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Waco-McLennan County Public Health District Announces 246 New Cases of COVID-19 2 New Deaths Attributed to COVID-19 Testing Information

(December 31, 2020) Two hundred and forty-six new cases of COVID-19 are confirmed as of today. Twelve cases were reported from community testing. The total number of cases to date is 19,026. There are 1,187 estimated active cases, and 17,556 estimated cases who have recovered. One hundred and forty-five cases are hospitalized. Of the 145 hospitalized, 93 cases are McLennan County residents. Twenty-one are on ventilators.

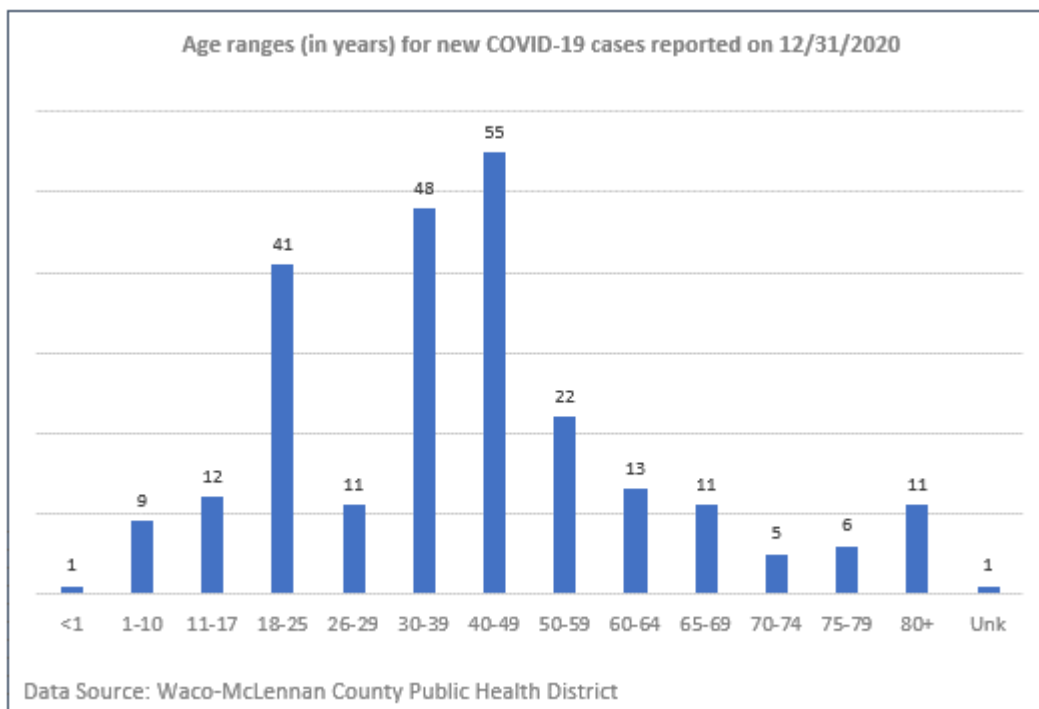
Sadly, two additional deaths were reported due to COVID-19, bringing the total deaths to 283.

#282 was an 82-year-old white male.

#283 was a 97-year-old white female.

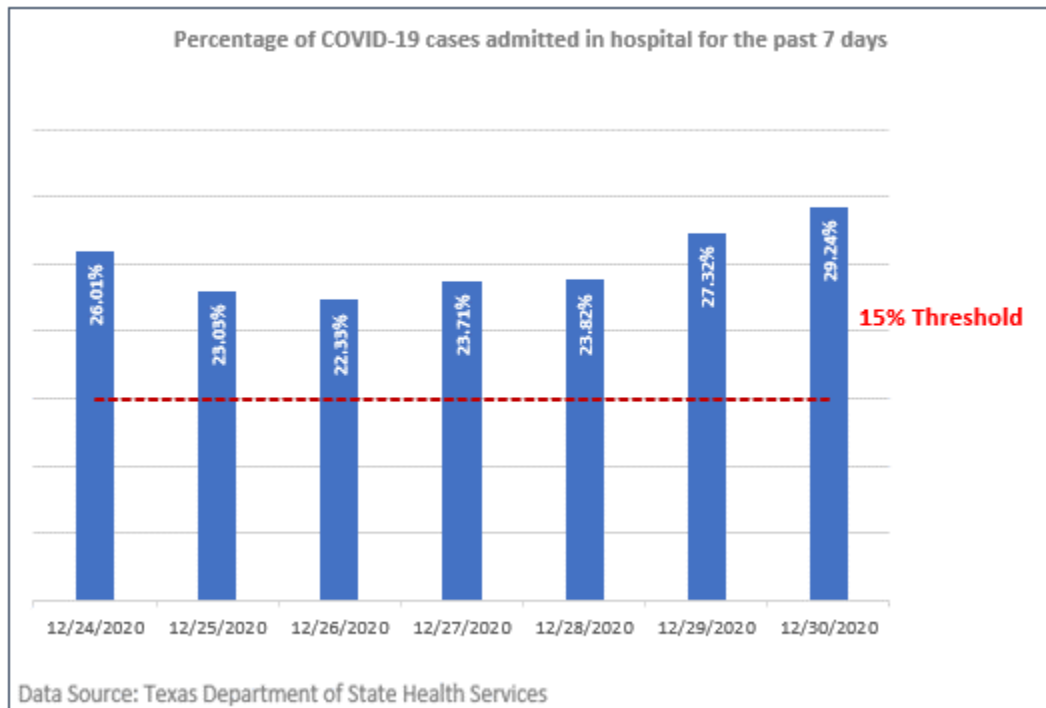
Due to the long holiday weekend, the next announcement will be on Monday, January 4th.

The COVIDwaco.com dashboard will not be updated over the holiday weekend – January 1-3, 2021. It will be updated on Monday, January 4th.



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As of December 30, 2020, the hospitalization rate is 29.24% for Trauma Service Area M, as calculated by Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The rate has exceeded the 15% threshold for 7 consecutive days.



Executive Order GA-32 calls for the following, based on a seven-day period:

- If the hospitalization rate in a Trauma Service Areas (TSA) with a COVID-19 hospitalizations rate is under 15% for 7 consecutive days, restaurants and other venues can operate at 75% capacity and elective surgeries are allowed.
- If the hospitalization rate in a Trauma Service Areas (TSA) with a COVID-19 hospitalizations rate is over 15% for 7 consecutive days, venue capacities are lowered to 50% and elective surgeries are postponed until further notice.

COVID-19 Website:

For additional expanded information including age, race, ethnicity, gender and more, please visit www.covidwaco.com.

Free COVID-19 Testing Site Update

Register at www.covidwaco.com

Free testing locations **will not be available** January 1st to January 3rd. See the COVID Waco website for a list of medical facilities offering screening over the holiday weekend. **Please call first** for pre-screening and an appointment. Note: you do not have to be an established patient to receive a COVID-19 test.

Free Testing Sites for Monday, January 4- Friday, January 8

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT EAT, DRINK, or BRUSH YOUR TEETH FOR 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO THE TEST.

Heritage Square
311 Austin Ave
Hours: 8 am-5 pm (Drive -Through Clinic)
Saliva Test