

Office of the County Judge  
and  
Coryell County Emergency Management

For Immediate Release

April 15, 2020 – Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas -

UPDATE: As of 10:30am today – Total Confirmed cases – 60; Active – 22; Recovered – 4; Deceased – 1; TDCJ Inmates – 33. These numbers are reported by DSHS Region 7 to Coryell County. The numbers for TDCJ Inmates do not match the numbers report on the TDCJ Website.

Coryell County has been notified of its first death related to COVID-19. Yesterday afternoon, County Officials were notified by Region 7, Tx Department of State Health Services (DSHS), that a 70s y/o male had passed away on April 9, 2020. That individual was the second reported case in Coryell County, and had been hospitalized in Advent Hospital in Killeen since April 2, 2020.

Coryell County is currently reporting a total of 43 confirmed cases of COVID-19. This number includes 21 Active Cases, 4 Recovered Cases, 1 Deceased, and 17 Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Inmates. The number of inmates does not match the number of positive inmate cases as reported by TDCJ on their website. The County continues to work with DSHS and TDCJ to accurately capture and report inmate cases within the local prison system.

As reported by TDCJ, the Lane Murray Unit in Gatesville remains on inmate lockdown. The Murray unit currently has 22 positive cases of COVID-19 within the inmate population. The prison system is County Judge Roger Miller's top concern at this point. With approximately 2500 employees at the local prison system, those employees residing in numerous counties, and the increasing number of inmate infections, the TDCJ prison system in Gatesville presents the greatest threat for infection and cross contamination for residents throughout the County.

Citizens are urged to continued to follow the guidelines and rules established by the National Center for Disease Control (CDC), State, and Local Governments.

More information about Coryell County services, including Emergency Management and County Disaster Declarations, may be found at <https://www.coryellcounty.org>.