



For Immediate Release

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Press Release: Case Updates for Ellis County

Active cases: 39

Recovered cases: 57

Deceased: 1

Total cases: 97, ECHD will continue to work with KDHE to define the discrepancy in data.

ECHD has been notified of ten new positive cases since Monday, 7/20/2020. ECHD is following KDHE guidelines to identify any close contacts of the new positive cases. Contacts will be notified and directed to self-quarantine for 14 days. The positive cases are in isolation. ECHD is currently investigating the cases. Five previous cases have recovered since our last press release.

Fifty percent of our new active cases are familial contacts of another positive that reside in the same home. Ellis County is not isolating well inside the home. If a known positive resides in the home, the positive cannot use shared spaces. They need to be confined to one room and one bathroom. The positive and anyone else that resides in the home should always wear a mask. You must clean and disinfect frequently and eliminate all contact for the 10-day period of contagion. If we want to slow the spread, it starts with individual decisions that you make in your home.

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**. ECHD encourages all Ellis County Residents to **avoid gatherings** and **wear a mask if you cannot distance yourself**. If you become symptomatic, please contact your local physician. Continue to follow and understand guidance provided by the 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.cdc.gov/COVID19 or www.kdheks.gov/. Call the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) or ECHD at 628-9440.

