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**Hon. Leward J. LaFleur**  
**Marion County Judge**

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## **Additional Coronavirus Case in Marion County**

Jefferson, Texas - Marion County was notified by the Texas Department of State Health Services that an additional case of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been reported. This brings the total number of cases to 13 with 1 considered recovered.

Human coronaviruses are most commonly spread through respiratory droplets. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. People at higher risk for serious complications are those with underlying health conditions and with people over the age of 65. Health care providers and epidemiologists will remain in contact with this confirmed individual, as well as with anyone that interacted with this individual if they believe they may be at risk of infection. Marion County residents are reminded to continue to practice healthy, sanitary habits including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

If you are experiencing fever, cough or difficulty breathing, been exposed to a sick traveler or been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, contact your healthcare provider immediately.

**Be sure to call before going to your doctor or an emergency department to prevent any potential spread.**

Local information can be found on The County website [www.co.marion.tx.us](http://www.co.marion.tx.us)

General information regarding COVID-19 can be found at:

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

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