



GUADALUPE COUNTY

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

101 EAST COURT STREET
SEGUIN, TEXAS 78155

July 7, 2020

For Immediate Release:

44 additional COVID-19 cases, have been confirmed and reported in Guadalupe County since Monday, July 7th.

424 total reported to Guadalupe County + 581 DSHS PENDING cases = DSHS website total of **1005**

337 people have recovered from COVID-19 in Guadalupe County, with 87 **confirmed** active cases.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

We are in constant communication with the hospital. We are aware that there are more COVID-19 patients at GRMC than what our chart shows. We can only “officially” report confirmed cases by DSHS and we can only count patients that reside within Guadalupe County. **Currently, GRMC has 43 hospitalized patients** at their facility. Not all of these patients reside in Guadalupe County.

DEATHS

Just like with any other case, there is a verification process that DSHS must perform before a death can be confirmed a COVID-19 related death. It isn't until that process is completed that we can “officially” account for the death. Guadalupe County has been officially notified by DSHS of 3 deaths and we were informed on July 7, 2020 by GRMC that there have been 14 deaths related to COVID-19. Not all of these patients reside in Guadalupe County.

CASE DEFINITIONS

A **confirmed** case of COVID-19 is one that is laboratory confirmed in a clinical specimen using a molecular test, such as a PCR test.

A **probable** case of COVID-19 is one that is not laboratory confirmed by PCR, but may meet case definition through a combination of symptoms, exposure history, and other lab tests. The purpose of a probable case definition is to identify cases that may not be able to receive a confirmatory test. This may be due to their isolation status or because they have mild symptoms that do not require a healthcare visit. Both confirmed and probable cases are considered cases and are included in total counts.

A **Pending** case of COVID-19 is one that has not yet been investigated by DSHS. When DSHS receives a lab result, the result goes through a review. DSHS must determine if the result meets the case definition and they must verify the address (if it is known). DSHS, or their designee, contacts the individual to complete the case investigation. DSHS notifies the county of the case only when the investigation is complete.

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