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Medina County reports its 13th case of COVID-19 and 2nd death caused by the virus.

Medina County is reporting its 13th case of COVID-19. This case is in the 78039-zip code. The case was related to travel within Texas but outside of the county and was hospitalized. We sadly are also reporting the second death for Medina County. For the privacy of the family, no additional information will be released. Our sympathy goes out to those family and friends that are affected by this loss.

Given the increases in community spread throughout the United States, all individuals are at some risk of exposures to COVID-19. Everyone should monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19, practice social distancing, and stay home if they become sick, except to seek necessary medical care. The Texas Department of State Health Services is supporting Medina County in identifying any close contacts of the patient, so they can be isolated, monitored for symptoms, and quickly tested, if needed.

Please visit <u>www.medinacountytexas.org</u> for updated information and current disaster declaration on the Cornavirus Information page.

There are things everyone can do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Minimizing exposure is especially important for people who are 65 or older or who have an underlying health condition like heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, high blood pressure or cancer. People in those groups have a higher risk of developing severe disease if they do get COVID-19, and the safest thing for them during an outbreak will be to stay home as much as possible and minimize close contact with other people. To get ready, they should talk to their doctor about getting additional prescription medications and have enough household items and groceries on hand to stay home as needed.

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