

## COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

JUNE 9, 2020

Greetings from the offices of the Bee County Judge and the Mayor of the City of Beeville. In an effort to reduce the length of this update, we have removed information on previous daily updates. Please know that you can access the full text of all prior daily updates on our Bee OEM facebook page.

We have several matters to disclose.

1. This past weekend began with a notice from us that our case count was up to 18 (officially only 11). Shortly thereafter, the Texas Department of State Health Services (TXDSHS) COVID-19 dashboard reported that our case count was up to 22. TXDSHS did not provide prior notice to Bee County of these 4 new cases. We have addressed that with TXDSHS but we can confirm that on Saturday, June 6, 2020, Bee County had 22 cases.
2. In our June 5, 2020, periodic update, we addressed the refusal of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to participate in the state-wide established disclosure process for COVID-19 cases. In brief, TDCJ is not notifying TXDSHS of positive cases in the manner proscribed at the state level for all other medical professionals. The practical result is that by the time TXDSHS is able to provide confirmation to Bee County, many days have passed. This is troubling to us and we continue to seek engagement with TDCJ and TXDSHS to remedy the situation.
3. Also in our June 5, 2020, periodic update, we reported that no TDCJ inmate COVID-19 cases arising after June 7, 2020, would count against Bee County. TXDSHS notified us today that the State has reversed course and that **all new TDCJ inmate COVID-19 cases will continue to count against Bee County.**
4. We have new cases. Today we received official notice from TXDSHS of Case 23, the press release is being published today as well.
5. Results remain pending for 34 samples from the Texas Military Department testing. Hopefully those results will come in soon. If you received a test from the Texas Military Department and (1) have not received your results; and (2) have COVID-19 symptoms, we encourage you to seek alternate testing through your medical provider or through our Bee County Coalition Drive-through Testing Facility.

Our case count continues to steadily increase. TDCJ inmate cases should not be discounted because those inmates are cared for by our family, friends and neighbors. An outbreak at Garza East, Garza West of McConnell exposes Bee County to an increased risk of outbreak amongst those of us residing here of our own volition.

As COVID-19 penetrates further into our community, it is up to each of us as individuals to do our part to try to limit the spread. Messaging remains the same – wash your hands for 30 secs and often; stay 6-feet away from others; be considerate of those around you.

BY THE NUMBERS

Summary

Date	Total Cases to Date	Active Cases	Released from Quarantine	Probable Cases
6/9/20	23	Unknown	Unknown	1

Case by Case

Case No.	Age Range	Sex	Date of Initial Positive	
			Notification	Transmission
1	40s	F	4/7/20	Community
2	40s	M	4/9/20	Travel
3	70s	F	4/11/20	Community
4	70s	F	4/16/20	Community
5	40s	M	4/16/20	Community
<del>6*</del>	<del>40s</del>	<del>M</del>	<del>4/29/20</del>	<del>Community</del>
6	30's	F	5/19/20	Unknown
7	20's	M	5/19/20	Community
8	50's	F	5/20/20	Unknown
9	40's	M	5/23/20	Travel
10	40's	M	6/2/20	Community
11	20's	M	6/5/20	Community
12	50's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
13	20's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
14	50's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
15	20's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
16	20's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
17	20's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
18	20's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
19	50's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
20	20's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
21	30's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
22	20's	M	6/8/20	Community-TDCJ
23	40's	M	6/9/20	Community
<i>Note *Original case 6 was re-assigned to Live Oak County</i>				

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Testing Info

Testing Source	Total Tests	Positive Bee County	Re-tested Bee County Positive <sup>1</sup>	Positive Out of County	Re-tested Positive Out of County	Negative	Indeterminate	Pending
Drive-thru @ Expo	217	3	2	1	1	210	0	0
Private Clinics <sup>2</sup>	20	1	0	0	0	19	0	0
Military @Expo	339	2	Unknown	8	Unknown	289	6	34
Nursing Homes	288	0	0	0	251	0	0	37
Unknown Source <sup>3</sup>	Unknown	17	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
		<i>Notes</i>						
		1. Prior positive was retested and came back positive.						
		2. Not all Clinics are reporting.						
		3. TXDSHS reported these cases to us.						

TAKE-AWAYS

**We had 11 cases on Friday; now we have 23 cases.** We will likely have additional cases to report this week. Redouble your efforts; COVID-19 has not dissipated even with the summer heat beating down on South Texas. COVID-19 cases continue to increase state-wide at a concerning rate. COVID-19 cases continue to increase here in Bee County and the TDCJ cases are not capable of being “confined” within the walls of our local prisons.

Please: Keep up your social distancing efforts. Wash your hands. Be mindful of the risk of exposure to yourself, to your loved ones and to others, in all that you do. Keep those afflicted with the virus in your prayers.