

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE

Gatesville, Coryell County Texas

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Coryell County Emergency Management continue to work with Local, State and Federal Health Authorities coordinating resources due to COVID-19 virus.

As of today, there are no known cases of the Coronavirus in Coryell County. 19 persons have been tested for COVID-19 at Coryell Healthcare System (CHS) Hospital. Of the 19 tests, 17 have returned negative and the other two are awaiting results. We ask citizens to continue to monitor their personal health, as well as the health of their family members.

CHS has set up a triage area before patients are admitted to the emergency room to assess if persons are showing signs of COVID-19. This has been done to minimize the risk of introducing the COVID-19 virus into CHS facilities which would negatively impact patients and staff.

Citizens are asked to contact their medical provider prior to going to local hospitals or healthcare facilities. Once the physician advises the citizen to seek medical treatment, they should go to the triage area outside the medical facility where they will be evaluated for symptoms and testing if needed.

School districts in the County are still evaluating how long schools will be closed and should be updated by Friday, 20 March 2020. Please continue to monitor local news and individual school districts websites for updates on school closures.

Continue to practice good hygiene habits by washing hands frequently, using hand sanitizers, covering your mouth and nose when coughing/sneezing, and sanitizing surfaces, doorknobs, and frequently touched objects.

Please refrain from hoarding and panic buying hygiene products, water and other food supplies as to prevent a shortage of products. We will continue to update the community as the situation progresses.