

For Immediate Release

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Press Release: COVID-19 Case Update for Ellis County

New cases: 0

Current active cases: 2 Recovered cases: 6 Total cases: 8

<u>New cases</u>: As reported by KDHE. Will be updated every 24 hours via press release from ECHD. <u>Active cases</u>: As determined by the Public Health office. Patients are currently in isolation with daily contact from the ECHD.

<u>Recovered cases:</u> Following KDHE guidelines patients have completed isolation, have had significant improvement of symptoms and have gone 72 hours fever free with no fever reducing medication.

<u>Total cases:</u> Total number of lab-confirmed Covid-19 patients that reside in Ellis County. Includes both active cases and recovered cases.

Many have noticed the inconsistency between KDHE and ECHD numbers. KDHE has determined that a problem exists between some private labs and the KDHE lab. This does not impact notification to the ECHD. We are notified of all positives and begin the contact tracing immediately. Ellis County Health Department is the most up to date and accurate source of information regarding COVID-19 cases in Ellis County. Follow us on Facebook to ensure that you have current and correct information.

Residents and visitors of Ellis County need to remain diligent in social distancing as well as basic precautions like washing your hands, covering your cough and staying home when you are ill. Continue to follow and understand guidance provided by CDC, KDHE and ECHD. Make the individual choice to protect yourself and others around you.

Stay informed as information changes frequently. For more information, visit www.kdheks.gov/. Call the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. or ECHD at 628-9440.

