

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

JULY 21, 2020

Greetings from the offices of the Bee County Judge and the Mayor of the City of Beeville. In an effort to reduce the length of this update, we have removed information on previous daily updates. Please know that you can access the full text of all prior daily updates on our Bee OEM Facebook page.

NATIONAL GUARD TESTING

FRIDAY – JULY 24, 2020 – 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. – BEE COUNTY EXPO CENTER, 214 S. FM 351, BEEVILLE, TEXAS 78102.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED.

MUST BRING A CELL PHONE AND A PHOTO ID CARD.

CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases: **219**

Total new cases reported today: **48**

On Friday, July 17, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 13 additional community cases which were not reported in the last COVID-19 Periodic Update.

Additionally, on July 20, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 35 additional community cases.

DSHS removed 2 cases from Bee County's total, Case Nos. 21 and 40, because it determined that those two individuals do not reside in Bee County.¹ The end result is that Bee County now has a confirmed community case total of 219 cases as of 5:00 p.m. today, July 21, 2020.

The additional community cases (which simply means "non-TDCJ inmate") are:

Female in her 30's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Female in her 20's (confirmed 7.17.20);
Female in her 60's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Female in her 20's (confirmed 7.17.20);
Female in her 40's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Male in his 50's (confirmed 7.17.20);
Male in his 50's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Male in his 70's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 60's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Female in her 80's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 30's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Male in his 40's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 20's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Female in her 20's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 50's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Female in her 50's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 20's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Male in his 70's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 40's (confirmed 7.17.20);	Male in his 40's (confirmed 7.20.20);

1. See attached July 20, 2020, DSHS Press Release.

Female in her 20's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 30's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 30's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 20's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 30's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 10's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male between 0-9 (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 40's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 50's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 20's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 40's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 30's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 30's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 30's (confirmed 7.20.20);

Male in his 40's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 20's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 20's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 40's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 20's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 40's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 80's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 70's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 30's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 30's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 20's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 40's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Female in her 30's (confirmed 7.20.20);
Male in his 10's (confirmed 7.20.20);

DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 5:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, July 21, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services ("DSHS") dashboard,² Bee County currently has

119 active cases;
112 recovered cases; and
268 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

The dashboard also reflects one fatality in Bee County.

Bee County is situated in DSHS Region 11. Region 11 tracks non-inmate COVID-19 cases in Bee County, including contact tracing and quarantine management. The DSHS Dashboard, on the other hand, is maintained by DSHS in Austin, and in Austin, DSHS counts both non-inmate and inmate cases together.³

TDCJ DASHBOARD SUMMARY

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice ("TDCJ") Dashboard,⁴ reflects a total of 33 active cases — 22 in the McConnell Unit, 8 in the Garza West Unit, and 3 in the Garza East Unit. The TDCJ

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2. The DSHS dashboard is found at: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>.
 3. Please refer to the COVID-19 Periodic Update, dated June 22, 2020, located at the Bee OEM Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Bee-OEM-273471659982710/>, for further detail regarding "community cases" and the renumbering of non-offender Bee County COVID-19 cases.
 4. The TDCJ dashboard is found at: https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/covid-19/mac_dashboard.html.

Dashboard reflects 16 “recovered” inmate cases. These numbers are fluctuating downward and upward, whereas our community case count only fluctuates upward, which impacts the confirmed total case count, but the larger data set of total cases means that the impact of the TDCJ fluctuation is less dramatic, but the issue persists.

With a total of 49 inmate cases, and 219 community cases, the Bee County total is: **268 total cases since tracking began.**

HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 6:00 p.m., July 20, 2020, 15 patients are hospitalized in Bee County, 6 females and 9 males. 12 of these patients are Bee County residents. Age ranges of the patients are: 1 between 21-30; 3 between 40-49; 2 between 50-59; 1 between 60-69; 5 between 70-79; 3 over 80.

BEE COUNTY COVID-19 HOTLINE AND DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING FACILITY

Please contact our Hotline—**361-492-5981**—for COVID-19 questions and to conduct pre-screening interviews for COVID-19 testing at our Drive-Through Testing Facility.

PARTING SHOTS

We want to re-iterate that COVID-19 can, and does, infect all ages of people. From 1 day old to 100 years old or more. For any COVID-19 patient under the age of 20, we will only identify that individual as “under 20”.

You cannot interact with a person not of your own household without the associated risk of contracting COVID-19. Ignore that and one of these case numbers may be for you in the future.

Since many of us are working and interacting daily with many people that we do not live with, there are countless avenues of transmission for COVID-19 to spread amongst our community. It literally takes all of our collective effort to reduce those pathways for COVID-19. Each of us, as a potential carrier or recipient of the virus, plays an important role on where COVID-19 goes.

But, we do have simple effective tools at our disposal to reduce COVID’s spread. We can actually embrace “social distancing” for all interactions, not just the ones with people we don’t know well. We can actually embrace mask wearing instead of railing against the fact that we are being ordered to wear a mask. And we can get back to vigorous hand washing supplemented with hand sanitizing when washing is not an immediate option.

Make no mistake, every time one of us lets our guard down, decides that the guidelines, orders, and reasonable requests do not apply to our particular situation—every time—we become a part of the pathway for COVID-19. Don’t be part of the pathway; be a dead end, a stop sign, a barrier.



PRESS RELEASE

July 20, 2020

Reference: COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, Bee County

Bee County had received confirmation for their twenty-first and fortieth (21, 40) COVID-19 positive cases. After a deep case investigation, these patients confirmed that they were living in another jurisdiction (not Bee County) and they have been removed from Bee County's total case count. On July 20, 2020, Bee County received confirmation of thirty-five (35) additional COVID-19 cases. Bee County has a total of two hundred and nineteen (219) COVID-19 confirmed cases.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Region 11 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 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 11 and Bee 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 spreading the virus:

- Wear a cloth face covering (over the nose and mouth)
- Practice social distancing by staying at least six feet away
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use a 60% 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 throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay at home and stop the spread of coronavirus

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,



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