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**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020**

Tarrant County Public Health reported 61 additional positive cases overnight with 1 additional death. This brings the County total to 990 cases with 30 deaths. Bedford has 22 positive cases with 0 deaths to date.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued a general opinion this past Monday, April 13, 2020, regarding property tax relief. His office has determined that properties suffering economic damage due to the COVID-19 disaster cannot claim exemptions. On January 1, 2020 a disaster tax exemption went into effect in Texas however, this exemption only applies to properties experiencing “physical” damage due to a disaster.

Please remember to follow CDC guidelines of ‘*How to Protect Yourself & Others.*’ The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus and to:

- Clean your hands often
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact
- Stay home as much as possible
- Put distance between yourself and other people
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily