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**Additional COVID-19 Deaths Reported from State Death Certificate Data
Tyler, Texas (Friday, November 13, 2020)**

NET Health has been reporting COVID-19 death information primarily received from area hospitals and nursing homes. The State of Texas has reported larger numbers of COVID-19 deaths per County on their State Dashboard, as compared to NET Health’s COVID-19 reports, by utilizing information obtained from the State of Texas’ death certificates data. COVID-19 deaths are attributed to the county of residence, not where the individual died.

NET Health has been given the ability to access the State of Texas’ death certificate data to compare the deaths that we had previously reported versus the State of Texas’ reporting documents, and our databases have been updated to include this additional death information.

NET Health’s review of State death certificates has shown that we had not been receiving routine reports of death for individuals who passed in their homes, in hospices, and at nursing homes and hospitals that are located outside of our 7-county area. This increase is due to the reconciliation of the State’s death totals with our local data, and not because we have seen a significant rise in deaths recently. The chart below lists the additional COVID-19 deaths by county and by month of reported death from the State of Texas’ death certificate data.

Counties	Additional COVID-19 Deaths Reported from State of Texas’ Death Certificate Data									
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Totals
Smith	1	0	2	0	8	35	27	11	4	88
Gregg	0	0	3	1	11	15	15	3	2	50
Anderson	0	0	0	1	1	4	10	3	2	21
Henderson	0	0	1	0	2	6	4	9	1	23
Van Zandt	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	2	0	12
Rains	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
Wood	0	0	0	0	2	7	7	4	0	20

NET Health will continue to access the State of Texas' death certificate data to report the number of COVID-19 deaths within our 7 counties of Disease Surveillance.

The dashboard updates for today are accessible by visiting the ‘Confirmed Cases’ link within the ‘News and Updates’ section of [NETHealthCOVID19.org](https://www.nethealthCOVID19.org).