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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

**Dear Community Members:** 

The following map displays confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 by zip code in Medina County as of May 29, 2020. This map and more information regarding COVID-19 can be found at <a href="https://www.MedinaHealth.org">www.MedinaHealth.org</a>.

On Tuesday, we changed the format, but not the content, of our weekly data. This was done to draw attention to the age spread for illness. It was meant to show that within our total number of cases there were many who had no need for hospitalization and no poor outcomes. It was also meant to show that there is impact among those in middle age. I noted that we had many new cases in the past week. Almost all of these cases came from a current outbreak in one of our long-term care facilities, but half of these were among staff members. The coronavirus does not just affect our elderly population who are residents of congregate living situations, but instead is affecting individuals of all ages and backgrounds who are out moving throughout the community. Because we know asymptomatic transmission is possible and that the virus is still contagious, it's often very difficult to trace the source of exposure and it's likely our reported cases will continue to climb.

Providing this information is in no way intended to cause fear or anxiety, but rather to show what is happening in the county so you and your family can make decisions that best work for you. Citizens have requested this data and I am providing it.

