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City, County Confirm No New COVID-19 Related Deaths

LAREDO, Texas - The City of Laredo and Webb County have **NO** new confirmed death 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.

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, March 18, 2021**, a total of: 312,658 people have been tested; 43,009 have resulted positive (106 are estimated active); 42,092 persons are estimated recovered; 19 are currently hospitalized (14 of which are in the ICU), hospitalization rate is at 5.36% and 811 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.webbcountytexas.gov for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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