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### **Press Release**

**Hillsboro, TX** – The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is currently reporting three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hill County and 4,669 cases in Texas with 70 fatalities. This matches the information provided by the Hill County Local Health Authority.

“While we are pleased to see our local information matching DSHS information at this point, we know our number will continue to grow, and we are working hard to stay connected and make sure we have accurate information to release to our residents as quickly as possible,” said Hill County Judge Justin Lewis. “However, the most important piece of information for people to have right now is the fact that staying at home is helping slow the spread, and we need everyone to remain committed to this process.”

A surge of new cases is expected across the state in the coming weeks. For the healthcare infrastructure to manage the influx, we must continue to follow social distancing guidelines, stay home except for essential functions and stay hyper-focused on our personal hygiene practices to flatten the curve and slow the spread. If you need to seek medical attention for any reason, please make certain to call your provider before you arrive to receive information on any new procedures which may have been implemented to protect yourself and others from the spread of the Coronavirus germs.

“The only way to know you haven’t been exposed is to stay home and stay away from others,” said Lewis. “Working together is the only way we can get through this, and right now, doing your part means staying home.”

The DSHS has a dashboard website for following the spread of Coronavirus across Texas. To track information on a statewide level, please visit <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>.

People interested in monitoring updates from Hill County on the situation will find the most current information on the Hill County Emergency Management Facebook Page. The County will also provide regular updates to *KHBR 1560 AM Radio* and the *Hillsboro Reporter*.

In addition, the County has an emergency notification system. If you would like to receive phone call, text or email updates as warranted, you can register with the Hill County Emergency Notification System. Visit the Office of Emergency Management website at [www.hilloem.com](http://www.hilloem.com), scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on emergency alerts. Follow the prompts to set up your account.