



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020**

Tarrant County Public Health reported 143 new cases overnight with 2 additional deaths and 28 additional recoveries. This brings the County totals to 2,956 positive cases, 90 deaths, and 682 recoveries. Texas Department of State Health Services is reporting nearly 21,000 Tarrant County residents have been tested for COVID-19 to-date.

March 2020 sales tax figures have been reported to all municipalities from the State. Bedford's data shows a decrease of nearly 11% in comparison to the March 2019 figures. Judging results from nearby cities, some cities felt a deeper drop off, while others felt it less. Fortunately, this decrease was less than staff was forecasting. April 2020 figures will give us a true picture of the impact on our budget.

'Open Texas' continues with additional businesses allowed to open tomorrow, Friday, May 8, 2020. Per Governor Abbott, cosmetology salons, barbershops, hair, nail, and tanning salons can reopen, with several restrictions. A complete list of reopening businesses and their restrictions can be found at [www.gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas](http://www.gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas).