



**PRESS RELEASE
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The City of Laredo stands by the proactive measures taken by Dr. Victor Treviño, the City Health Authority, by issuing a quarantine order of one single building on the TAMIU campus which was based on verifiable findings regarding (12) COVID-19 positive cases that were identified and lack of contact tracing. The local quarantine order was made after careful consideration and close consultation with the Regional Medical Director, Region 11 COVID-19 Response, Emilie Prot, DO, MPH.. John Hellerstedt, MD- Commissioner, Texas Department of State Health Services confirmed that Doctor Treviño had the authority to issue the quarantine order but the Texas Health and Human Services was using their state authority to revoke it. The City of Laredo's focus will remain the safety of our community. It is unfortunate the University did not agree with the Health Authority's order, which was made with the sole interest in protecting the health and safety of their students, staff and community.