



# City of Laredo Public Health Department

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## ORDER BY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

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**TO:** All Hospitals located in the City of Laredo, Texas  
**FROM:** Dr. Victor Trevino, Local Health Authority  
**DATE:** July 23, 2020  
**RE:** Order for Immediate Access to Communicable Disease Information

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**WHEREAS**, the situation regarding COVID-19 is rapidly evolving in the City of Laredo having reached its highest alert level of transmission through community spread as demonstrated by the surge in the number of active positive cases, related hospitalizations, and deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laredo Public Health Department has a statutory duty to expeditiously collect, use, and report to the Texas Department of State Health Services information received from local hospitals related to a communicable disease; and

**WHEREAS**, local hospitals have a statutory duty to *immediately* report to the Local Health Authority and Local Health Department requested information related to a communicable disease to includes deaths known or suspected to be caused a communicable disease that is a threat to public health; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Administrative Code §97.2, Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 81.08 through 81.085, and §§ 81.042 through 81.045, I the Medical Director and Health Authority for the City of Laredo, have the authority to impose the following specified control measure on all local hospitals situated in the City of Laredo, Texas.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, effective immediately, the Local Health Authority for the City of Laredo hereby imposes the following control measures on all local hospitals:

**IN AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE THE TIMELY COLLECTION OF COVID-19 DATA, NO LATER THAN JULY 24, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M., EACH LOCAL HOSPITAL IS HEREBY ORDERED TO GRANT USER ACCESS TO ONE AUTHORIZED EPIDEMIOLOGIST FROM THE CITY OF LAREDO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ITS CERNER EMR SYSTEM.**

This order is issued under my authority as the Local Health Authority for the City of Laredo on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2020.

  
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Dr. Victor Trevino  
Local Health Authority

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