

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

JUNE 24, 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.

ADDITIONAL CASES

Attached is a Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) Press Release notifying Bee County of two additional confirmed cases:

Case No. 18 – Female in her 40’s

Case No. 19 – Male in his 20’s

ACTIVE CASES

According to the DSHS Dashboard,¹ Bee County currently has 15 active cases.

We note that the “active” case count and the DSHS Dashboard is determined and published by DSHS Austin without regard to the new Region 11 DSHS “community case” count which excludes TDCJ offenders.²

The TDCJ Dashboard,³ reflects zero active offender cases.

We have requested confirmation of the active case count from Region 11 DSHS, but have not received a response yet.

BEE COUNTY COVID-19 HOTLINE AND DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING FACILITY

Our Hotline—**361-492-5981**—is open Wednesday and Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are available to answer COVID-19 questions and conduct pre-screening interviews for COVID-19 testing at our Drive-Through Testing Facility.

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1. The DSHS dashboard is found at: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>.
 2. Please refer to the COVID-19 Periodic Update, dated June 22, 2020, located at the Bee OEM Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Bee-OEM-273471659982710/>, for further detail regarding “community cases” and the renumbering of non-offender Bee County COVID-19 cases.
 3. The TDCJ dashboard is found at: https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/covid-19/mac_dashboard.html.



PRESS RELEASE

Reference: COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, Bee County

On June 24, 2020, Bee County received confirmation of two (2) additional COVID-19 cases.

- Case #18: Female in her 40's
- Case #19: Male in his 20's

The patients are currently isolated. DSHS is supporting Bee County in identifying any close contacts of the patient so they can be isolated and monitored for symptoms.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Region 11 is reminding the public that it is conducting contact investigation on persons who have tested positive to determine possible exposure to others. If the health department has not contacted you, there is no need to take any action at this time.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Region 11 and Bee County continue to work together against COVID-19. We are vigilant and reporting results for COVID-19 in the region. We are also working together to educate and promote social distancing and staying at home.

In order to share facts and not fear, we continue to emphasize the importance of prevention and there are 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.
- Stay at home and stop the spread of coronavirus

The public can find up-to-date coronavirus information and what to do if you're sick, testing information at dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus

Sincerely,

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