



Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Brownwood/Brown County Health Department receives 12 negative test results, 1 positive result, and announces 1 death.

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On Sunday, April 12 and Monday, April 13, 2020, the Brownwood/Brown County Health Department received a total of 12 negative test results and one positive result, making a total of 11 COVID-19 cases in Brown County.

Case number 11 is a resident of the same nursing home in Brownwood as cases six through ten. The patient is not hospitalized, neither are cases seven through ten.

On Sunday evening, the Health Department was notified that the sixth COVID-19 patient from Brown County passed away at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. The patient had tested positive on April 4.

With the passing of a patient who had tested positive for COVID-19, the Health Department made an inquiry to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) on whether the case should be characterized as a COVID-19 related death. The regional office for DSHS advised that a death should be reported as a COVID-19 related death if the patient had tested positive and had not made a full recovery. Since the patient had not fully recovered by DSHS guidelines, the Health Department is reporting the recent case as the first COVID-19 related death in our community. The City of Brownwood extends our deepest sympathies to the family on the passing of their loved one.

Current totals for COVID-19 testing in Brown County:

157 Tested
132 Negative
14 Pending (have not received results)
11 Positive Cases
5 Recovered
1 Death

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Results are updated daily at www.brownwoodtexas.gov/health

Brown County Health Department has set up two hotline numbers for questions about COVID-19. The numbers are 325.642.2635 or 325.430.5933. Calls are taken from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. A health department employee will answer questions and may perform a health screening over the phone. Should you need higher level of care, they will direct you. The purpose of phone screenings is to reduce the congestion in our medical facilities and allow social distancing. Please be patient if you are not directly connected, we will answer calls in the order they are received. If you are planning on going to a physician, please call before arrival.

The City of Brownwood, Brownwood/Brown County Health Department, Brownwood Regional Medical Center, Texas Department of State and Health Services, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention are closely working together to provide the community with the best health practices.

The City of Brownwood has set up www.brownwoodtexas.gov/health as an online portal with up to date information regarding the confirmed COVID-19 cases, and additional preventative measures. Additional information will be posted to www.brownwoodtexas.gov/health as it becomes available.