



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

**LAREDO, Texas**—The City of Laredo and Webb County have 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 350<sup>th</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his late-80s. He died on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

The 351<sup>st</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his mid-70s. He died on Friday, October 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 Saturday, October 24, 2020**, a total of 70,003 people have been tested, 15,064 have resulted positive (508 are active), 14,205 persons have estimated recovered, 63 are currently hospitalized (28 of which are in the ICU), hospitalization rate 12.9%, and 351 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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