



**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020**

Tarrant County Public Health announced an additional 82 positive cases overnight with 1 additional death. This brings the County total to 1,175 confirmed cases with 35 deaths. The County is also reporting 124 hospital beds are currently being occupied by COVID-19 confirmed cases or 4% of all beds in use. Bedford is reporting 25 positive cases with 4 recoveries.

Governor Abbott issued three Executive Orders today. Within the Orders certain businesses will be allowed to reopen using a "Retail-To-Go" model, elective surgery restrictions will be lessened, and schools will remain closed through the remainder of the school year. The Governor will also be creating a "Strike Force to Open Texas" team to help get Texans back to work under safe practices.

Republic Waste has notified the City of Bedford that it will begin picking up bulk and brush collection next week. It will take a few weeks to ramp up their capacity as they implement a return to this service. Because of this, they are asking all residents to limit what you put out while they get back up to speed.

Again, thank you for all the sacrifices you have been making during this difficult time. Our medical community continues to emphasize that all our efforts have been making an impact to reduce exposure to this pandemic.