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Virus continues to decline across Texas

Covid-19 numbers in Coke County, like the rest of Texas, continue to fall signaling the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. The two most positive indicators of this decline are the active case percentage (the lower, the better) and the recovery percentage (the higher, the better). Texas began the month with an active case percentage of 32.76% and stood at 23.43% on August 16, falling almost 10% in just over two weeks. The recovery rate began the month at 65.64% and this number was 74.60% on August 16, gaining almost 10% in just over two weeks.

Daily new cases of the virus began August with 9,539 new cases on the first of the month. Fortunately, that was the high day for the month. On August 16, that number was down over 30% to 6,204 daily new cases.

Texas began the month with 141,044 active cases of Covid-19. Fortunately, it has shown a daily decline falling to 125,487 on August 16.

The number of Texans hospitalized for this virus also continues to fall beginning the month at 8,969 and posting 6,267 on August 16, a 30% decrease in just over two weeks.

Daily fatality numbers have bounced around from a low of 31 on August 10th to a high of 324 on August 12th. Part of this is due to a changes in the state's requirements for reporting. Many reporting miscommunications have occurred throughout these months in various categories, usually making the pandemic appear worse than it may

actually be.

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

"The news keeps getting better and better concerning our pandemic numbers in Coke County. As of Thursday, August 13, there are only three active COVID cases in the county, compared to twenty the week prior. All the current cases are located in Robert Lee.

According to DSHS, Coke County has accumulated a total of 42 cases, with 3 active, 34 recovered, 3 deceased, and 2 lost to follow-up. This is very good news as we enter the new school year. Numbers are also trending down throughout the state and nation. We are a long way from declaring a victory, but with the release of a new vaccine pending sometime this fall, we are confident that success is just beyond the horizon. Until that time, please continue to follow the guidelines concerning social distancing, wearing masks, and avoiding large gatherings.

County residents can find up-to-date coronavirus information and what to do if you're sick, testing, and information at dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus. Those with local issues and questions are advised to contact the County Judge's office at 325.453.2641."

Sterling County, our neighbor to the west, made it a long time without a case of Covid-19 within their borders. Unfortunately on August 13, the state reported their first case.

Harris County with 25,517 active cases accounts for over 20% of all active cases in Texas.

11.11% of all Texans tested are confirmed to have Covid-19.

1.86% of all confirmed Texas cases of Covid-19 are fatal.

6,204 Daily New Cases Statewide

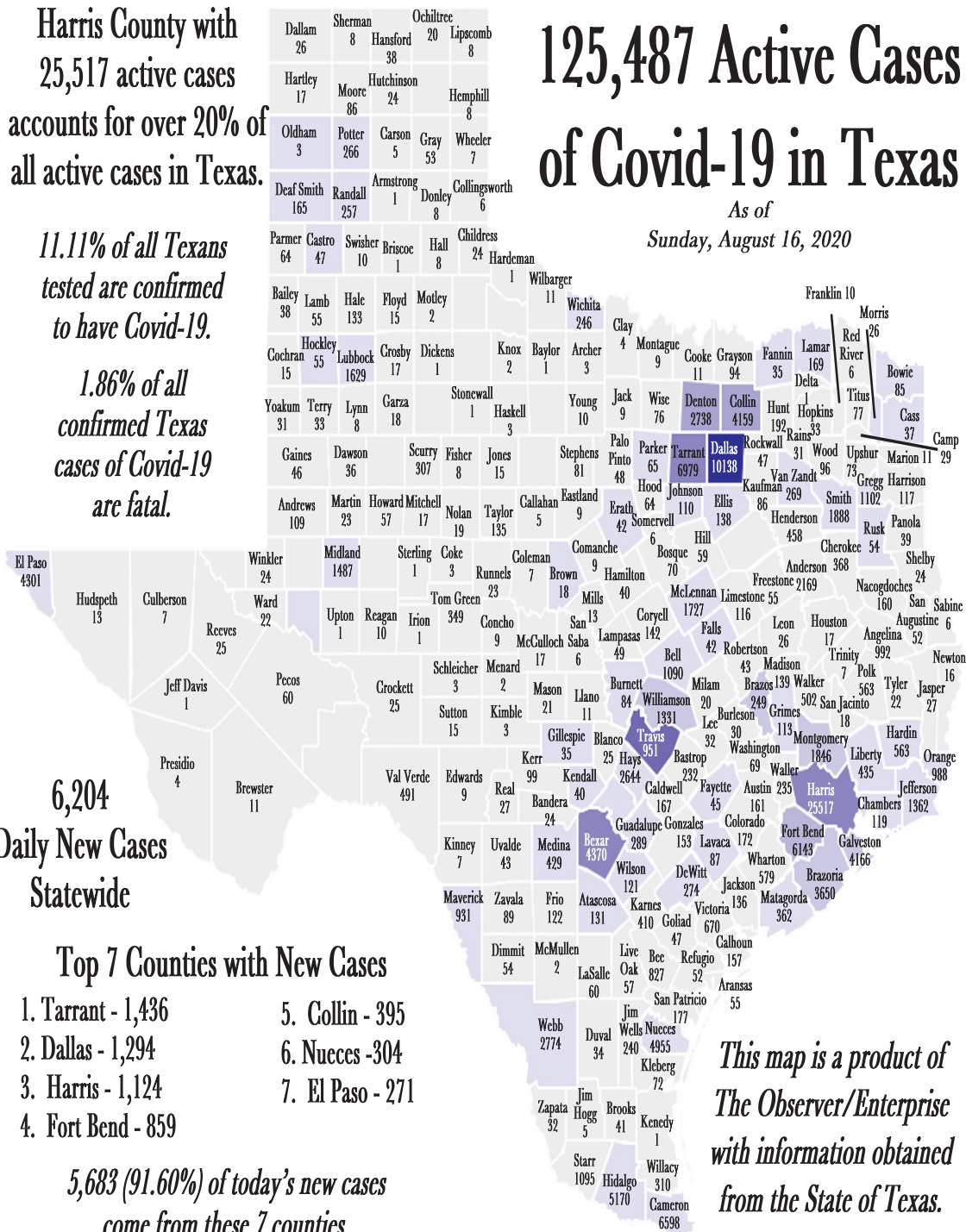
Top 7 Counties with New Cases

1. Tarrant - 1,436
2. Dallas - 1,294
3. Harris - 1,124
4. Fort Bend - 859
5. Collin - 395
6. Nueces - 304
7. El Paso - 271

5,683 (91.60%) of today's new cases come from these 7 counties.

125,487 Active Cases of Covid-19 in Texas

As of Sunday, August 16, 2020



This map is a product of The Observer/Enterprise with information obtained from the State of Texas.

<https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ccd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83>

Maps updated daily at ObserverEnterprise.com.

Football pages beginning August 28

Football season in Coke County officially begins August 27 when the Bronte Longhorns travel to Rotan to face the Yellowjackets at 7:30 pm. The Robert Lee Steers will face the Wildcats in Water Valley at 7:30 pm on August 28. The Blackwell Hornets are beginning their season against Eden at 7:30 pm on August 28. With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in the August 28 issue of The Observer/Enterprise. All 2019 sponsors will be included on the 2020 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your

sponsorship, please call (325) 453-2433 by 12 noon, Monday, August 24. A complete list of the 2019 sponsors is included as follows:

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