



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020**

# **City, County Confirm 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 Related Deaths**

**LAREDO, Texas**—The City of Laredo and Webb County have confirmed the 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> deaths in Webb County related to COVID-19. The City and County want to express their most sincere condolences to the families and want them to know that our counselors and our teams are available to support them.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her early 80s with underlying health conditions. The person died at a local nursing home on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

The 34<sup>st</sup> COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a male in his late 60s with underlying health conditions. The person was being treated at Doctors Hospital of Laredo when he died on Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

The 35<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a male in his early 40s with underlying health conditions. The person was being treated at Doctors Hospital of Laredo when he died on Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

The 36<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her early 90s with underlying health conditions. The person died at a local nursing home on Saturday, July 4, 2020.

**On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, City of Laredo Health Authority Victor Treviño, M.D., issued a quarantine order for Laredo Nursing and Rehabilitation Center due to 5 patients and 1 staff member having tested positive for COVID-19. (See attached order)**

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 8, 2020**, a total of 11,187 test have been submitted, 7,843 of those tests have resulted negative, 2,163 have resulted positive (1,310 are active), 1,181 test results are pending, 817 persons have recovered, 117 are currently hospitalized (35 of which are in the ICU), and 36 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 [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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