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PRESS RELEASE

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From: Hunt County Judge

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Re: 1 New Positive COVID-19 Test Result in Hunt County

1 new positive test result for COVID-19 has been reported in Hunt County. The Hunt County Health Department completed an initial investigation and determined that the individual in question resides in Hunt County. The general information for the new patient is: 18-30 Female, ZIP Code 75401, recovering at home. Hunt County will include up-to-date hospital numbers in the morning report.

Each morning, the County will release and post on its website a new set of numbers and charts showing the total number of cases, including the status and ZIP Codes of those cases. The state's website includes a map which may be accessed at "dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus" by clicking on the "Texas Case Counts" link.

It has been reported to the County that the State's COVID-19 fatality numbers exceed the locally-reported numbers of deaths. The State's reporting can be accessed by clicking on "Fatalities over Time by County" on www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/additionaldata. **As of this evening, the state shows 27 COVID-19 fatalities of Hunt County residents.** This divergence is due to a recent change in the way the state calculates COVID-19 deaths, which in part uses death certificate information not yet available to the County. When Hunt County releases its morning reports from this point forward, it will show the number of state-reported deaths, and the number of deaths that the County Health Department has been able to independently confirm.