

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

October 16, 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.

We have experienced a dramatic tapering off of active COVID-19 cases these past several weeks and it is great. But we should remain steadfast in practicing social distancing and following the Governor's mask mandate. As we head into Fall, and cooler weather and flu season, we should continue to practice the sanitary habits necessitated by COVID-19, which will reduce our risk of contracting COVID-19 as well as other cold and flu viruses. So, keep following the guidance set out above, and keep masking up when necessary to protect yourself and others.

CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases (i.e. not TDCJ inmates): **1236***

Total new cases reported today: **9**

On October 9, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 2 additional community cases.
On October 10, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 1 additional community case.
On October 12, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 5 additional community

cases. On October 13, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 1 additional community case. No new cases were reported on October 11 or 14, 2020.

***On October 14, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County that its total community case count decreased by 10 cases that were either duplicates or out-of-county cases. So, with 9 new cases and 10 cases removed, our total number of confirmed community cases went down by 1 case from the last periodic update.**

All new cases are listed below:

Female in her 80s	Male in his 70s	Male between 0-9
Male in his 60s	Female in her 40s	Female in her 20s
Male in his 40s	Female in her 20s	Male in his 70s

DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 7:00 a.m. today, October 16, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) Dashboard, Bee County currently has

14 active cases;¹
1,780 recovered cases;² and
1,831 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

1. DSHS States: “On September 28, DSHS updated its active case estimate. Due to the number of older cases being reported by local jurisdictions, DSHS updated the active and recovered case formulas to ensure these older cases are not counted as active. The number of active cases now more closely aligns with the number of new confirmed cases being reported daily to DSHS. The active case estimate is calculated by taking the number of confirmed cases and subtracting fatalities and estimated recoveries. Because both active and recovered cases are estimates, they can vary from what is reported locally. DSHS uses local estimates when available. **Active case numbers do not include probable cases.**

2. DSHS States: “On September 28, DSHS updated its recovered case estimate. To account for the number of older cases reported by local jurisdictions, DSHS added a step to the formula to assume these older cases have recovered. This estimated number of recoveries now more closely aligns to the timing of when these cases were likely first identified. **Estimated Recoveries by County** DISCLAIMER: County estimates do not sum to statewide estimated patients recovered posted on this website, as the statewide total estimates the number recovered for all counties for the current day. For the statewide estimate, the following method is used: (1) Include total confirmed cases (as posted to DSHS COVID-19 Public Dashboard: <https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83>); (2) Remove any deaths; (3) Remove older cases being newly reported by the local jurisdiction (NEW September 28, 2020); (4) Estimate that ~20% of remaining/living cases required hospitalization and ~80% of remaining/living cases did not.

The Dashboard also reflects 37 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 37 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 July 28; 1 on August 1; 1 on August 2; 1 on August 5; 1 on August 6; 2 on August 9; 1 on August 11; 1 on August 12; 1 on August 13; 1 on August 14; 1 on August 15; 1 on August 16; 1 on August 17; 2 on August 25; 1 on August 28; 1 on September 1; 2 on September 2; 1 on September 3; 1 on September 11; 1 on September 17; 2 on September 20; 1 on September 22; 1 on September 27; and 1 on October 5.

TDCJ DASHBOARD SUMMARY

Unit	Inmates		Employees		<i>Totals:</i>
	Active	Recovered	Active	Recovered	
Garza East	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>
Garza West	0	110	15	75	<i>200</i>
McConnell	0	472	23	124	<i>619</i>
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>582</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>819</i>

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard, reflects a total of 0 active inmate cases, as set out above. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 582 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 38 active employee cases. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 199 recovered employee cases.

With a total of 582 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 1236 community cases, the Bee County total is: **1,818 total cases since tracking began.**

HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 3:00 p.m. on October 15, 1 patient is hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 1 male. The patient is a Bee County resident. Age ranges of the patients are:

Age Range	# of Patients
0-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	0
30-39	0
40-49	0
50-59	0
60-69	1
70-79	0
Over 80	0
<i>Total:</i>	<i>1</i>

The patient is not a TDCJ inmate and is not ventilated.

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.