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COVID-19 and Local Residential Care Facility

Washington County continues to receive reports that our local residential care facility, Brenham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, has more positive cases of COVID-19. The Joint Information Center (JIC) Task Force, local public health officials as well as Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the facility's regulatory agency, Texas Health and Human Services, continue to be in communication with representatives from the facility to offer support. The county has provided personal protective equipment (PPE) as needed.

Earlier this week, DSHS advised the facility that all residents and staff be tested for COVID-19. DSHS provided the facility with additional test kits so everyone could be tested. There are currently 67 positive cases within this facility, and more are anticipated in the coming days as results from testing is processed. "Although there is a spike in positive cases due to a single source, the community spread cases are slowing," said Dr. Loesch, Washington County Local Health Authority.

As of Friday afternoon, at the request of Senator Kolkhorst and Washington County and City officials, the State of Texas has launched a Mobile Integrated Healthcare Unit to the Brenham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Their role will be to triage, test all patients and staff, and assist in facility management. The team will make recommendations for next steps for the facility and patient care.

To find the latest updates and information, visit the JIC website at bit.ly/covidwctx and the Facebook page of Washington County Office of Emergency Management at [@WashingtonCountyOEM](https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountyOEM)

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