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

As of 11/12/2020 there are 77 known active cases in Presidio County. This information is from the DSHS website.

949 persons tested this week in Presidio County at the Military Testing Teams sites, 555 persons tested in Presidio and 384 tested in Marfa. Unfortunately to date I have not received the results of those tests. As soon as I receive the reports from the Texas Dept. of Health, those will be reported.

Today's press release will highlight the dire impact the recent surge in Coronavirus cases has had on the Texas Department of Health Region 9/10 of El Paso. I have just been informed by our Regional Medical Director, Dr. Rachel Sonne, that there several significant factors that have caused the disruption of their ability to report cases at the current time.

Due to the high number of persons currently infected in the community, they are no longer able to report cases in the same manner as in the past. Also, due to a high number of staff in Region 9/10 being quarantined, and the subsequent closure of one of their buildings, they are not currently able to gain access to their hard drive storage location, and until such time when they can regain access they will not be able to provide the different jurisdictions with the information needed to provide press releases.

Please be patient as they work to adapt to a sustainable mode of operation.

In the meantime please continue to be vigilant in practicing as much social distancing as possible, wash your hands frequently and ALWAYS WEAR A MASK.

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. YOU MUST PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS- AVOID LARGE GATHERINGS, WEAR A MASK, AND STAY AT LEAST 6 FEET APART FROM OTHER PEOPLE AND FREQUENTLY WASH YOUR HANDS.

**Texas Dept. of State Health website link:**

**<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/public-health.aspx>**

***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

Thank You,  
Cinderela Guevara, Presidio County Judge