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Hillsboro, TX – Hill County received a no change report from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) today. A no change report means none of the statistics surrounding the existing case count have changed. We still have 23 cases, 11 recoveries, 11 active cases, 2 lost-to-follow-up (which are included in the 11 active case count) and 1 deceased. Statewide numbers report 52,286 cases in Texas with 1,680 patients hospitalized, and 1,440 fatalities.

“At this time, the process to respond to the medical needs on COVID-19 patients has been put in place by the State,” said Hill County Judge Justin Lewis. “As long as the spread of the virus maintains the current pace, we have the medical infrastructure in place to treat patients, as necessary. Since the State is managing that process, at the county level, we are now able to focus on helping our businesses reopen and provide resources to individuals who are facing hard times as a result of the virus outbreak,” stated Lewis.

“At this time a number of our stakeholder organizations are working together to promote the Raising Hill Campaign to garner support for our local businesses and remind us of the important role they play in having a healthy economy for all of us,” said Lewis. “Our schools are focusing on wrapping up the school year and plans for modified end-of-year events. Our local and county governments are working to bring food and other needed resources to our residents who are suffering financial setbacks as a result of everything that has occurred,” stated Lewis. “It’s not how we expected to be spending our time in May when the year started, but it is significant, because it means we’re all getting back to focusing on day-to-day life and not letting this special time in our students’ lives pass by without any recognition,” continued Lewis.

“I can’t say enough about the work our school districts, communities, non-profit organizations, businesses and others have put into pivoting operations to keep everything moving forward in the best way possible in these unprecedented times,” said Lewis. “I am always proud to live in Hill County, but I am never more proud than I am in a time of crisis when together, we always find a way to rise to the occasion and protect our corner of the world. Thank you to everyone for all you have done and will continue to do to protect and support one another as we continue to find our way through this.”

Information on the guidelines to follow as business operations and recreational activities reopen can be found at <https://gov.texas.gov/opentexas>.

Information on the spread of the Coronavirus across Texas is available at the DSHS dashboard website, <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>. To monitor updates from Hill County, the most current information will be provided on the Hill County Emergency Management Facebook Page and *KHBR 1560 AM Radio* and the *Hillsboro Reporter*.