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## DSHS announces changes to Covid-19 website to take effect today

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) announced recently that the Covid-19 dashboard will have a different look beginning today, December 11, 2020. Not only will they update the appearance of the website, but they are also changing how they calculate different categories and the percentages reported.

The overall case numbers reported before today's update have only included cases confirmed by testing. Now, DSHS will begin reporting probable cases as well. They are reporting the probable cases will be "included in the calculations of active and recovered cases". DSHS defines probable cases as "those identified through antigen testing or a combination of symptoms and a known exposure without a more likely diagnosis".

Since the beginning last spring, it has been difficult to know whose numbers are accurate. Often numbers have been attributed to "Tom Green County" or the "City of San

Angelo" that are actually regional numbers gathered from citizens who may have been tested or hospitalized in San Angelo but are not residents of Tom Green County.

The numbers County Judge Hal Spain receives are detailed, including the address, age, probable or confirmed status, fatality or recovered for each case. However, these reports are often not sent in a timely fashion or on a regular basis.

Looking at the reports sent to our local officials, it appears they are not as current as the numbers listed on the DSHS's website. These numbers are updated on a daily basis. The reason for this conclusion is that the overall case numbers for Coke County is consistently higher on the state's website than in the reports sent to local officials.

On Monday, December 7, 2020, DSHS reported Coke County had 199 cases overall confirmed by testing, with 17 of these considered active. They also reported 9 fatalities and 173



**2020 Strikes Again!** Although Covid-19 forced the cancellation of Christmas in Olde Bronte this year, Santa is still visiting the children of Bronte! Santa Claus, or as others call him - Calvin Claus, has set up shop on the northwest corner of Reilly and State Streets each Saturday afternoon until Christmas. Bring your little ones by to tell him what they want for Christmas and take the annual "Santa picture". The Observer/Enterprise also requests that you send these pictures in to run alongside the "Letters to Santa" in the annual Christmas issue set for December 25, 2020. You can email your photo to [ObserverEnterprise@gmail.com](mailto:ObserverEnterprise@gmail.com) or text them to (325) 453-2433. We at The Observer/Enterprise want to thank Calvin and Christine McCutchen for helping make Christmas 2020 in Bronte special!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Friday, December 11

High School Basketball -  
Bronte Boys at Ira, 6:15 pm  
Coleman Girls at Robert Lee, 4 pm  
Midland TLCA Boys at Robert Lee, 7:30 pm  
Blackwell at Moran, 6 pm

### Saturday, December 12

Junior High Basketball -  
Cornerstone Christian at Robert Lee, 10 am  
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High School Basketball -  
Menard Boys at Bronte, 2 pm

### Monday, December 14

Junior High Basketball -  
Bronte at Irion County, 6 pm  
Robert Lee at Blackwell, 6 pm

### Tuesday, December 15

High School Basketball -  
Veribest Boys at Bronte, 5 pm  
San Angelo Saints Girls at Bronte, 6:15

### Thursday, December 17

Bronte City Council Meeting, 6:30 pm,  
Bronte City Hall

### Friday, December 18

Early Release -  
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell CISD  
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High School Basketball -  
Bronte Boys at Ira, 6:15 pm  
Bronte Girls at Blackwell, 6:15 pm

recoveries.

County Judge Hal Spain closed the Coke County Courthouse for the week of December 7-11. As of presstime, there are several cases of Covid-19 among those employed at the courthouse.

As of Monday, December 7, Texas is reporting 1,258,214 confirmed overall cases with 220,050 of those considered active and 1,038,806 recovered. DSHS is reporting 22,627 fatalities through Monday with 8,790 Texans hospitalized with Covid-19. Almost 13 million tests have been given to date in Texas. The fatality rate in Texas continues its steady decline,

beginning the month at 1.90% and falling to 1.79% the first week of the month.

Monday's statistics for the surrounding counties are listed below.

#### Tom Green County

Overall Confirmed Cases - 3,594; Active Cases - 447; Fatalities - 137; Recoveries - 3,010

#### Taylor County

Overall Confirmed Cases - 3,858; Active Cases - 860; Fatalities - 133; Recoveries - 2,865

#### Sterling County

Overall Confirmed Cases - 42; Active Cases - 10; Fatalities - 1; Recoveries - 31

#### Runnels County

Overall Confirmed Cases - 405; Active Cases - 21; Fatalities - 11; Recoveries - 377

#### Nolan County

Overall Confirmed Cases - 861; Active Cases - 269; Fatalities - 12; Recoveries - 580

#### Mitchell County

Overall Confirmed Cases - 380; Active Cases - 104; Fatalities - 7; Recoveries - 269

#### Irion County

Overall Confirmed Cases - 35; Active Cases - 8; Fatalities - 0; Recoveries - 27

#### Concho County

Overall Confirmed Cases - 128; Active Cases - 0; Fatalities - 3; Recoveries - 125

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