



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **City, County Confirm New COVID-19 Related Deaths**

**LAREDO, Texas**—The City of Laredo and Webb County have confirmed one new 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 and want them to know that our counselors and our teams are available to support them.

The 289<sup>th</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his early 40s. He died on Wednesday, September 23, 2020

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 **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020**, a total of 51,960 people have been tested, 13,474 have resulted positive (616 are active), 12,569 persons have estimated recovered, 99 are currently hospitalized (45 of which are in the ICU), hospitalization rate 24.3%, one patient is currently admitted at the alternate care site, and 289 have died.

In order to safeguard legally-protected information, the City of Laredo is not publically releasing personal or identifiable information regarding any cases as it relates to COVID-19 testing, 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're sick
- Cover all coughs and sneezes
- Clean frequently-touched surfaces

Visit [www.cityoflaredo.com/coronavirus](http://www.cityoflaredo.com/coronavirus) and [www.webbcountytexas.gov](http://www.webbcountytexas.gov) for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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