

PRESS RELEASE

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City of Laredo Announces Step-Down Care Facility for COVID-19 Patients

LAREDO, Texas—At the request of the City of Laredo's Emergency Operations Center, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has opened a step-down facility to care for COVID-19 patients transferred from local hospitals. The temporary facility set up at the Red Roof Inn on Calton Road can care for up to 106 non-acute patients that no longer need to be hospitalized, but that are not quite ready to go home.

The main function of the facility is to provide care for patients while freeing up much-needed hospital space for more critical COVID-19 patients.

Working with the state's contractor, patients will be transferred to the step-down facility at the request of local hospitals. The facility is funded by DSHS and care to patients is provided at no cost.

The step-down facility in Laredo will be in operation as long as needed. State and local officials continue to urge the public to follow health precautions and flatten the curve of coronavirus.

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