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City, County Confirm New COVID-19 Related Deaths

LAREDO, Texas—The City of Laredo and Webb County have confirmed the 63rd, 64th and 65th 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 63rd COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her late 60s with underlying health conditions. The person died at her home on Saturday, July 18, 2020.

The 64th COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her early 70s with underlying health conditions. The person died at Laredo Medical Center's North Central ER on Saturday, July 18, 2020.

The 65th COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her mid-70s with underlying health conditions. The person died at Laredo Medical Center on Saturday, July 18, 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 Sunday, July 19, 2020**, a total of 13,927 people have been tested, 8,943 people have resulted negative, 3,950 have resulted positive (2,866 are active), 1,034 test results

are pending, 1,019 persons have recovered, 166 are currently hospitalized (65 of which are in the ICU), and 65 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
- 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 and www.webbcountytx.gov for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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