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To the Citizens of Sutton County:

Our number today is 45 active cases. Of those, 33 are from Region 9/10 of the Texas Health and Human Service report, and 10 are from Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital (LMH) that have not been added to the State's list yet. There is a 3-4 day delay for LMH cases to reach the State's list. Testing facilities in Eldorado, Ozona, Boerne, Del Rio, San Angelo etc. also have a 3-4 day delay.

LMH is working to acquire the quicker ability to report, which would be the use of an electronic method to add the facilities number instead of a PDF.

When you visit the Texas COVID 19 Dashboard, you will see that the number for every county is an **estimate**. It is an estimate and always will be an estimate. If you visit the New York Times COVID 19 map you will see that they say we have over 150 active cases. They are wrong. They have added the state numbers from the Texas Dashboard (active cases -57 and probable cases -100) to come up with their number. The problem with their math is that probable case number stretches back to March 2020, therefore, the 100 probable cases are not current.

**PLEASE MASK UP FOR YOURSELF AND EVERYONE ELSE.** The mask does eliminate how much **you** take in. Who knows, when this is over we may discover that you helped yourself to have less symptoms if you do get sick or prevented you from catching it at all.

**THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER ON THE MASK IS IN EXISTENCE.** If you have issues seeing businesses not complying, tell them what you expect in a kind way. This is true of restaurants, retail shops, and government buildings.

Thank you,

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