

PRESS RELEASE

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City, County Confirm Third COVID-19 Related Death

LAREDO, Texas—The City of Laredo and Webb County have confirmed the third death in Laredo related to COVID-19. The City and County want to express their most sincere condolences to the family and want them to know that our counselors are available.

A female in her late 80s who had previously tested positive for COVID-19, and who had an underlying health condition, was being treated in intensive care at Laredo Medical Center when she succumbed to the disease late Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

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 **12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1**, a total of persons 336 have been tested, 169 of those tests have resulted negative, 52 have resulted positive, 115 are pending, 6 have recovered, 12 remain in the hospital, and 3 have passed.

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.

As the City of Laredo tests more people, more time is required to analyze the data. For this reason, as we release information twice a day, the City of Laredo will be prioritizing total number of people who have been tested, positive cases, recoveries and deaths. Visit www.cityoflaredo.com/coronavirus.html to see an continuously-updated interactive graph of COVID-19 in Laredo.

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.cityoflaredo.com/coronavirus.html for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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