

# COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

September 25, 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 have **less than 50** active COVID-19 cases in Bee County! DSHS Dashboard actually has Bee County at **zero** active cases! While we are very encouraged by this declining trend of COVID-19 cases in Bee County, we caution everyone not to drop their guard or cease to follow the Governor's mask mandate and prudent social distancing practices. Keep up the great work everyone!

## 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): **1222**

Total new cases reported today: **1**

On September 22, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 1 additional community case. All new cases are listed below:

Male in his 20s

## DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 5:00 p.m. yesterday, September 24, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) Dashboard, Bee County currently has

- 0 active cases;
- 1,778 recovered cases; and
- 1,789 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

The Dashboard also reflects 31 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 31 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; 1 on September 2; 1 on September 3; 1 on September 11; and 1 unspecified as of now.

## TDCJ DASHBOARD SUMMARY

Unit	Inmates		Employees		<i><b>Totals:</b></i>
	Active	Recovered	Active	Recovered	
Garza East	0	0	0	0	<i><b>0</b></i>
Garza West	0	118	20	69	<i><b>207</b></i>
McConnell	1	470	23	125	<i><b>619</b></i>
<i><b>Totals:</b></i>	<i><b>1</b></i>	<i><b>588</b></i>	<i><b>43</b></i>	<i><b>194</b></i>	<i><b>826</b></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 (down from 611 just 4 days ago!). 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 43 active employee cases. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 194 recovered employee cases.

With a total of 589 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 1222 community cases, the Bee County total is: **1,811 total cases since tracking began.**

### HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 9:00 a.m. on September 25, 3 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 1 female and 2 males. 3 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	0
50-59	1
60-69	0
70-79	0
Over 80	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>

Of the 3 patients, none are TDCJ Inmates.

Additionally, 0 patients are on a ventilator at this time.

## **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.