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DeWitt County reports additional COVID-19 infections and recoveries

County officials are reporting changes since the January 15, 2021 update. There are **eighty-six (86)** new cases to report. **Fifty-two (52)** previously diagnosed cases have recovered. **One (1)** death has occurred in the last week. The number of deaths reported to the state increased to **fifty-nine (59)**.

Fifty (50) of the individuals live in the Cuero zip code. **Twenty-two (22)** live in the Yorktown zip code. There are **one hundred twenty-seven (127)** active cases. **Three (3)** of these patients are hospitalized. **One hundred twenty-four (124)** are recovering at home. [See Table 1 and Chart 1 on Page 2.]

After accounting for classification errors, a total of **1,535** 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.

Approximately **68 percent** of the **185,111** confirmed cases and approximately **61 percent** of the **3,000** 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, including DeWitt, that make up Region 8. DSHS data is current through **January 21, 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.

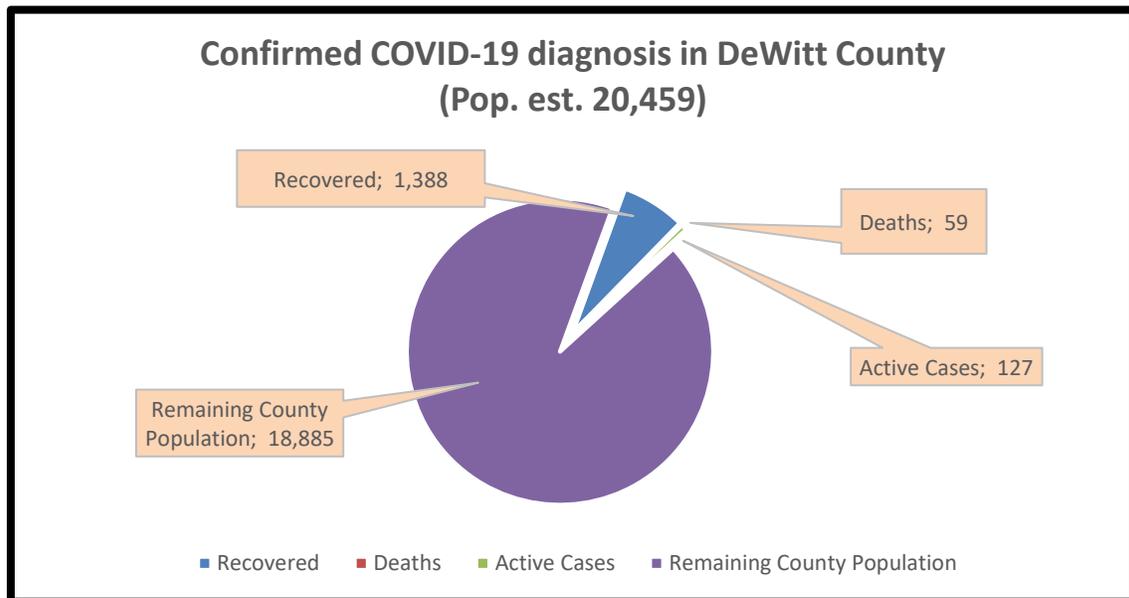
DeWitt County does not meet the governor's criteria for a waiver of the requirement to wear a face mask in public when social distancing cannot be achieved. Before a county becomes eligible, the rolling 14-day case count must be under 30 new cases during the previous 14 days according to GA-29.

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

Table 1. COVID-19 Case Count and Patient Status

<u>DIAGNOSED CASES</u>		
(Estimated Population 20,459)		
New Cases		+ 86
Cumulative Total		1,574
Adjusted Net Total		1,535
<u>RECOVERED</u>		
New		+ 52
Total Recoveries		1,388
<u>DEATHS REPORTED</u>		
New		+ 1
Total		59
<u>ACTIVE CASES</u>		
At Home	Hospitalized	Total
124	3	127
<u>GOV. GREG ABBOTT'S ORDERS</u>		<u>STATUS</u>
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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