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Hillsboro, TX – The count of COVID-19 cases in Hill County held steady overnight according to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The total number of cases in Hill County is 22. DSHS breaks the case down to 10 recoveries, 9 active cases, 1 not-active case, 1 lost-to- follow-up and 1 deceased. Statewide numbers report 45,198 cases in Texas with 1,716 patients hospitalized, and 1,272 fatalities. An estimated 25,454 individuals are listed as recovered from the virus while 18,472 are still believed to be active cases.

“This is a marathon, and every day we make it without adding a new case, we will consider that a small victory and keep moving forward,” said Hill County Judge Justin Lewis. “Thank you to everyone who is voluntarily complying with social distancing rules and wearing face masks in public. Taking this seriously and being smart about how we handle ourselves as we resume normal activities is the best way to ensure our forward momentum,” continued Lewis.

The Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and their partners held a mobile clinic today at Hillsboro High School from 8am to 5pm. The tests were administered to determine the presence of the virus and did not test for the existence of antibodies. Approximately 45 people were tested, and those individuals will receive their results. Hill County will only be notified if any of the tests were positive.

“We appreciate TDEM and all of our other partner organizations that made today’s clinic possible,” said Lewis. “Any means that increases our knowledge of the status of COVID-19 infections in our county helps us make the best decisions possible to move forward,” stated Lewis. “As a small county, we rely on the help of our partner organizations to provide resources, and we value those relationships and the effort they put forth on behalf of the residents of Hill County.”

Consumers and business owners seeking information on the guidelines to follow as operations reopen can visit <https://gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas>.

Information on the spread of the Coronavirus across Texas is available at the DSHS dashboard website, <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>. To monitor updates from Hill County, the most current information will be provided on the Hill County Emergency Management Facebook Page and *KHBR 1560 AM Radio* and the *Hillsboro Reporter*.