



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**

# **City, County Confirm New COVID-19 Related Deaths**

**LAREDO, Texas**—The City of Laredo and Webb County have confirmed the 67<sup>th</sup>, 68<sup>th</sup>, 69<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> 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 67<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her early 90s with underlying health conditions. The person died at Laredo Medical Center on Monday, July 20, 2020.

The 68<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her early 80s with underlying health conditions. The person died at Laredo Medical Center on Monday, July 20, 2020.

The 69<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a male in his late 80s with underlying health conditions. The person died at Doctors Hospital of Laredo on Saturday, July 18, 2020.

The 70<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a male in his early 50s with underlying health conditions. The person died at Doctors Hospital of Laredo on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

The 71<sup>st</sup> COVID-19 death of a Webb County resident was a female in her early 70s with underlying health conditions. The person died at Doctors Hospital of Laredo on Monday, July 20, 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 Tuesday, July 21, 2020**, a total of 14,557 people have been tested, 9,256 people have resulted negative, 4,276 have resulted positive (3,128 are active), 1,025 test results are pending, 1,077 persons have recovered, 168 are currently hospitalized (63 of which are in the ICU), and 71 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](http://www.cityoflaredo.com/coronavirus) and [www.webbcountytx.gov](http://www.webbcountytx.gov) for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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