

Bowie County reports a total of 543 positive COVID-19 cases AN INCREASE OF 32 OVER Monday, with 226 recoveries and 31 deaths. Miller County reports 363 total cases, 276 recoveries, and 2 deaths. Cass County reports 94 cases with 50 recovered and two deaths. In the Texarkana region, there are currently 413 confirmed active cases being tracked.

The Bowie County/Texarkana, Texas Joint Operations Center is still conducting contact tracing on positive cases, so if you test positive for COVID-19, or are a healthcare provider that conducts COVID testing, please notify the Local Health Authority at (903) 255-5560.

The City of Texarkana, Texas has closed the Southwest Center until further notice pending results of COVID-19 testing. One employee has tested positive, and the rest of the staff is being tested as well. Texarkana Senior Services will continue distributing free hot meals to local seniors every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. at the back of the Southwest Center in the turnaround driveway.

Please note two meals are given away on Mondays and Wednesdays, one hot meal and one frozen, to help with food on those days' services aren't offered.

Governor Greg Abbott Executive Order: GA-29 includes the following mandates:

The Executive order requires all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases, with few exceptions. The Governor also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of over 10 people, and making it mandatory that, with certain exceptions, people cannot be in groups larger than ten and must maintain six feet of social distancing from others.

The executive order can be found

here: <https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/EO-GA-29-use-of-face-coverings-during-COVID-19-IMAGE-07-02-2020.pdf>

As businesses are reopening, the EOC has received several calls seeking advice on what to do if there is a confirmed or suspected employee with COVID-19. Guidance for businesses can be found at the CDC website at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html#Suspected-or-Confirmed-Cases-of-COVID-19-in-the-Workplace>

The Business Survey to gauge Economic Impact is still ongoing. All businesses in Bowie County are invited to submit a survey, to report positive or negative impacts to their business. The survey can be accessed

at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHFOIw9o16XOhE2\\_UI4iKIW0K775q7zsWmjctRpovfhTWDzw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHFOIw9o16XOhE2_UI4iKIW0K775q7zsWmjctRpovfhTWDzw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The latest local information and updates can all be found at [www.coronatxk.org](http://www.coronatxk.org). The local hotline telephone number is (903) 255-5560.

