

...Coronavirus Update
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As of Tuesday, May 12, 2020, worldwide there have been 4,247,709 cases of Covid-19 with 290,838 deaths. Of these 4,247,709 cases worldwide, 1,359,319 are in the United States with 81,847 deaths. As of 8 pm Monday, May 11, 2020, 538,172 Texans had been tested for the virus. Of those 538,172 tested, there are 41,048 confirmed cases spread over 219 of Texas' 254 counties. Eleven hundred thirty-three Texans have lost their lives to the virus as of presstime. In

Texas, 7.62% of all people tested are confirmed to have the virus, and of those confirmed cases, 2.76% result in death. Worldwide, the rate of death of those confirmed to have Covid-19 has dropped from a high of 7.00% last week.

Last week's high was a slow climb up from the 6.95%, 6.90% and 6.32% of weeks prior. For the United States, the death rate is 6.02%, continuing the steady increase of 5.86%, 5.73%, 5.37% and 4.13% in weeks prior.

For an updated map and statistics table, visit ObserverEnterprise.com.

50 percent capacity instead of 25 in most other communities due to state filings by my office indicating our low incidence of virus infection. Additionally, one of our favorite phone calls recently was to cosmetologists and barbers, letting them know they could open up and get back to work. County Commissioners have decided to abide directly by the governor's guidelines due to the ever-changing dates for openings and other directives. What that means is that Coke County will not adopt a harsher set of standards for opening businesses, parks, swimming pools, etc., than what the governor is requiring.

If you have questions concerning Covid-19 or other issues, please contact the Coke County Office of Emergency Management (County Judge's Office) at 325.453.2641.

County resumes Covid free status

By Hal Spain, County Emergency Management Coordinator and Coke County Judge
Results of National Guard testing for the Covid-19 virus in Coke County on May 2nd were finally revealed after a week's waiting on the results. Twenty tests were run on that date at the EMS Barn in Robert Lee, and no positive cases were determined.

Additionally, the only positive case in the county previous to this date is being written off the list after subsequent testing revealed no virus and no antibodies. According to a regional emergency management official, we can safely assume that this individual was a false positive at the time of the first testing. That means that Coke County no longer has its first Covid case, and we are virus free once again. That status can change, however, in the time it takes to conduct another test; so we

must keep up the good work of social distancing and wearing masks when appropriate.

I am happy to announce that local restaurants are now open at

Bronte to hold graduation ceremony Friday

Bronte High School will hold a graduation ceremony for the Senior Class of 2020 on Friday, May 15, 2020, at 6 pm. Physical attendance will be limited to family members of the class but everyone else is welcome to watch the livestream. It will be accessible on the Bronte Independent School District Facebook page.

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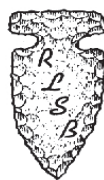
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