

# Van Zandt County



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April 1, 2020

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Third Confirmed Coronavirus Case in Van Zandt County

Van Zandt County, Texas (April 1, 2020) – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of the third positive case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County.

This third confirmed case was from exposure to a positive case. The patient is currently in home isolation and there is still no confirmed community spread at this time.

Residents are reminded to take the same measures that are recommended to prevent the spread of the flu and other respiratory viruses. Everyone should remember to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Practice social distancing - Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you believe you have symptoms.
- Cover your cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow or into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects using a cleaning item that contains bleach.
- Follow recommendations from your local health district officials.

If you have been exposed to a sick traveler, have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are experiencing fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, please contact your healthcare provider.

If you believe you have COVID-19 symptoms, please be sure to call before going to your doctor or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

General information regarding ways to mitigate myths of disease transmission are maintained at

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## April 3, 2020 Van Zandt County Coronavirus Update

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – Although the situation remains fluid, with updates and new information coming into my office hourly, if not by the minute, I, County Judge Don Kirkpatrick, am pleased to report that, as of this afternoon, Van Zandt County still has **only three (3) confirmed cases of COVID-19**. The immediate risk of virus transmission within the County remains **LOW** and there continues to be no evidence of community spread within Van Zandt County at this time. Health officials continue to attribute this positive news to significant efforts by citizens of this County to voluntarily observe national, state and local orders and directives regarding social distancing, avoidance of groups of ten (10) people or more, and routine practices of hand-washing and disinfecting.

We have been made aware that in neighboring Kaufman County, a confirmed case of COVID-19 was reported for an individual having a Wills Point mailing address. To be clear, that person **DOES NOT** reside in and is not located within Van Zandt County. Although we have received many requests for identifying information for this and other cases, please know that specific information regarding the identity of persons with confirmed cases, including name, gender, home address/location, age and so forth have not been revealed to this office. Additionally, much of that information is not released from the applicable regional health authorities (which may be a different entity than that governing another county) until and unless the total number of county-wide confirmed cases surpasses ten (10), a mark I remain very hopeful we will not see.

I have called an additional special session of the Commissioners' Court on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to further update and address the County's Disaster Declaration and needs/issues relative to the ongoing efforts. A link to this meeting will be available, as before, along with much other valuable information on the County's website listed above.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the many, many individuals that have stepped up during this difficult time. With so many affected and with the risks that exist in our world at this time, I am extremely grateful for our First Responders, medical professionals and countless others who are making sacrifices for the good of their family, neighbors and friends. Further, I want you to know that within your County government, there has been unity and cooperation at levels previously unseen. I appreciate the leadership of Commissioners Brown, Melton, Pearson and West as we navigate uncharted waters; for District Attorney Curry for personally being available to provide us and those affected with advice and interpretations of often confusing national and state orders through the [covidquestions@vanzandtcounty.org](mailto:covidquestions@vanzandtcounty.org) e-mail address; to Vicki McAlister, our Emergency Management Coordinator and for Judges Martin and Winters for assisting in getting this information out to the citizens. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless you and God bless Van Zandt County.

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April 4, 2020

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Two More Confirmed Coronavirus Cases in Van Zandt County

**Van Zandt County, Texas (April 4, 2020)** – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of two new positive case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County. One of the individuals was exposed due to possible community spread, while the other person was exposed through contact with a previously confirmed case.

Both individuals are in home-isolation from the general population and both of these positive test results were analyzed and confirmed through laboratory testing. The total confirmed number of COVID-19 cases in Van Zandt County is five (5).

The public has the responsibility, more than ever, to follow recommendations from local officials and health officials. The best way to keep yourself and your family safe is to use social distancing of at least 6 ft., wash your hands often, cover your cough and STAY HOME unless you have to leave for essential items like groceries, medication or to seek medical attention.

If you have been exposed to a sick traveler, have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are experiencing fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, please contact your healthcare provider.

If you believe you have COVID-19 symptoms, please be sure to call before going to your doctor or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

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April 6, 2020

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Two More Confirmed Coronavirus Cases in Van Zandt County

**Van Zandt County, Texas (April 6, 2020)** – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of two more positive cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County bringing the total to seven (7).

Both of the confirmed cases were community spread and one patient is currently in the hospital and the other patient is currently in home isolation.

Now more than ever, **YOU** have the responsibility to keep yourself and your family safe. If you live in a City with a Stay At Home Order issued by the Mayor of your city, please follow those orders. If you live in the County, please follow the orders set forth in the Proclamation I signed on April 1, 2020. Everyone should continue to:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Practice social distancing** - Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you believe you have symptoms.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze** into the bend of your elbow or into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects** using a cleaning item that contain bleach.
- Follow recommendations from your local health officials.

If you feel you have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are experiencing fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, [please contact your healthcare provider or call 2-1-1 for a testing location.](#)

If you believe you have COVID-19 symptoms, please be sure to call before going to your doctor or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

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April 8, 2020

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Confirmed Coronavirus Case in Van Zandt County**

**Van Zandt County, Texas (April 8, 2020)** – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of another positive case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County bringing the total to eight (8).

The confirmed case had exposure to another confirmed case and is currently at home in isolation.

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- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Practice social distancing** - Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you believe you have symptoms.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze** into the bend of your elbow or into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects** using a cleaning items that contain bleach.
- Follow recommendations from local health officials and city/county officials.

If you feel you have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are experiencing fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, [please contact your healthcare provider or call 2-1-1 for a testing location.](#)

If you believe you have COVID-19 symptoms, please be sure to call before going to your doctor or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

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April 9, 2020

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Confirmed Coronavirus Cases in Van Zandt County**

**Van Zandt County, Texas (April 9, 2020)** – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of two (2) positive case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County bringing the total to ten (10).

The confirmed cases are community spread and are currently at home in isolation.

**Please continue to take all precautions to stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and stay home unless it is essential for you to get food, medications or to see your medical provider.** Now more than ever, **YOU** have the responsibility to keep yourself and your family safe. If you live in a City with a Stay At Home Order issued by the Mayor of your city, please follow those orders. If you live in the County, please follow the orders set forth in the Proclamation I signed on April 1, 2020. Everyone should continue to:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Practice social distancing** - Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you believe you have symptoms.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze** into the bend of your elbow or into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects** using a cleaning items that contain bleach.
- Follow recommendations from local health officials and city/county officials.

If you feel you have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are experiencing fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, [please contact your healthcare provider or call 2-1-1 for a testing location.](#) Please call before going to your doctor or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

General information regarding ways to mitigate this virus transmission are maintained at <https://www.MyNETHealth.org/coronavirus>, <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus>; or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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April 15, 2020

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Confirmed Coronavirus Case in Van Zandt County**

**Van Zandt County, Texas (April 15, 2020)** – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of a positive case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County bringing the total to eleven (11).

The confirmed case is community spread and is currently at home in isolation.

**Please continue to take all precautions to stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and stay home unless it is essential for you to get food, medications or to see your medical provider.** Now more than ever, **YOU** have the responsibility to keep yourself and your family safe. If you live in a City with a Stay At Home Order issued by the Mayor of your city, please follow those orders. If you live in the County, please follow the orders set forth in the Proclamation I signed on April 1, 2020. Everyone should continue to:

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- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects** using a cleaning items that contain bleach.
- Follow recommendations from local health officials and city/county officials.

If you feel you have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are experiencing fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, [please contact your healthcare provider or call 2-1-1 for a testing location.](#) Please call before going to your doctor or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

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April 17, 2020

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Confirmed Coronavirus Case in Van Zandt County**

**Van Zandt County, Texas (April 17, 2020)** – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of a positive case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County bringing the total to twelve (12).

The confirmed case is community spread and is currently at home in isolation.

**Please continue to take all precautions to stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and stay home unless it is essential for you to get food, medications or to see your medical provider.** Now more than ever, **YOU** have the responsibility to keep yourself and your family safe. If you live in a City with a Stay At Home Order issued by the Mayor of your city, please follow those orders. If you live in the County, please follow the orders set forth in the Proclamation I signed on April 1, 2020. Everyone should continue to:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Practice social distancing** - Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you believe you have symptoms.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze** into the bend of your elbow or into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects** using a cleaning items that contain bleach.
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If you feel you have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are experiencing fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, please contact your healthcare provider or call 2-1-1 for a testing location. Please call before going to your doctor or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

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April 20, 2020

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## **Confirmed Coronavirus Case in Van Zandt County**

**Van Zandt County, Texas (April 20, 2020)** – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of a positive case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County bringing the total to thirteen (13).

The confirmed case is community spread.

**Please continue to take all precautions to stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and stay home unless it is essential for you to get food, medications or to see your medical provider.** Now more than ever, **YOU** have the responsibility to keep yourself and your family safe. If you live in a City with a Stay At Home Order issued by the Mayor of your city, please follow those orders. If you live in the County, please follow the orders set forth in the Proclamation I signed on April 1, 2020. Everyone should continue to:

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April 27, 2020

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Confirmed Coronavirus Case in Van Zandt County**

**Van Zandt County, Texas (April 27, 2020)** – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of a positive case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County bringing the total to fourteen (14).

The confirmed case is community spread and is recovering at home. The case is located in the County with a Chandler, TX address.

**Please continue to take all precautions to stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and stay home unless it is essential for you to get food, medications or to see your medical provider.** Now more than ever, **YOU** have the responsibility to keep yourself and your family safe. If you live in a City with a Stay At Home Order issued by the Mayor of your city, please follow those orders. If you live in the County, please follow the orders set forth in the Proclamation I signed on April 1, 2020. Everyone should continue to:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Practice social distancing** - Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you believe you have symptoms.
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- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects** using a cleaning items that contain bleach.
- Follow recommendations from local health officials and city/county officials.

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April 30, 2020

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## **Confirmed Coronavirus Case in Van Zandt County**

**Van Zandt County, Texas (April 30, 2020)** – The Northeast Texas Public Health District has received confirmation of a positive case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Van Zandt County bringing the total to fifteen (15).

The confirmed case is community spread and is currently hospitalized. The case is located in the city limits of Van.

**Please continue to take all precautions to stop the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and stay home unless it is essential for you to get food, medications or to see your medical provider.** Now more than ever, **YOU** have the responsibility to keep yourself and your family safe. Please follow the orders set forth in the Proclamation I signed on April 29, 2020. Everyone should continue to:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
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