COVID-19 Periodic Update - Revised

July 23, 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 <u>CELL PHONE</u> AND A <u>PHOTO ID CARD</u>.

Case Update

Total Bee County confirmed community cases: **233** <mark>(233 is the correct number, we have 285 community and prisoner cases)</mark>

Total new cases reported today: **15**

On July 21, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 4 additional community cases; and on July 22, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 11 additional community cases.

DSHS removed 1 case from Bee County's total, Case No. 58, because it determined that this individual does not reside in Bee County. The end result is that Bee County now has a confirmed <u>community case</u> total of 233 cases as of 9:00 a.m. today, July 23, 2020.

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

Female in her 40's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Female in her 10's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Female in her 20's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Female in her 50's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Male between 0-9 (confirmed 7.22.20);

Female in her 60's (confirmed 7.22.20);

Male in his 20's (confirmed 7.22.20);

Female in her 60's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Female in her 60's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Female in her 30's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Female in her 40's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Male in his 40's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Male in his 60's (confirmed 7.21.20);

Male in his 60's (confirmed 7.21.20); and

Female in her 40's (confirmed 7.21.20).

DSHS Dashboard Summary

As of 9:00 a.m. today, July 23, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services ("DSHS") dashboard, Bee County currently has

147 active cases;
120 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.

TDCJ Dashboard Summary

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice ("TDCJ") Dashboard, reflects a total of 36 active cases—23 in the McConnell Unit, 10 in the Garza West Unit, and 3 in the Garza East Unit. The TDCJ 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 52 inmate cases, and 233 community cases, the Bee County total is: **285 total cases since tracking began.**

Hospitalization Summary

As of 8:00 a.m. today, 17 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 8 females and 9 males. 14 of these patients are Bee County residents. Age ranges of the patients are: 3 between 40-49; 3 between 50-59; 2 between 60-69; 6 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 <u>all</u> 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.