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

**LAREDO, Texas**—The City of Laredo and Webb County have **FIVE** 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 481<sup>st</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his mid-40's. He died on Tuesday, December 22, 2020.

The 482<sup>nd</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his mid-60's. He died on Wednesday, December 23, 2020.

The 483<sup>rd</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his early-70's. He died on Monday, December 21, 2020.

The 484<sup>th</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a female in her mid-60's. She died on Sunday, December 19, 2020.

The 485<sup>th</sup> death of a Webb County resident was a male in his early-80's. He died on Tuesday, December 08, 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 **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, 2020**, a total of 169,628 people have been tested, 25,514 have resulted positive (1,324 are active), 23,705 persons have estimated recovered, 175 are currently hospitalized (55 of which are in the ICU), hospitalization rate 35.2% and 485 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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