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FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2020

City, County Confirm New COVID-19 Related Deaths

LAREDO, Texas—The City of Laredo and Webb County have confirmed the 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th deaths in Webb County related to COVID-19. Deaths 56, 57 and 58 were reported Thursday evening by the City of Laredo and Webb County. 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 56th COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a male in his late 60s with underlying health conditions. The person died at Laredo Medical Center on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

The 57th COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a male in his mid-80s with underlying health conditions. The person died at a local nursing home on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

The 58th COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her mid-70s with underlying health conditions. The person died at a local nursing home on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

The 59th COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her mid-20s with underlying health conditions. The person died at Laredo Medical Center on Friday, July 17, 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 Friday, July 17, 2020**, a total of 13,523 people have been tested, 8,760 people have resulted negative, 3,677 have resulted positive (2,599 are active), 1,086 test results are pending, 1,019 persons have recovered, 162 are currently hospitalized (59 of which are in the ICU), and 59 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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