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

As of 11/19/2020 there are 90 known active cases in Presidio County. This information is from the DSHS website.

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

We would like to once again reiterate the dire impact of the recent surge in Coronavirus cases has had on the Texas Department of Health Region 9/10 of El Paso. Please be patient as they work to adapt to a sustainable mode of operation.

We are reporting the latest numbers of Corona Virus cases in our community. The Texas Department of Health is still functioning at limited capacity in their reporting as they have been hit very hard themselves with the virus. As you all know, we are in a difficult battle. COVID-19 cases are in an extreme rise and we are all facing very difficult times. At the same time, many of us are faced with COVID fatigue and cynicism. **PLEASE DO NOT STOP FIGHTING.** For your own safety and the protection of others, stay home as much as possible. Sanitize your hands and your surroundings frequently. And please, **NEVER BE WITHOUT A MASK.** Call for help if you do not feel well. Check on your neighbor(s) especially our elderly who live alone and may feel even more alone during the holiday.

Please know that the Emergency Management Department, Gary Mitschke and my staff, myself, along with the Texas Department of Emergency Management are doing everything possible on a daily basis to stay informed and in touch with the Governor's office. We are working every day to ensure the residents of Presidio County will be among the first of the communities to receive one of the vaccines available. Also I have reached

out to John Hellerstedt, Commissioner for Texas Department of Health to see if Presidio County can also be considered immediately for the same type of medicine distributed in Lubbock on 11-19-20, supplies of bamlanivimab, a monoclonal antibody that mimics the immune system's response to infection with the virus that causes COVID-19.

The Texas Department of Health Region 9/10 of El Paso sent a PSAP (Public Service Answering Points) Report, which was in a new format so at this time we are able to report 54 new cases, with 30 in Presidio, 21 in Marfa, 2 in Redford and 1 in Shafter.

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.

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 and peaceful Thanksgiving.

God bless You,

Cinderela Guevara
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