

PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Update

LAREDO, Texas—The City of Laredo and Webb County are announcing new positive cases of COVID-19.

Two (2) new persons have tested positive, bringing the new total positive cases in Laredo to 32 as of 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29.

Person 31 is a case of community transmission. Person 31 is the first pregnant COVID-19 positive case in Laredo. The person is in stable condition and in quarantine.

Person 32 is a case of community transmission through close contact and is also in the hospital in stable condition.

The City of Laredo Health Department is reminding the public that it is conducting 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. However, if someone is sick they need to stay home. In households with a positive person, there should only be one dedicated caregiver. Other family members must stay apart and practice good hygiene and social distancing. The positive person should be in a dedicated room and must wear a mask and not gather with other family members. The caregiver should also wear a mask when providing care. This is extremely important as evidence points to strong clustering among positive persons. Stay home if you are sick and call your doctor. Do not go to the office, call your doctor first. If it is an emergency, call 9-1-1.

As of **5:00 p.m. on March 29**, a total of 228 persons have been tested, 89 of those tests have resulted negative, 32 have resulted positive, 107 are pending, 3 have recovered and 12 remain in the hospital. All those who are hospitalized are in stable condition with the exception of one, who remains in critical condition.

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.

LAREDO, TEXAS, USA	
CASE STATUS AND SOURCE OF EXPOSURE	NUMBER
Total people tested	228
Results currently pending	107
Total negative results	89
Total positive results	32
<i>Breakdown of positive cases:</i>	
<i>Community transmission</i>	13
<i>Community transmissions via close contact</i>	15
<i>Travel-related transmission</i>	4
Total hospitalizations	14
Currently hospitalized	12
Total Persons Recovered	3
Total Deaths	0
LAST UPDATED: 3/29/20 at 05:00 p.m.	

Please continue to do your part in preventing the spread of all diseases. Follow the guidelines below:

- Follow the City and County order to stay at home and practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands often
- Wear a mask if possible
- 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.html for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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