



**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020**

Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) reported an additional 140 cases over the Memorial Day weekend with three additional deaths. This brings the County-wide total to 5,039 positive cases, 144 deaths, and 1,912 estimated recoveries. Bedford is reporting 87 positive cases, with 33 recoveries, and 1 death to date.

TCPH also currently shows 167 hospital beds in use by COVID-19 confirmed patients. This accounts for 5% of the total County hospital bed capacity.

According to an article last Friday on www.nbcdfw.com, Texas will be changing the way it reports its positivity ratings. The positivity rating is the percentage of people testing positive for COVID-19 over time. Two types of tests currently contribute to this figure, viral tests which are performed with nasal swabs to determine if you have the virus at the time of the test and antibody tests which are taken through blood samples and determine if you have ever been exposed to the virus in the past.

Until recently, antibody tests made up a small amount of the total figure, however with the increase in testing, results from these tests have become significantly greater. Going forward, according the article, the positive rating will now be calculated without antibody test results. The change results in a current positive rating around 6%, which is down from 10%.