

## COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

July 31, 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.

### NATIONAL GUARD CONTRACTOR COVID-19 TESTING

**Cancelled – Our Sincere Apologies.**

**Need Testing? Call 361-492-5981.**

**National Guard will return next week for multiple testing days.**

### HURRICANE HANNA DAMAGE?

This is unrelated to COVID-19. Last weekend, Hurricane Hanna made landfall. Although the storm tracked southwest of Bee County, we still received some rain and wind. If you have sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Hanna, please go to the following website to report such damage to your home or business: <https://arcg.is/0C8GSj>.

### CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases: **412**

Total new cases reported today: **7**

On July 30, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 7 additional community cases (i.e. not TDCJ inmates), all of which are listed below:

Male in his 30's

Male in his 70's

Female in her 40's

Male in his 40's

Male in his 70's

Female in her 50's

Female in her 40's

## DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 4:00 p.m. today, July 31, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) Dashboard, Bee County currently has

268 active cases;  
207 recovered cases; and  
498 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

The Dashboard also reflects 9 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.

## TDCJ DASHBOARD SUMMARY

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard, reflects a total of 69 active inmate cases—44 in the McConnell Unit, 13 in the Garza West Unit, and 12 in the Garza East Unit. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 17 “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 88 active employee cases—66 in the McConnell Unit, and 11 in each of the Garza West Unit and the Garza East Unit. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 25 “recovered” employee cases.

With a total of 86 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 412 community cases, the Bee County total is: **498 total cases since tracking began.**

## HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 10:00 a.m. today, 15 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 5 females and 10 males. 9 of these patients are Bee County residents. Age ranges of the patients are: 3 between 40-49; 3 between 50-59; 4 between 60-69; 2 between 70-79; and 3 over 80.

Of the 15 patients, 4 are TDCJ Inmates and 1 is a Federal Correctional Institute Inmate.

## ADDITIONAL DATA POINT

According to DSHS, the current total confirmed cases per 1,000 persons in Texas is at 13.89. Stated otherwise, 13.89 out of every 1,000 Texans has or have had COVID-19. In Bee County, our ratio is a bit higher now, at 13.99 out of every 1,000 Bee Countians.

This does not necessarily mean that Bee County is experiencing a greater infection rate, but it does mean that our continued increased testing is revealing a greater rate of infection than testing in other counties statewide.

Regardless of how one interprets this (and other) data points, COVID-19 is present in our community and we should all be vigilant in mask wearing and social distancing do reduce the chance that any one of us are unintentionally spreading 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.