 30	
Total Recoveries				1,280	
DEATHS REPORTED					
New					
Total			58		
ACTIVE CASES					
At Home	Hospitalized		d	Total	
106	2			108	
GOV. GREG ABBOTT				STATUS	
ORDER GA-29 (FACE MASK WAIVER)		ineligible			
ORDER GA-32 (RESTAURANT CAPACITY)		50 percent			
ORDER GA-32 (BARS AND SALOONS)		Closed by TABC			

Chart 1. COVID-19 Experience



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