Today, May 12th, 2020 the City of Port Arthur Health Department received confirmation of one (1) additional Port Arthur resident who has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). This individual is a male between the age ranges of 70-75. He is quarantined at home and is cooperating with local health officials. For Confidentiality purposes, the PAHD is not releasing any additional information to identify this individual. This brings the total to forty-nine (49) individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the City of Port Arthur.

Epidemiological investigators and public health staff will perform investigations and surveillance on these patients, and will identify individuals who potentially were associated with this case. Those identified to be at possible risk of exposure or infection will be contacted for further case investigation.

These are steps you can take to keep you and your loved ones protected:
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash. If tissues are not available, cough and sneeze into your elbow. Do not cough and sneeze into your hands.
- Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Get a flu shot. The flu vaccine does not offer protection against COVID-19, but it is also flu season.
  Call the COVID-19 hotline at (409) 550-2536 or your healthcare provider if you are experiencing fever, cough or shortness of breath or if you just want to be tested.