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DeWitt County audits previous reports and reports two additional deaths

County health officials conducted an audit of the accumulated COVID-19 statistics and have determined a need to amend previous totals. **Twenty-nine (29)** cases are being removed because they are duplicate entries. **Eight (8)** cases are being removed because DeWitt County was not the county of residence for the infected person. The following table is a correct and up-to-date accounting of the total number of COVID-19 cases and the distribution of cases throughout the county.

TABLE 1.
 Cases as of September 25, 2020 update

	At Home	Hospitalized	Total Active	Recovered	Death	Total Cases Reported	Less Duplicate	Less Wrong County	Actual Total Cases	Percentage of Actual Total Cases
City of Cuero	14	4	18	378	33	429	15		414	45.59%
Rural Cuero	7		7	61	3	71	2		69	7.60%
City of Yoakum	8		8	162	3	173	6		167	18.39%
Rural Yoakum	6		6	57	1	64	3	8	53	5.84%
City of Yorktown	10	1	11	110	3	124	3		121	13.33%
Rural Yorktown	1	1	2	46	3	51			51	5.62%
Meyersville Area			0	4	1	5			5	0.55%
Nordheim Area	1		1	12		13			13	1.43%
Thomaston Area	1		1	4		5			5	0.55%
Westhoff Area			0	7	1	8			8	0.88%
Unknown Address			0	2		2			2	0.22%
Total Cases	48	6	54	843	48	945	29	8	908	100%

*Internally generated spreadsheet_20200925

Table 1 includes **nine (9)** new cases being reported today. **Two (2)** additional people are counted as recovered, and there are **two (2)** additional deaths reported. Of the **fifty-four (54)** current infections, **forty-nine (49)** are recovering at home and **six (6)** are in a medical facility. A database maintained by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) indicates that 21 of the 48 deaths in DeWitt County were elderly individuals living in long-term care facilities. Many of them may have had compromised immune systems or co-morbidities.

Although the active case count in DeWitt County has escalated recently, the statistical proportion of total active cases is less than one-half of one percent (**.0026**) of the total county population. Expressed another way, there is one active case per **385** county residents.

Throughout DSHS Region 8 which covers **28 counties** east and west of San Antonio and includes an estimated population of **3.1 million people**, a total of **71,338** cases have been confirmed since tracking began. The latest report issued by the agency indicates that the region has **4,268** active cases. The agency also reports **1,758** deaths of COVID-19 infected patients in the region, but does not distinguish whether the individuals had comorbidities. Based on the current information, approximately **2.4 percent** of those infected have died after contracting the virus. Information about the number of recovered patients is unavailable in this report. Regional information is current through **September 24, 2020**.

Approximately **61 percent** of the confirmed cases and approximately **61 percent** of the deaths attributable to COVID-19 have occurred in Bexar County where the county judge has issued an executive order requiring retail business employees and customers to wear face masks when social distancing is not possible.

In an effort to slow the spread of this infectious disease, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has issued Executive Orders during this period of emergency. His latest executive order continues to expand occupancy limits in certain businesses in Texas, as well as, open medical facilities for elective surgery and allow visitation at nursing homes in regions where hospitalization of COVID-19 patients is below a recommended ceiling. The Trauma Service Area (TSA) which includes Victoria and DeWitt Counties is above the ceiling and ineligible for further economic expansion at this present time. The list of trauma service areas can be obtained at www.dshs.texas.gov/ga3031.

The county judge and emergency management personnel are communicating daily with state officials and regional leaders about the spread of the COVID-19 virus and referring callers to the official websites of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services. These websites are great resources for the general public according to Judge Fowler.

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> as well as at the CMS website [CMS COVID-19 Nursing Home Data](#) 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

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