The number of deaths because of COVID-19 increased by four Wednesday to Thursday, reaching a total of 68.

COVID-19 deaths are recorded where patients died, not where they lived.

The local emergency Joint Operations Center also reported an increase of 19 in Bowie County's number of confirmed coronavirus cases, which moved from 936 to 957.

There are 469 active cases being tracked in the Bowie County, with 420 having recovered. Cass County's count rose from 229 to 246, with 192 recoveries, nine deaths and 45 active cases, according to the JOC.