

# COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

October 23, 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.

With this report, we disclose two days with 5 or more new cases reported. This may be an anomaly, or it may be an indication that COVID-19 infections are increasing. The best method we have to combat any resurgence of the virus is to re-double our efforts at social distancing and wearing a mask when you cannot maintain 6-feet of separation from others that are not members of your own household.

Additionally, 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 below, and keep masking up when necessary to protect yourself and others.

## 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.

## CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases (i.e. not TDCJ inmates): **1253**

Total new cases reported today: **17**

On October 16, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 1 additional community case. On October 17, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 2 additional community cases. On October 19, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 5 additional community cases. On October 21, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 1 additional community case. On October 22, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 8 additional community cases. No new cases were reported on October 18 or 20, 2020.

All new cases are listed below:

Male in his 30s	Female in her 50s	Female in her 30s
Male in his 60s	Female in her 50s	Female in her 10s
Female in her 80s	Female in her 30s	Female between 0-9
Male in his 30s	Female in her 10s	Female in her 20s
Female in her 30s	Male in his 10s	Female in her 70s
Female in her 30s	Female in her 10s	

## DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 7:00 a.m. today, October 23, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) Dashboard, Bee County currently has

17 active cases;<sup>1</sup>

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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.**”

1,782 recovered cases;<sup>2</sup> and  
1,838 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

The Dashboard also reflects 39 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 39 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; 1 on October 5; 1 on October 9; and 1 on October 13.

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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.

### 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	111	13	78	<i>202</i>
McConnell	1	477	15	131	<i>624</i>
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>588</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>826</i>

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard, reflects a total of 1 active inmate case, as set out above. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 588 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 28 active employee cases. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 209 recovered employee cases.

With a total of 589 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 1253 community cases, the Bee County total is: **1,842 total cases since tracking began.**

### HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 3:00 p.m. on October 22, 4 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, all females. The patients are all Bee County residents. Age ranges of the patients are:

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

One patient is a TDCJ inmate. No patients are 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.