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# City, County Confirm New COVID-19 Related Deaths

**LAREDO, Texas** – The City of Laredo and Webb County have **FOUR** new confirmed deaths 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 counselors and teams are available to support them.

- The 927<sup>th</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a female in her early-60s. She died on Friday, September 17, 2021.
- The 928<sup>th</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his late-20s. He died on Friday, September 17, 2021.

- The 929<sup>th</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his mid-60s. He died on Thursday, September 16, 2021.
- The 930<sup>th</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his early-50s. He died on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

As of 4:00 PM on Friday, September 17, 2021, a total of: 418,467 people have been tested; 51,511 have resulted positive; 453 are estimated active (**as of 9/17/2021**) (**9/16/2021: 436**).

Of the 453 active cases:

- 156 cases are below the age of 17
- 120 cases are between the ages of 18-30
- 101 cases are between the ages 31-49
- 77 cases are above the age of 50
- Of the active investigated, 293 cases are not vaccinated (68.78%)
- 67 total year to date vaccine breakthrough cases

Furthermore, 50,128 are estimated recovered (**9/16/2021: 50,118**); 55 are currently hospitalized; 27 of those in the COVID ICU. The hospitalization rate is at 12.25% as of 9/17/21 (**9/16/2021: 11.38%**) and 930 people have died.

Vaccine Statistics:

- Population 12+ vaccinated with at least one dose: 227,020
- Population 12+ who are fully vaccinated: 187,045
- Population 65+ vaccinated with at least one dose: 26,329

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. Stay home if you are sick and call your doctor. Do not go to the doctor's office, call them first. If it is an emergency, call 9-1-1. 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 (if you are unvaccinated)
- 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](http://www.cityoflaredo.com/coronavirus) and [www.webbcountytx.gov](http://www.webbcountytx.gov) for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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Respectfully,



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