

DARYL L. FOWLER County Judge

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DeWitt County weekly report of COVID-19 infections and recoveries

County officials are reporting changes since the February 26, 2021 update. **Seventeen (17) new cases** were diagnosed in the last two weeks. **Twenty-two (22)** previously diagnosed cases have recovered in the same time period. The number of deaths reported to the state remains at **sixty-two (62)**.

Five (5) of the individuals live in the Cuero zip code. Seven (7) live in the Yorktown zip code. Four (4) others are in the Yoakum zip code. There are sixteen (16) active cases. One (1) patient is hospitalized. Fifteen (15) are recovering at home.

After accounting for classification errors, a total of **1,696** 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 COVID-19.

Effective at midnight March 10, Governor Greg Abbott lifted his Executive Orders pertaining to the public wearing of masks and the restrictions imposed on the owners of bars and restaurants. Individual businesses may still seek compliance and the emergency operating rules of state and local courts continue to demand that safety protocols be observed when court appearances are unavoidable.

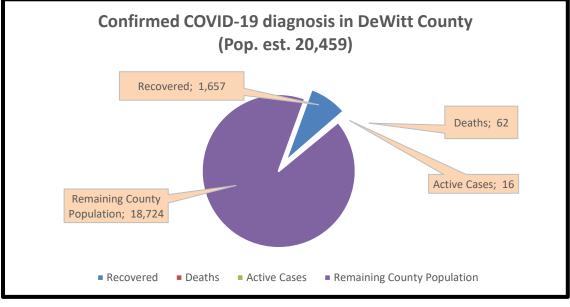
The public can find up-to-date coronavirus information at the Texas Department for State Health Services <u>dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus</u> and the Centers for Disease Control at <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus</u> and DeWitt County at <u>www.co.dewitt.tx.us</u> and on the Facebook Page of DeWitt County 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>

Statistics for DSHS Region 8 are available on the agency's website.

Table 1. COVID-19 Case Count and Patient Status

DIAGNOSED CASES				
(Estimated Population 20,459)				
New Cases		+ 17		
Cumulative Total		1,735		
Adjusted Net Total		1,696		
RECOVERED				
New		+ 22		
Total Recoveries		1,657		
DEATHS REPORTED				
New				
Total		62		
ACTIVE CASES				
At Home	Hospitalized		Total	
15	1		16	
GOV. GREG ABBOTT'S ORDERS		<u>STATUS</u>		
ORDER GA-29 (FACE MASK WAIVER)		Rescinded by GA-34		
ORDER GA-32 (RESTAURANT CAPACITY)			Rescinded by GA-34	
ORDER GA-32 (BARS AND SALOONS)		Rescinded by GA-34		

Chart 1. COVID-19 Experience



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