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PRESS RELEASE

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From: Hunt County Judge

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Re: 10 New Positive COVID-19 Test Results in Hunt County

10 new positive test results for COVID-19 have been reported in Hunt County. The Hunt County Health Department completed an initial investigation and determined that the individuals in question reside in Hunt County. The general information for the 10 new patients is as follows:

<u>Tracked Case</u>	<u>Age Range</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>ZIP Code</u>	<u>Status</u>
92 (reassigned)	18-30	F	75402	Recovering at Home
165 (reassigned)	0-17	M	75401	Recovering at Home
166 (reassigned)	0-17	F	75401	Recovering at Home
209 (reassigned)	31-49	F	75402	Recovering at Home
221	18-30	F	75401	Recovering at Home
222	18-30	M	75428	Recovering at Home
223	65+	F	75402	Hospitalized
224	18-30	F	75401	Recovering at Home
225	0-17	F	75402	Recovering at Home
226	50-64	F	75401	Recovering at Home

A total of nine Hunt County residents are now hospitalized. Because three of the earlier Tracked Cases were either outside of the County or tested negative, there have been a total of 223 positive cases of Hunt County residents to date.

Since Monday of last week, Hunt County has seen an increase in the number of new cases. Part of the sudden spike is attributable to new testing of age groups and health categories which were previously untested. Also, part of those numbers comes from transmission among family members of recent cases. Finally, some of the spike relates to the length of time tests have taken for positive confirmations. Two weeks ago, the test took on average between four and seven days. As of last week, the tests Hunt Regional administers only take about 24 hours to be returned. The recent reduction in test-result timing has caused a backlog “wave” which we should soon pass. The County Health Department will continue to monitor statistical data to determine whether a true increase in case numbers has occurred.

Each morning, the County will release and post on its website a new set of numbers and charts showing the total number of cases, including the status and ZIP Codes of those cases. The state’s website includes a map which may be accessed at “dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus” by clicking on the “Texas Case Counts” link.