

PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Update

LAREDO, Texas—The City of Laredo and Webb County are announcing new positive cases of COVID-19.

Five (5) new persons have tested positive, bringing the new total positive cases in Laredo to 30 as of 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 29. Three of these new positive cases are transmission due to close contact with other positive persons and two are due to community transmission.

Of these five new cases, four are hospitalized with three being ill but in stable condition, and one is in critical condition. Another person from these five new positive cases is at home recuperating in quarantine.

The City of Laredo Health Department is reminding the public that it is conducting contact investigation on persons who have tested positive to determine possible exposure to others. If the health department has not contacted you there is no need to take any action at this time. However, if someone is sick they need to stay home. In households with a positive person, there should only be one dedicated caregiver. Other family members must stay apart and practice good hygiene and social distancing. The positive person should be in a dedicated room and must wear a mask and not gather with other family members. The caregiver should also wear a mask when providing care. This is extremely important as evidence points to strong clustering among positive persons. Stay home if you are sick and call your doctor. Do not go to the office, call your doctor first. If it is an emergency, call 9-1-1.

As of **11:30 a.m. on March 29**, a total of 215 persons have been tested, 89 of those tests have resulted negative, 30 have resulted positive, 96 are pending, 3 have recovered, 4 remain in the hospital. Out of the 4 who are currently hospitalized, one is in critical condition.

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.

CASE STATUS AND SOURCE OF EXPOSURE	NUMBER
Total Confirmed cases Laredo, Texas	30

Community transmission	26
Close contact	14
Travel-related	4
Total Hospitalized	11
People tested	215
Negative	89
Positive	30
Pending	96
Recovered	3
Deaths	0
3/29/20 at 11:30 a.m.	

Please continue to do your part in preventing the spread of all diseases. Follow the guidelines below:

- Follow the City and County order to stay at home and practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands often
- Wear a mask if possible
- 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.cityofredo.com/coronavirus.html for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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