



# The City of West University Place

## Emergency Management

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### COVID-19 Weekly Update – September 24, 2020

- Governor Abbott's most recent executive order(GA 30) went into effect on Monday 09/21 increasing capacity to 75% for retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing, museums and libraries and gyms. This latest reopening requires that the COVID-19 occupancy rate at hospitals stay below 15%. This requirement is measured regionally by Trauma Service Areas; our region (TSA-Q) is currently at 6.3%. This data is available through the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC).
- Positivity rates:  
Texas: 6.41% (as of September 22).  
Texas Medical Center: 3.5% (as of September 23)  
Harris County Public Health: 7.1% - 14 day average as of (September 16)
- Today's report has substantially changed since Monday's report and appears to be the result of several months of backlogged data that was recently dumped from the Department of State Health Services(HCPH)these updated numbers indicate that WestU has a total of 121 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 12 of these cases are "Active" and 109 have "Recovered". Zero "Deaths" have been reported in WestU due to COVID-19. The Fire Chief is reaching out to Harris County Public Health to confirm the accuracy of this change in data. Monday's report was 53 confirmed cases, 4 active, 49 recovered, 0 deaths.
- Regarding the reopening plan for playground equipment at West U Parks, an email was sent to Harris County Public Health last Wednesday requesting input on any COVID-19 orders or guidance that should prevent the reopening of this equipment but no response has been received to date. The current plan to reopen park playground equipment by Saturday, September 26. Staff is working to ensure necessary maintenance is performed and proper signage is in place before removing the temporary fencing.
- One City staff member tested positive for COVID-19 this week and WestU Staff have been performing contact tracing to identify potential exposures and scheduling those employees for testing. Employees within that division will be following the CDC guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers until affected employees have been cleared by testing or time requirements.
- End of Report

