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Hillsboro, TX – The local number of COVID-19 cases has increased by one overnight for Hill County. The eleventh confirmed case is a male in his 40s from Hillsboro. The Local Health Authority and Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reports agree on that number. Statewide numbers report 20,196 cases in Texas with 1,419 patients hospitalized, 517 fatalities and an estimated 6,486 individuals recovered.

“Our number of cases held steady for several days, but this new case confirms what we have said all along; the danger is still present,” said Hill County Judge Justin Lewis. “We will continue to look forward to our opportunities to reopen our businesses, but we must be cautious and continue to follow all social distancing guidelines and executive orders to limit our interaction and activities,” continued Lewis.

Guidelines to protect yourself and employees serving you on the front lines include wearing face coverings whenever in public and staying a minimum of six feet apart. When someone from the household must be out for essential functions, only one person should go out whenever possible. Taking the entire family out for shopping or other activities increases your exposure and creates a more challenging situation for employees serving you as well.

“Voluntary compliance to the highest level of the suggested guidelines is our best hope at moving through this situation and being able to begin the process of reactivating our day-to-day activities,” said Lewis. “Working together is the only way for us to get through this.”

As limited activities are restarting, it is important to note the Governor’s stay-home except for essential activities order is still in place. Residents should continue to take all precautions available to protect their households. More guidelines on how the reopening will happen are expected to come from Governor Abbott’s office on April 27th.

For the best information available on the spread of the Coronavirus across Texas, DSHS has a dashboard website available at <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>. People interested in monitoring updates from Hill County on the situation will find the most current information on the Hill County Emergency Management Facebook Page. The County will also provide regular updates to *KHBR 1560 AM Radio* and the *Hillsboro Reporter*.

In addition, the County has an emergency notification system. If you would like to receive phone call, text or email updates as warranted, you can register with the Hill County Emergency Notification System. Visit the Office of Emergency Management website at www.hilloem.com, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on emergency alerts. Follow the prompts to set up your account.