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Wharton County Office of Emergency Management has received a report today from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) that there are **no (0)** new positive cases of COVID-19 and **no (0)** recoveries to report. The last time the Wharton County OEM received a report with no positives was July 1. While it is true that cases are on the decline in the state, notification was received from DSHS that stated, “While most counties in our Region were able to avoid the predicted catastrophic damage from Hurricane Laura, the DSHS team has been fully engaged in supporting the public health and medical needs of the affected counties in the East. Our epidemiologists have not been able to keep up with processing COVID-19 lab reports.” Although, the Wharton OEM cannot confirm, it is believed that there are pending test results that are delayed due to the DSHS’s epidemiologists not being able to process COVID-19 lab reports as quickly as before Hurricane Laura.

Therefore, the total positive cases for COVID-19 remains at **one thousand two hundred fifty-nine (1,259)** in Wharton County and remains at **four hundred fifty-three (453)** reported cases who have recovered. Wharton County has **seven hundred seventy-eight (778)** active COVID-19 cases. **No (0)** additional fatalities due to COVID-19 were reported, thus the total number of deaths remains at **twenty-eight (28)**.

IMPORTANT: County-wide testing is occurring today, Tuesday, September 1 at the El Campo Civic Center, until 4 pm this afternoon. No registration is required. Next scheduled testing will be Tuesday, September 8, at the Wharton Civic Center, from 8 am – 4 pm.

WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE DILIGENT IN OUR EFFORTS SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19!

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