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COVID-19 UPDATES

As County Judge Matt Sebesta said, we are losing ground on our battle with the COVID-19 virus here in Brazoria County. In just four days the county added 124 new COVID-19 cases. That is a 15% jump.

Lake Jackson has increased from 3 active cases to 7 active cases over that same time frame. Our reported cases are now at 27, with 19 recovered and one probable. We understand that we have a number of more possible cases being looked at.

We also had one of our Recreation Center employees test positive. This person did not come in contact with any patrons, but they did come in contact with other employees who have all been sent home and have been tested. We are awaiting the results. So far, all the results we have gotten back to date are negative. We pray that all the outstanding test results are also ultimately negative.

The surge in cases is likely related to some folks thinking the worst is past and dropping their guard. As the Governor opened more and more businesses it all came with the caveat that everyone still practice social distancing, wear your face covering, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer and the like. Wearing a mask or face covering should not be a political statement, it should simply be an act of common courtesy for those you come in contact with.

As the economy reopens and more folks are going back to work, City Council will lift the moratorium on utility bill late fees and penalties and cut-offs of water for non-payment that was put into place back in March. This will begin gradually by billing cycle starting in July. City Council also extended the non-enforcement of certain sign and banner restrictions for businesses through July. Signage still will not be allowed on public right of ways. City Council also agreed to lift the moratorium on enforcing the parking in yards ordinance at the end of July. The enforcement of the no parking in yards ordinance was suspended beginning in March as more families came together to shelter in place. The shelter in place order by the County and the Governor were lifted in late April, early May.

Again, we ask that everyone please recommit yourselves to following the safety and hygiene recommendations in place so that we can again bend this curve of infections down.

Please be safe.

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