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City of Laredo Explains COVID-19 Test Results Data

LAREDO, Texas—The City of Laredo is providing clarification on local data for COVID-19 testing and results.

Point of clarification

The City of Laredo Health Department is working with health care providers to test the local population for COVID-19. However, priority is given to those with symptoms, those who may have been exposed as determined by contact tracing, and at-risk populations. The data that the City of Laredo releases daily regarding testing is not indicative of the general population. A projection that was discussed during Sunday's media briefing was that of a *possible* projection based on the available data we have from a small number of test results, which is made up of mostly sick and exposed contacts and not the general population. It is not possible to determine at this time how many people may get COVID-19 in Laredo. Furthermore, people can carry, shed and transmit the virus without ever showing physical symptoms or getting sick. It is not possible to determine at this time how many people may get COVID-19 in Laredo. A more important question is what can we do to flatten the curve and actually stop this disease from spreading. We need everyone to do their part to practice physical distancing and to adhere to the health guidelines provided by our medical professionals.

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