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## Virus appears to be on decline across Texas

Coke County, like the rest of Texas, appears to have peaked and are now on the downhill slope toward the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. Numbers in all categories across Texas have been falling.

Daily new cases of the virus reached a recent high of 14,916 new cases on July 17. That number has been drastically reduced to only 4,879 on Sunday and 4,455 on Monday.

Active cases of the virus in Texas reached a recent high of 46.05% on July 17. This number stood at only 27.21% of all Covid-19 cases being active on Monday. As we want the active percentage to be low, we want the recovery percentage to be high. This number has continued to climb steadily and was 71.27% of all Texans confirmed to have Covid-19 are now recovered from the virus.

The number of Texans hospitalized for this virus also continues to fall as do the numbers of Texans for which the virus has proven fatal. From a daily fatality number of 306

on August 6, the daily fatality number was only 31 on Monday.

In Coke County, the news is also positive. This is best shown by the statement released last week by Coke County Judge Hal Spain.

“I am happy to report that we have some good news concerning our pandemic numbers in Coke County. You may have already been alerted to this by the Robert Lee Care Center Facebook page, but I’m going to repeat it along with the other COVID numbers I received yesterday (Thursday afternoon) from DSHS.

According to this latest report, there have been a total of 40 cases confirmed in Coke County since the beginning of this pandemic. Currently there are 20 active cases, which is 5 less than last week, along with 16 recovered and 3 deceased. There is also 1 case which is classified as Lost to Follow-up, which means that DSHS tried to contact this individual three times and received no response.

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### Blood drive slated for August 17

A blood drive will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church on Monday, August 17, from 3 p until 6 pm. Donors will also receive a Covid-19 antibody test, in addition to McDonald’s, Sonic, and Charley’s Philly Steaks coupons. Masks are required to be worn. Due to social distancing, appointments will also be required. For more information or to register, call Becky at (325) 763-7513 or (877) 258-4825 (code: rlcomm).

### JAM registration to close August 26

Robert Lee’s First United Methodist Church JAM (Jesus and Me) ministry registration will close on Wednesday, August 26, with the JAM ministry looking a little different this year. Each Wednesday, beginning on September 9, there will be a drive/walk up at the church from 5 pm until 6 pm to pick up ministry packets and dinner. The packets will be for children in kindergarten through 12th grade. Each child that will be participating will need to be registered. If registering for just dinner, mark preschool in the grade and in the comments section add that

this child will be food only. To register your children, please visit [vbspro.events/p/42d47a](https://vbspro.events/p/42d47a). For more information, please contact the church at (325) 453-2417.

### Benefit account set up at RLSB

An account has been set up at Robert Lee State Bank to assist Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ross Torres. Ross is currently undergoing medical treatment due to kidney failure.

Checks can be made out to Rosendo Torres Jr Benefit c/o Robert Lee State Bank, PO Box 549, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.

### Early voting extended until October 30

Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation Monday, July 27, 2020, extending the early voting period for the November 3rd Election. Under this proclamation, early voting by personal appearance will begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, and continue through Friday, October 30, 2020.

### 2020 Silver Reunion canceled

The annual Silver Reunion, scheduled for October 1, 2020, has been canceled for this year.

11.15% of all Texans tested are confirmed to have Covid-19.

1.72% of all confirmed Texas cases of Covid-19 are fatal.

4,455 Daily New Cases Statewide

### Top 6 Counties with New Cases

- 1. Harris - 1,157
- 2. Dallas - 843
- 3. Tarrant - 490
- 4. Cameron - 300
- 5. Collin - 215
- 6. Hidalgo - 207

3,212 (72%) of today’s new cases come from these 6 counties.

## 133,584 Active Cases of Covid-19 in Texas

As of Monday, August 10, 2020

