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City, County Confirm New COVID-19 Related Deaths

LAREDO, Texas - The City of Laredo and Webb County have **THREE** new confirmed deaths in Webb County related to COVID-19. The City and County want to express their most sincere condolences to the families of those who have lost a loved one through this pandemic and want them to know that our counselors and our teams are available to support them.

The 763rd death of a Webb County resident was a male in his early-80's. He died Monday, February 15, 2021.

The 764th death of a Webb County resident was a female in her late-50's. She died Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

The 765th death of a Webb County resident was a male in his early-60's. He died Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Stay home if you are sick and call your doctor. Do not go to the doctor's office, call your doctor first. If it is an emergency, call 9-1-1.

As of **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021**, a total of: 295,096 people have been tested; 42,470 have resulted positive (428 are active); 41,277 persons have estimated recovered; 97 are currently hospitalized (47 of which are in the ICU), hospitalization rate is at 30.43% and 765 people have died.

In order to safeguard legally-protected information, the City of Laredo is not publicly releasing personal or identifiable information regarding any cases as it relates to COVID-19, results or monitoring.

Please continue to do your part in preventing the spread of all diseases. Follow the guidelines below:

- Follow CDC and WHO guidelines and practice physical distancing
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer can be used when soap and water are not readily available
- Wear a mask or face covering
- Avoid touching your face
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover all coughs and sneezes
- Clean frequently-touched surfaces

Visit www.cityoflaredo.com/coronavirus and www.webbcountytx.gov for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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