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**For Immediate Release:**

**One additional case of COVID-19 reported in Guadalupe County.**

One additional case has been confirmed in Guadalupe County, bringing the total cases in Guadalupe County to 9. The Texas Department of State Health Services made Guadalupe County aware of this additional case Friday, March 27, 2020.

The patient is at home and is self-quarantined since receiving a positive test.

We continue to encourage and recommend all citizens to follow the guidelines outlined by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Governor.

**There are things everyone can do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:**

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Minimizing exposure is especially important for people who are 65 or older or who have an underlying health condition like heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or cancer. People in those groups have a higher risk of developing a severe disease if they do get COVID-19, and the safest thing for them during an outbreak will be to stay home as much as possible and minimize close contact with other people. To get ready, they should talk to their doctor about getting additional prescription medications and have enough household items and groceries on hand to stay home as needed.

The public can find up-to-date coronavirus information at [dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus) and at <https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/>. If you have questions about COVID-19, call 2-1-1.