

## COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

August 6, 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 CONTRACTOR COVID-19 TESTING

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY – AUGUST 8-9, 2020 – 9:00 A.M. – BEE COUNTY EXPO CENTER, 214 S. FM 351, BEEVILLE, TEXAS 78102.**

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED. First come, first served both days until all 300 tests (300 tests per day) have been administered.**

**MUST BRING A CELL PHONE AND A PHOTO ID CARD.**

### CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases (i.e. not TDCJ inmates): **497**

Total new cases reported today: **8**

On August 5, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 8 additional community cases, all of which are listed below:

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

### DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 4:00 p.m. today, August 6, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services ("DSHS") Dashboard, Bee County currently has

439 active cases;  
221 recovered cases; and  
704 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><b>Totals:</b></i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|                       | Active            | Recovered        | Active            | Recovered        |                       |
| Garza East            | 115               | 4                | 9                 | 12               | <i><b>140</b></i>     |
| Garza West            | 13                | 13               | 21                | 11               | <i><b>58</b></i>      |
| McConnell             | 176               | 41               | 89                | 12               | <i><b>318</b></i>     |
| <i><b>Totals:</b></i> | <i><b>304</b></i> | <i><b>58</b></i> | <i><b>119</b></i> | <i><b>35</b></i> | <i><b>516</b></i>     |

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard, reflects a total of 304 active inmate cases as set out above. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 58 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 119 active employee cases. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 35 recovered employee cases.

With a total of 362 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 497 community cases, the Bee County total is: **859 total cases since tracking began.**

### HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 9:00 a.m. today, 23 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 10 females and 13 males. 23 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                | 2                |
| 30-39                | 0                |
| 40-49                | 2                |
| 50-59                | 3                |
| 60-69                | 8                |
| 70-79                | 4                |
| Over 80              | 4                |
| <b><i>Total:</i></b> | <b><i>23</i></b> |

Of the 23 patients, 3 are TDCJ Inmates.

Additionally, only one patient is on a ventilator at this time.

### ADDITIONAL DATA POINT

According to DSHS, the current total confirmed cases per 1,000 persons in Texas is at 15.75. Stated otherwise, 15.75 out of every 1,000 Texans has or have had COVID-19. In Bee County, our ratio is higher, currently 20.44 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.