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**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020**

Tarrant County Public Health reported an additional 103 positive cases overnight with 4 additional deaths. This brings the County totals to 1,093 positive cases and 34 deaths. Bedford is reporting 22 positive cases with 3 recoveries and 0 deaths. Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley has also indicated that over 6,400 people have been tested in the County. Of note, 33% of the positive cases are from the 25-44 age bracket, 40% from ages 45-64, and only 20% are aged 65 and up.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, over 151,000 Texans have been tested for COVID-19. There have been 15,492 positive cases identified state-wide as of April 15, 2020 with 364 deaths. The first positive case was reported in Fort Bend County on March 4, 2020.

According to an April 15 article on NBC 5 DFW (www.nbcdfw.com), North Texas food pantries have seen up to a 250% increase in demand as a result of the COVID-19 threat. Nonperishable items have become a commodity. Their inventory has been further compromised as a result of grocery stores shelves being empty. Fortunately, FEMA has stepped in and will be sending up to 44 million pounds of food to area pantries throughout the state. Both the North Texas Food Bank and the Tarrant Area Food Bank expect a combined 9 million pounds of food to be delivered and honestly, the timing couldn't be better. Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins has stated the food should be delivered within a matter of days.