Office of the County Judge
and
Coryell County Emergency Management

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April 22, 2020 – Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas -

Coryell County celebrates a milestone as it has gone five consecutive days without a new positive case of the coronavirus within the local population. April 17, 2020 was the last date a positive case was reported involving a resident of Coryell County. In the time period of April 18-22, the positive case count has risen by 11 within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) inmate population at the Gatesville, Texas prison complex, part of TDCJ Region VI.

Coryell County's current number count is 86 positive cases of COVID-19. That number includes 49 TDCJ inmates, 30 active cases, six recovered cases, and one fatality. These numbers are the State reported numbers as received by Coryell County from Region 7, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

According to the TDCJ website, 35 employees from the six prison units in Gatesville have tested positive. The Lane Murray unit has the largest portion of those cases with 24. Additionally, the Lane Murray Unit ranks third overall in the State Prison System behind the Telford and Wynne Units each reporting 31 employees as positive.

"From the very beginning, there have been discrepancies in numbers being reported by DSHS and TDCJ. Those are both State Agencies over which the County has no control," stated County Judge Roger Miller. "We would certainly like for the numbers to align perfectly, but in lieu of that, we will do everything we can locally to depict an accurate and transparent picture of the cases being reported to the County."

Citizens are urged to continue 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.