

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

August 12, 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.

GUIDANCE FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

The simple steps everyone can take to help prevent spreading the virus:

- Wear a cloth face covering (over the nose and mouth);
- Practice social distancing by staying at least six feet away;
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- If soap and water are not available, use a 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; and
- Stay at home and stop the spread of coronavirus.

DO YOUR PART TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

Our schools face an uphill battle when it comes to getting students back in the classrooms and participating in extracurricular activities (sports, band, etc.). If our schools are going to be successful, it is imperative that all parents and caregivers of school-aged children comply fully with the guidelines, policies and procedures set by their respective child(ren)'s schools. If you have questions – call the school. Be polite—this is new for everyone—but be persistent if you need further explanation. Follow the school's rules—support the efforts of and keep safe our Teachers, Coaches, Staff, Administrators, and our Children too.

CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases (i.e. not TDCJ inmates): **645**

Total new cases reported today: **30**

On August 11, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County that it was removing case number 564 because, after a deep case investigation, DSHS determined the patient does not reside in Bee County. DSHS also notified Bee County of 30 additional community cases, all of which are listed below:

Female in her 50's	Female in her 50's	Female in her 20's
Male in his 20's	Female in her 30's	Female in her 20's
Male in his 50's	Female in her 20's	Male in his 50's
Male in his 40's	Female in her 10's	Female in her 40's
Male in his 10's	Male in his 30's.	Female in her 40's
Male in his 30's	Female in her 40's	Female in her 20's
Female in her 40's	Male in his 10's	Male in his Teens
Female in her 30's	Female in her 50's	Female in her 10's
Female in her 50's	Male in his 50's	Female in her 10's
Male in his 20's	Female in her 40's	Female in her 60's

DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 4:00 p.m. today, August 12, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services ("DSHS") Dashboard, Bee County currently has

812 active cases;
423 recovered cases; and
1277 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

The Dashboard also reflects 12 fatalities in Bee County.

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. We understand that the Dashboard numbers do not always align with our **confirmed** cases and, like today, might not even add up. We have no control over the DSHS Dashboard.

Region 11 of DSHS will not provide Bee County with any confirmation or information of Bee County COVID-19 deaths; that information will be published by DSHS on its Dashboard only.

With respect to COVID-19 deaths, DSHS reports the following dates of death for each of the 12 fatalities of Bee Countians: 1 on July 4; 1 on July 6; 2 on July 13; 2 on July 16; 2 on July 21; 1 on July 24; 1 on August 1; 1 on August 2; and 1 without a reported date.

TDCJ DASHBOARD SUMMARY

Unit	Inmates		Employees		<i>Totals:</i>
	Active	Recovered	Active	Recovered	
Garza East	63	53	13	14	<i>143</i>
Garza West	13	19	24	14	<i>70</i>
McConnell	441	45	91	22	<i>599</i>
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>517</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>812</i>

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard, reflects a total of 517 active inmate cases as set out above. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 117 recovered inmate cases. These numbers are fluctuating downward and upward, whereas our community case count only increases, which impacts the confirmed total case count, but the larger data set of total cases means that the impact of the TDCJ fluctuation is less dramatic, but the issue persists.

The TDCJ Dashboard also reflects a total of 128 active employee cases. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 50 recovered employee cases.

With a total of 634 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 645 community cases, the Bee County total is: **1,279 total cases since tracking began.**

HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 9:00 a.m. today, 17 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 9 females and 8 males. 13 of these patients are Bee County residents. Age ranges of the patients are:

Age Range	# of Patients
0-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	1
30-39	1
40-49	1
50-59	5
60-69	4
70-79	3
Over 80	2
Total:	17

Of the 17 patients, 3 are TDCJ Inmates.

Additionally, 2 patients are on a ventilator at this time.

ADDITIONAL DATA POINT

According to DSHS, the current total confirmed cases per 1,000 persons in Texas is at 17.08. Stated otherwise, 17.08 out of every 1,000 Texans has or have had COVID-19. In Bee County, our ratio is higher, currently 37.07 out of every 1,000 Bee Countians. The data used to arrive at our ratio includes TDCJ numbers.

Regardless of how one interprets this (and other) data, COVID-19 is present in our community and we should all remain vigilant in mask wearing and social distancing to reduce the chance that any one of us unintentionally spread the virus amongst our family, friends, and fellow Bee Countians.

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.

PARTING SHOTS

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.

If you have read to the end, thank you.