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Hillsboro, TX – The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hill County remains at 24, however, one new recovery was reported today. This change reported by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) means of the 24 cases there are 13 recoveries, 7 active cases, 2 lost-to-follow-up, 1 not-active and 1 deceased. Statewide numbers on the DSHS website as of 4:30pm show 57,921 cases in Texas with 1,645 patients hospitalized, and 1,562 fatalities. These number conflict with the DSHS dashboard online but these numbers are directly form DSHS.

“Our numbers continue to trend in the correct direction as a result of the diligence of our residents,” said Hill County Judge Justin Lewis. “Cases across the state continue to grow, so there is still a threat out there and to continue our forward momentum to reopen and keep our case numbers low, we must take precautions and keep following social distancing guidelines and recommendations ,” stated Lewis.

“Thank you to everyone who is doing their part to protect Hill County and allow our businesses to reopen and, hopefully, survive the damage of this pandemic time,” said Lewis. “I believe our future is strong if we all continue to do our part and do what we always do, watch out for ourselves and our neighbors,” finished Lewis.

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*.