



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

City, County Confirm 29th COVID-19 Related Death

LAREDO, Texas—The City of Laredo and Webb County have confirmed the 29th death in Webb County 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 29th COVID-19 death in our community was a male in his late 60s with underlying health conditions. The person was being treated at Laredo Medical Center when he died on Monday, July 6, 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 Monday, July 6, 2020**, a total of 10,600 test have been submitted, 7,625 of those tests have resulted negative, 1,960 have resulted positive (1,150 are active), 1,015 test results are pending, 781 persons have recovered, 100 are currently hospitalized (39 of which are in the ICU), and 29 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.
- 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 <u>www.cityoflaredo.com/coronavirus</u> and <u>www.webbcountytx.gov</u> for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

###

Rafael Benavides

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

City of Laredo - Public Information Office

A: 1110 Houston Street Laredo, Texas 78040

P: (956) 791-7461 | C: (956) 625-8088

E: rbenavides@ci.laredo.tx.us

www.cityoflaredo.com