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Hillsboro, TX – One more case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Hill County bringing the total number to 47, according to today’s Department of State Health Services (DSHS) report. The new case is a male in his 20s from Carl’s Corner. DSHS reports 23 cases as active, 17 recovered, 1 deceased and 6 cases without an active status do not have a stated outcome in the report. Statewide numbers on the DSHS website as of 4:00pm show 103,305 cases in Texas with 3,148 patients hospitalized, and 2,140 fatalities. 65,329 of the cases are estimated to be recovered while 35,836 of the cases are still listed as active, according to DSHS.

“As testing capabilities have increased, we are able to get results more quickly and have better data to work with,” said Hill County Judge Justin Lewis. “The ever-increasing number of cases can be worrisome, but at least we know what we are up against,” continued Lewis. “I’m less concerned with the number and more concerned with what it represents, and that is the fact that we have community spread occurring. The only way to stem the tide of this type of spread is to increase our vigilance as it relates to our hygiene and social distancing practices.”

“Many Restrictions on our activities in Texas have been lifted, and I know we were all relieved that happened, but we can see a correlation between the increase in cases and the resumed activities” stated Lewis. “The State is reporting 35,836 active cases and 3,148 hospitalized, which represents about a 9% hospitalization rate. So, we know we need to keep the spread moving as slowly as possible to keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed. That’s why we keep tracking the numbers and keep talking about it. As life moves back toward the way it was pre-COVID, we must remember that the danger is still present and take appropriate precautions.”

“Please enjoy your weekend, but please be careful,” finished Lewis.

Please review information on the guidelines to follow as business operations and recreational activities reopen at <https://open.texas.gov/>

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*.