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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

Tarrant County Public Health reported 96 new cases overnight with 2 additional deaths. This brings the County totals to 4,899 positive cases, 141 deaths, and 1,809 estimated recoveries. Bedford is reporting 86 cases, 29 recoveries, and 1 death thus far.

Yesterday afternoon, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-24 removing travel restrictions for people arriving in Texas from California, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, and Miami. Gov. Abbott previously removed all travel restrictions to and from the State of Louisiana on April 28, 2020.

A study released on Sunday, May 17, 2020 by the University of Hong Kong, indicates that the usage of surgical masks significantly reduces the transmission of coronavirus. Experiments with hamsters by microbiologists at the University found that the transmission of respiratory droplets were reduced by as much as 75% when surgical masks were used. The study is believed to be the first of its kind and hamsters were used because they have similar enzyme receptors to humans.

Remember that effective today, bars, wine tasting rooms, and craft breweries can reopen, up to 25% capacity. Restaurants can expand and accept customers up to 50% capacity however, everyone is encouraged to continue using safe practices and social distancing standards.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.