

## **COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE**

JULY 10, 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 want to re-iterate that COVID-19 can, and does, infect all ages of people. From 1 day old to 100 years old or more. For any COVID-19 patient under the age of 20, we will only identify that individual as “under 20”.

You cannot interact with a person not of your own household without the associated risk of contracting COVID-19. Ignore that and one of these case numbers may be for you in the future.

Since many of us are working and interacting daily with many people that we do not live with, there are countless avenues of transmission for COVID-19 to spread amongst our community. It literally takes all of our collective effort to reduce those pathways for COVID-19. Each of us, as a potential carrier or recipient of the virus, plays an important role on where COVID-19 goes.

But, we do have simple effective tools at our disposal to reduce COVID’s spread. We can actually embrace “social distancing” for all interactions, not just the ones with people we don’t know well. We can actually embrace mask wearing instead of railing against the fact that we are being ordered to wear a mask. And we can get back to vigorous hand washing supplemented with hand sanitizing when washing is not an immediate option.

Make no mistake, every time one of us lets our guard down, decides that the guidelines, orders, and reasonable requests do not apply to our particular situation—every time—we become a part of the pathway for COVID-19. Don’t be part of the pathway; be a dead end, a stop sign, a barrier.

### **CASE UPDATE**

Since the last Covid-19 Periodic Update, dated July 9, 2020, DSHS has notified Bee County of the following eighteen (18) additional community cases (which simply means “non-TDCJ inmate”):

- Case No. 97** – Female under 20 (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 98** – Female in her 50’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 99** – Male in his 60’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 100** – Female in her 20’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 101** – Male in his 40’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 102** – Male in his 20’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 103** – Female in her 40’s (confirmed 7.9.20);

- Case No. 104** – Male in his 20’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 105** – Male in his 20’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 106** – Female under 20 (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 107** – Male in his 20’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 108** – Male in his 20’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 109** – Female in her 20’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 110** – Male in his 50’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 111** – Female in her 40’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 112** – Female in her 50’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 113** – Female in her 20’s (confirmed 7.9.20);
- Case No. 114** – Female in her 30’s (confirmed 7.9.20);

As of 7:30 this morning, July 10, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) Dashboard,<sup>1</sup> Bee County currently has

- 60 active cases;
- 38 recovered cases; and
- 135 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

These numbers from DSHS are not accurate. For example, the total case count has not yet been updated to reflect these 18 new cases, for example. Accordingly, our total case count is higher which means our active case count should be higher. And, our recovered case count could be lower as well. If you check the dashboard this evening, the data should be updated to include these cases.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard,<sup>2</sup> reflects 5 active inmate case, all within the McConnell Unit. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 18 “recovered” inmate cases.

There are 23 total inmate cases, and 114 community cases, so the Bee County confirmed total is: **137 total cases since tracking began.**

Bee County is situated in DSHS Region 11. Region 11 tracks non-inmate COVID-19 cases in Bee County, including contact tracing and quarantine management. The DSHS Dashboard, on the other hand, is maintained by DSHS in Austin, and in Austin, DSHS counts both non-inmate and inmate cases together.<sup>3</sup>

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1. The DSHS dashboard is found at: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>.
2. The TDCJ dashboard is found at: [https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/covid-19/mac\\_dashboard.html](https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/covid-19/mac_dashboard.html).
3. Please refer to the COVID-19 Periodic Update, dated June 22, 2020, located at the Bee OEM Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Bee-OEM-273471659982710/>, for

Our local hospital has 12 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 and fall within the following age ranges: 40-45; 50-55; and 70-75. Three patients are on a ventilator. Hospitalized COVID-19 patients are not necessarily Bee County residents.

**BEE COUNTY COVID-19 HOTLINE AND DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING FACILITY**

Please contact our Hotline—**361-492-5981**—for COVID-19 questions and to conduct pre-screening interviews for COVID-19 testing at our Drive-Through Testing Facility.

Our hotline is short-staffed and the volume of calls has risen dramatically. Please be patient and continue to try to get through.

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further detail regarding “community cases” and the renumbering of non-offender Bee County COVID-19 cases.