

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

August 3, 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.

In reviewing the TDCJ information below, you will notice a substantial jump in positive cases in the Garza East unit. These are the result of mass testing conducted by TDCJ late last week and into the weekend. Of the 100 cases, TDCJ reports that 95 are asymptomatic.

HURRICANE HANNA DAMAGE?

This is unrelated to COVID-19. Last weekend, Hurricane Hanna made landfall. Although the storm tracked southwest of Bee County, we still received some rain and wind. If you have sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Hanna, please go to the following website to report such damage to your home or business: <https://arcg.is/0C8GSj>.

CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases (i.e. not TDCJ inmates): **441**

Total new cases reported today: **30**

On August 1, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County that, after a deep case investigation, the patient assigned case number 368 confirmed that they are not a resident of Bee County and so that case has been removed from our confirmed community case total.

Over the past three days, DSHS notified Bee County of the following additional community cases of COVID-19: 10 additional cases on July 31, 2020; 15 additional cases on August 1, 2020; and, 5 additional cases on August 2, 2020. All of which are listed below:

Female in her 20's	Female in her 50's	Female between 0-9
Female in her 30's	Female in her 30's	Male in his 40's
Female in her 30's	Female in her 30's	Female in her 30's

Female in her 20's	Male in his 50's	Female in her 40's
Female in her 20's	Female in her 50's	Female in her 20's
Female in her 30's	Female in her 30's	Male in his 40's
Female in her 20's	Female in her 40's	Female in her 60's
Male in his 50's	Female in her 50's	Male in his 30's
Male in his 30's	Male in his 60's	Male in his 30's
Female in her 30's	Female in her 30's	Male in his 10's

DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 4:00 p.m. today, August 3, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services ("DSHS") Dashboard, Bee County currently has

302 active cases;
215 recovered cases; and
626 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

The Dashboard also reflects 9 fatalities 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. We understand that the Dashboard numbers do not always align with our **confirmed** cases and, like today, might not even add up. We have no control over the DSHS Dashboard.

Region 11 of DSHS will not provide Bee County with any confirmation or information of Bee County COVID-19 deaths; that information will be published by DSHS on its Dashboard only.

With respect to COVID-19 deaths, DSHS reports the following dates of death for each of the 9 fatalities of Bee Countians: 1 on July 4; 1 on July 6; 2 on July 13; 2 on July 16; 2 on July 21; and 1 on July 24.

TDCJ DASHBOARD SUMMARY

Unit	Inmates		Employees		<i>Totals:</i>
	Active	Recovered	Active	Recovered	
Garza East	100	4	11	8	<i>123</i>
Garza West	11	12	11	10	<i>44</i>
McConnell	44	14	83	9	<i>150</i>
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>317</i>

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard, reflects a total of 155 active inmate cases as set out above. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 30 recovered inmate cases. These numbers are fluctuating downward and upward, whereas our community case count only increases, 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.

The TDCJ Dashboard also reflects a total of 105 active employee cases. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 27 recovered employee cases.

With a total of 185 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 441 community cases, the Bee County total is: **626 total cases since tracking began.**

HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 9:00 a.m. today, 22 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 7 females and 15 males. 14 of these patients are Bee County residents. Age ranges of the patients are:

Age Range	# of Patients
0-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	0
30-39	2
40-49	3
50-59	3
60-69	6
70-79	4
Over 80	4
<i>Total:</i>	<i>22</i>

Of the 22 patients, 3 are TDCJ Inmates and 1 is a Federal Correctional Institute Inmate.

ADDITIONAL DATA POINT

According to DSHS, the current total confirmed cases per 1,000 persons in Texas is at 14.89. Stated otherwise, 14.89 out of every 1,000 Texans has or have had COVID-19. In Bee County, our ratio is a higher now, at 18.17 out of every 1,000 Bee Countians. The data used to arrive at our ratio includes TDCJ numbers.

This does not necessarily mean that Bee County is experiencing a greater infection rate, but it does mean that our continued testing is revealing a greater rate of infection than testing in other counties statewide.

Regardless of how one interprets this (and other) data, COVID-19 is present in our community and we should all remain vigilant in mask wearing and social distancing to reduce the chance that any one of us unintentionally spread the virus amongst our family, friends, and fellow Bee Countians.

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

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.