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COVID-19 continues to impact Coryell County communities. *Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and may include: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea." according to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the interests of good health for all county residents, the County encourages anyone who may experience COVID-19-type symptoms to consult with their health care provider about available testing options.

While many media reports continue to focus on the limited availability of tests, there is presently no shortage of tests in Coryell County, according to Coryell Healthcare Systems Hospital (CHS). CHS reports the availability of 11 different types of testing with the capacity to process up to 800 tests daily.

"I applaud everyone's due diligence to slow the spread of the virus," said Coryell County Judge Roger Miller. He reminded citizens, "While some of the focus on resuming economic activities in the State has become more political than epidemiological, we remind our citizens of the steps we can each take to mitigate the spread of the disease, even as we resume these important activities. We should especially be cautious with at-risk individuals such as our older family members."

The CDC recommends, "If you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of your age or because you have a serious long-term health problem, it is extra important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of getting sick with the disease.
- Stay home if possible.
- Wash your hands often.
- Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others (stay 6 feet away, which is about two arm lengths).
- Keep away from people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched services.
- Avoid all cruise travel and non-essential air travel.

Call your healthcare professional if you have concerns about COVID-19 and your underlying condition or if you are sick."

The total number of cases in Coryell County is currently 234 – 36 Active, 29 Recovered, 2 Deceased, and 157 TDCJ Inmates. Of the 67 community cases, over 60% fall in the age range of 30-59, and only 14% (9) are over the age of 70.

More information about Coryell County services, including Emergency Management and County Disaster Declarations, may be found at https://www.coryellcounty.org