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## **COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO RISE IN BUDA AND HAYS COUNTY** ***Stay Budaful, Healthy, & Mask Up***

**BUDA, TX - Dec. 16, 2020** - COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Buda and across Hays County. It is a reminder that we are still in a global pandemic. Please continue to stay vigilant and take the necessary precautions to protect your loved ones, our healthcare workers, and the community. Together we can make a “budaful” difference.

There are three important ways to help slow the spread:

- Wear a mask to protect yourself and others.
- Stay at least 6 feet from others who do not live with you, and avoid crowds.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

“COVID-19 cases in Hays County have dramatically spiked since Thanksgiving. The City of Buda has seen an increase of over 200 new cases in this same period,” said Mayor Lee Urbanovsky. “There are many families in Buda currently fighting this virus and many more in quarantine due to exposure. Pandemic fatigue is only one of many new terms we are learning through this experience. 10 months is a long time, but we need to stay vigilant with wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing.”

According to the latest numbers from the Hays County Health Department, Buda has close to 230 positive COVID-19 cases. The latest number of COVID cases in Buda and Hays County can be found on the City’s website at [www.ci.buda.tx.us/coronavirusinformation](http://www.ci.buda.tx.us/coronavirusinformation).

“This virus is actively spreading in our communities,” said Hays County Epidemiologist Eric Schneider. “By taking safety measures seriously we can slow it down, but it will take all of us working together.”

As the holidays approach please consider celebrating virtually or with the people in your household. This poses the lowest risk for spread. Travel may increase your chance of spreading and getting COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to recommend postponing travel and staying home. For additional recommendations/information from the CDC please visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. For information on holiday celebrations and small gatherings from the CDC please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>.



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### **Curative COVID-19 Testing in Buda**

COVID-19 Testing is available in Buda through Curative. The testing kiosk is set up in the parking lot at Main Street and China Street near the public restrooms across from Main Street Dental. There are some recent changes to the Curative testing sites in Buda and Hays County.

- They are offering testing by appointment only until further notice
- Curative is now billing insurance, but there is no out-of-pocket cost to the individual being tested.
- Testing continues to be free to anyone without insurance.
- Curative testing locations are closed Dec. 24, 25, 31, and Jan. 1

Schedule a time for testing: [Curative Testing Site in Buda](#)

For more information on Curative COVID-19 Testing and additional testing locations in Hays County, please visit <https://www.ci.buda.tx.us/677/Curative-COVID-19-Testing>.

**OBSERVE  
SOCIAL  
DISTANCING**

**WEAR A MASK**

**STAY HOME IF  
YOU'RE SICK**

**WASH YOUR HANDS**

**STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE!**

BudaTx breathe easy here.