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Hillsboro, TX – There are now 117 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hill County according to the daily report from Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Of the 117 total cases, 88 are deemed active, 17 are listed as recovered and 2 deaths have been attributed to the virus. The remaining 10 cases are listed as lost to follow up.

“The virus is moving through our county and our neighboring communities at a rapid pace,” said Hill County Judge Justin Lewis. “Each day we are asking everyone to wear their masks, wash their hands and stay socially distanced, but in addition to that we are taking action to help people accomplish that goal. Hill County Emergency Management traveled to Austin and collected masks and other pieces of personal protective equipment. We are supplying these to our first responders and healthcare related businesses to help protect essential workers and ensure treatment and services are available.”

“We are doing our best to utilize every resource available to us to help protect our county, but we need your help,” continued Lewis. “We don’t want anyone living in fear, and we don’t want to stop living our lives. What we do want is for everyone to take personal responsibility for their actions and do all you can to help stop the spread and protect the people around you who may be most susceptible to this illness,” continued Lewis.

“From the beginning of this pandemic when we were under a stay-home order, I have seen countless people herald the bravery of our essential workers from health care and public safety officials to truck drivers and grocery store clerks. We celebrated their bravery and ability to keep things moving under exceedingly difficult circumstances. Now, every time we gather in large groups or go somewhere in public and do not wear a mask, we’re disrespecting the actions of the people we have called heroes. We must do our part to protect them from exhaustion and our system from being overwhelmed. The only way we do that is to remember we are all in this together, and we each have a role to play,” concluded Lewis.

For complete information on Governor Abbott’s executive orders, please visit <https://gov.texas.gov> . In addition to checking with local news outlets on the requirements in a specific region, please review information on the guidelines to follow for business operations and recreational activities 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*.