

Waco-McLennan County Public Health District

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Waco-McLennan County Public Health District Announces 39 New Cases of COVID-19

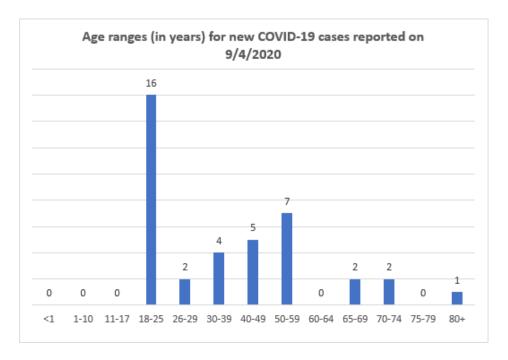
(September 4, 2020) Thirty-nine new cases of COVID-19 are confirmed as of today, bringing the total number of cases to date to 6,668. There are 657* estimated active cases, and 5,924 estimated cases who have recovered. Forty-one cases are hospitalized. Of the 41 hospitalized, 25 cases are McLennan County residents. Nine cases are on ventilators. There have been a total of 88 deaths in McLennan County.

*The number of active cases reported today is much lower than previously reported. A recent Quality Control review by the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District (HD), identified an incomplete reporting and accounting of recovered cases. (Cases remain as active until reported as recovered). Analysis revealed two main contributing sources:

- In the last week of June, the HD outsourced a portion of the case investigations and contact tracing to the Texas Department of State Health Services. These cases were not added to the recoveries count, so they were still marked as active.
 <u>Action taken</u>: All cases that have a date of collection more than 10 days ago AND are not hospitalized or deceased, have been marked as recovered.
- 2) There is a delay in getting reports of cases that were tested outside the county or the State. Sometimes, these delays may be as long as two weeks. If we receive a case report that has a date of collection/onset dating more than ten days ago, then the formula would not have added it to the number of recoveries for that day.
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The Health District will continue to strive to provide the most accurate information to the McLennan County residents.



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