



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

CONTACT:

City of Laredo: Noraida Negrón, nnegrón@ci.laredo.tx.us, (956) 791-7461

Webb County: Marah Mendez, mendezm@webbcountytexas.gov, (956) 251-2004

City, County Confirm New COVID-19 Related Deaths

LAREDO, Texas—The City of Laredo and Webb County have **FOUR** 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.

The 463rd death of a Webb County resident was a male in his mid-60's. He died on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

The 464th death of a Webb County resident was a female in her mid-70's. She died on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

The 465th death of a Webb County resident was a female in her late-70's. She died on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

The 466th death of a Webb County resident was a male in his late-80's. He died on Wednesday, December 16, 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 **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020**, a total of 154,421 people have been tested, 23,723 have resulted positive (1,336 are active), 21,921 persons have estimated recovered, 150 are currently hospitalized (50 of which are in the ICU), hospitalization rate 30.7% and 466 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 and www.webbcountytx.gov for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

###



Noraida Negron

Communications Administrator

City of Laredo - Public Information Office

A: 1110 Houston Street Laredo, Texas 78040

P: (956) 791-7461 | C: (956) 285-0579

E: jbaeza@ci.laredo.tx.us

www.cityoflaredo.com

