



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020**

## **City, County Confirm 26<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 Related Death**

**LAREDO, Texas**—The City of Laredo and Webb County have confirmed the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 and our teams are available to support them.

The 26<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death in our community was a male in his mid-60s with underlying health conditions. He was being treated at Laredo Medical Center when he died on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

The City of Laredo Health Department continues to conduct 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. If you feel ill, please contact your physician and monitor your symptoms.

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 Wednesday, July 1, 2020**, a total of 9,279 persons have been tested, 6,670 of those tests have resulted negative, 1,604 have resulted positive, 1,005 test results are pending, 728 persons have recovered, 91 are currently hospitalized, and 26 have died.

The substantial increase in overall numbers is largely due to testing done this week by the Texas National Guard.

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.
- It is recommended to 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.webbcountytx.gov](http://www.webbcountytx.gov) for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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