COVID-19 Council Update – September 21, 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: 6.64% (as of September 20).

Texas Medical Center: 3.4% (as of September 21)

Harris County Public Health: 7.4% - 14 day average as of (September 13)

- Harris County Public Health data indicates that WestU has a total of 53 confirmed cases of COVID-19 but only 4 of these cases is "Active" and 49 have "Recovered". Zero "Deaths" have been reported in WestU due to COVID-19.
- 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.
- End of Report



