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### ***Wharton County, TX Friday, January 4, 2022 1130 hours***

The Wharton County Office of Emergency Management has been notified that cases continue to climb significantly in our County, as well as the state. Here are some updates:

On December 31, the County had an estimated 166 active cases; today that number is 301.

On December 31, the hospitalization rate for our Trauma Service Area (“Q”) was 11.74%; today that rate is 16.19%.

On December 31, approximately 181,000 Texas were suffering with COVID-19; today that number is over 331,000.

The medical professionals continue to remind us that the Omicron variant is ***highly contagious*** and the comparisons above support that fact. PLEASE use every precaution to avoid getting infected with the disease. Avoid crowds. Mask up, if indoors. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. And plan to get vaccinated, if you haven’t already and are eligible to do so. ***And on that note, there are two opportunities to get vaccinated - Jan 7 at the Wharton Civic Center and on Jan 18 at the Fire Training Field in El Campo, from 10 AM – 4 PM and both Pfizer & Moderna vaccines will be available.***

Let’s protect each other, as much as possible. Testing is hard to get and antiviral medications and antibody drug infusions are extremely limited if you get infected. The medical community is getting weary and overburdened.

Be safe.

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