Presidio County Judge



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PRESS RELEASE, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: IMPACT OF COVID-19

Current Situation: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is currently reporting a total of 1,582,615 cases of COVID-19 in the State of Texas which includes an estimated 300,785 active cases. 1,451,846 individuals have recovered from the virus and 27,917 confirmed COVID-19 related fatalities. Across Texas, a total of 14,053,710 COVID-19 molecular tests have been completed. DSHS is also reporting, Texas has received and distributed a total of 789,925 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, which has been administered to 377,050 people in 253 Texas Counties.

The Texas Department of Health has informed the County Judge's office of 13 new confirmed cases in Presidio County: 9 cases in Presidio and 4 in Marfa.

Presidio County:	
Confirmed Cases	572
Probable Cases	29
Fatalities	16
Active Cases (Estimated)	35
Recovered (Estimated)	554

In order to keep our first responders as safe as possible, we are asking people to anonymously self-report any positive COVID-19 test result to our local contact tracing hotline at 432-279-0279. Please provide your age range, gender and most importantly your address, and if possible, the start date of your isolation and presumptive end date. If anyone is needing assistance with obtaining health care and prescription drug coverage, please call BBRHD at (432) 837-7051 or (432) 229-2151. For transportation assistance for medical appointments please call TRAX at (432) 729-4908 ext. #115, or (432) 299-0480 ext. #103. If you are needing financial assistance to pay rent or a utility, please call Big Bend Community Action Committee at (432) 729-4980 ext. #105 or (432) 299-0480 ext. #101 or 102. (CSBG funds are currently available).

We are currently operating under Governor Abbot's Executive Order GA-32, as a result, as of November 23,2020, all restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries in all counties in Trauma Service J are required to return to maximum 50 percent occupancy levels.

WITH CORONA VIRUS ON THE RISE, BIG GATHERINGS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. STATE CORONAVIRUS RULES LIMIT OUTDOOR GATHERINGS TO 100 PEOPLE AND MANDATE MASKS WHERE IT IS HARD TO MAINTAIN DISTANCE FROM OTHERS. THIS REITERATES THE NEED FOR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

TAKE ALL QUARANTINE MEASURES SERIOUSLY. IF YOU TEST POSITIVE OR YOU RESIDE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE, YOU MUST QUARANTINE IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU RESIDE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS ISOLATED IN YOUR HOME, REGARDLESS, YOU MUST QUARANTINE. FAILURE TO DO SO IS CONSIDERED CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, CLASS "A" MISDEMEANOR TO WIT: DEADLY CONDUCT - TEXAS PENAL CODE 22.05 (a)(e)

Deadly Conduct is a crime defined in the Texas Penal Code under Chapter 22.05. This crime is committed when one recklessly engages in conduct that places another person in imminent danger of serious bodily injury.

PLEASE TAKE THIS VIRUS SERIOUSLY, PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS, WEAR A MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS AND KEEP 6FT DISTANCE

May all of you remain vigilant and hopeful. Please know you and your families are in my prayers. I wish everyone a safe New Year.

God Bless You,

Cinderela Guevara Presidio County Judge