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FOURTH STEPHENVILLE RESIDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, TENTH PERSON IN ERATH COUNTY.

Stephenville, Texas April 5, 2020—The City of Stephenville was advised at 7:45 PM Sunday evening that a fourth resident of Stephenville has tested positive for the COVID 19 Virus. City Health Officer Kelly Doggett told the city that the resident was tested on April 2 and is recuperating at home.

Stephenville Mayor Doug Svien commented, “Four of our neighbors in Stephenville have tested positive for this terrible virus. On top of that six of our county neighbors have tested positive as well. To slow the spread of this condition in our city we must take all the precautions from CDC seriously. As your Mayor I implore you to stay at home and don’t go out unless you absolutely have to.” City Manager Allen Barnes said, “The key to getting the virus under control in Stephenville is to shelter in home and not get out unless you absolutely have to. The CDC has suggested that even if you only go out for essential travel, you should wear a mask. They say that even a bandana over your mouth and nose helps and to please save the medical type masks for the first responders and medical staff.”

The City of Stephenville and all of Erath County are under a Shelter in Home order until April 30. Only travel that is absolutely essential should be taken. Stay more than six feet away from each other. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at least once per hour. Sneeze into a tissue or into the inside of your elbow. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as often as possible. Do not touch your face. If you feel sick DO NOT go to work.

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