

JUDGE CINDERELA R. GUEVARA



PRESS RELEASE

Reference: COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, Presidio County

On Tuesday, August 18, 2020 the Department of State Health Services and Local Health Authority informed Presidio County Judge Cinderela Guevara of 13 new cases in Presidio County, bringing the total cases to 62 confirmed and 4 probable's.

	Date Isolation Ordered	Perspective Date of Release
Case #50 is a female from Marfa in her thirties	07/26/2020	08/13/2020
Case # 51 is a male from Presidio in his fifties	07/29/2020	08/12/2020
Case #52 is a male from Presidio in his fifties	07/28/2020	08/11/2020
Case #53 is a female from Marfa in her sixties	07/24/2020	08/07/2020
Case #54 is a female from Marfa in her seventies	07/27/2020	08/10/2020
Case #55 is a female from Presidio in her sixties		08/17/2020
Case #56 is a male from Marfa in his seventies		08/21/2020
Case #57 is a child from Marfa under 13		08/21/2020
Case #58 is a female from Presidio in her fifties	08/03/2020	08/13/2020
Case # 59 is a female from Presidio in her fifties		
Case #60 in a male from Presidio in his twenties		
Case #61 is a male from Marfa in his fifties		
Case #62 is a male from Marfa in his seventies		

All 13 new cases are community spread and not travel related. Cases #50 through 62 are currently isolated. DSHS and Local Health Authority JP Schwartz, D.O., are supporting Presidio County in identifying any close contacts so they can be isolated and monitored for symptoms.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Region 9/10 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 or the Local Health Authority has not contacted you, there is no need to take any action at this time.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Region 9/10, Local Health Authority and Presidio County continue to work together against COVID-19. We are vigilant and reporting results for COVID-19 in the region. We are also working together to educate and promote social distancing and staying at home.

In order to share facts and not fear, we continue to emphasize the importance of prevention and there are simple steps everyone can take to help prevent the virus:

- Three W's to ward off COVID-19:
- Wearing a mask, washing your hands, and watching your distance
- The latest forecast for the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation suggests that 33,000 deaths could be avoided by October 1, 2020 if 95 percent of people wear masks in public.

In a paper from the "Journal of General Internal Medicine" it was proposed that masks can lead to a milder or asymptomatic infections by cutting down on the dose of virus people take in. According to Monica Gandhi, MD an infection disease specialist at UC San Francisco, "Masks can prevent many infections altogether, we are also saying that masks which filter out a majority of viral particles can lead to a less severe infection if you do get one."

The public can find up-to-date coronavirus information and what to do if you're sick, testing information at dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus

Sincerely,

Cinderela R. Guevara
Presidio County Judge