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**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020**

Tarrant County Public Health reported an additional 92 new cases overnight with 7 new deaths. This brings the County's totals to 4,803 positive cases, 139 deaths, and 1,782 estimated recoveries to date. Bedford currently has 85 positive cases, 29 recoveries, and 1 death thus far.

The Center for Disease Control has updated it's "[How COVID-19 Spreads](#)" website page. Under "The virus does not spread easily in other ways" section, the CDC is now reporting that touching surfaces or objects is not thought to be the main way that the virus spreads. Although, they still encourage safe practices including cleaning and sanitizing shared surfaces.

Today, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will begin a phased approach to opening driver's license offices throughout the state. There will be limited services for individuals that do not have an active or expired license and anyone with an expired license has been granted a 60-day exception. Customers will be required to use an [online appointment system](#). DPS offices in North Texas will reopen beginning June 3, 2020 and people can begin scheduling appointments on May 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.