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Hillsboro, TX – Over the weekend, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hill County moved to 17, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) report. Of those cases, DSHS shows 5 as recovered and 1 deceased leaving 11 active cases. On Sunday, the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) along with Hill County and other partner organizations hosted a mobile testing site at Hillsboro High School with over 40 people coming through to be tested. Statewide numbers report 32,322 cases in Texas with 1,553 patients hospitalized, 884 fatalities and an estimated 16,090 individuals recovered.

“This weekend’s mobile testing clinic was well-received,” said Hill County Judge Justin Lewis. “We appreciate TDEM and all of our partner organizations who helped make this resource available to the residents of Hill County. We are told they plan to bring another one in sooner, and there will be fewer restrictions as to who can be tested, so we hope many people will take advantage of the opportunity,” continued Lewis. “If nothing more, maybe, it will bring some people peace of mind,” stated Lewis. “However, as you saw in today’s numbers, we have another confirmed case of COVID-19 in Hill County. This reinforces what we have been saying all along; the danger is still present.”

“We have been in contact with a number of businesses who have reopened or chosen to maintain their operations as a pick-up or delivery-only service. We support our businesses in making whatever decision is best for them,” said Lewis. “We encourage everyone to support our local businesses as we all move forward together, but please continue to follow all safety and hygiene guidelines as activities increase. Being purposeful and careful is the only way we keep the forward momentum going. Thank you for all you have done to be diligent, cautious and mindful of your neighbors as we navigate these unprecedented times,” finished Lewis.

Consumers and business owners seeking information on the guidelines to follow as some operations reopen can reference Governor Abbott’s report, *Texans Helping Texans: The Governor’s Report to Open Texas* at: <https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Report.pdf>.

Residents should continue to take all precautions available to protect their households. If individuals or businesses need assistance during this time, please visit the website, www.raisinghilltx.com, for a listing of available resources in our area.

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*.