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**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020**

Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) reported an additional 84 new cases overnight with 3 new deaths. This brings the County total to 1,333 positive cases with 42 deaths. Bedford data show 29 positive cases with 4 recoveries and 0 deaths. TCPH data continues to show that hospital beds and ventilator capacity remains stable. COVID-19 cases currently occupy 4% of the available hospitable beds in the County and of all the available ventilators in the County, only 27% are in use.

Yesterday in an interview on NBC5 DFW, Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley discussed loosening restrictions on local businesses. Whitley sees the end of restrictions in sight and has begun working on a plan to re-open non-essential businesses by the end of the first or second week of May.

Effective today, Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-15 lifts restrictions on surgeries. Licensed health care facilities must certify that 25% of their hospital capacity is reserved for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. In addition, they cannot request any PPE's from government sources to use in surgeries or for any additional treatments performed.

Nursing homes and related facilities remain closed to visitors through April 30, 2020 in Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-16 issued on April 17, 2020.