

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

August 11, 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

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 12, 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 HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS.

BRING A CELL PHONE AND A PHOTO ID CARD.

DO YOUR PART TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

Our schools face an uphill battle when it comes to getting students back in the classrooms and participating in extracurricular activities (sports, band, etc.). If our schools are going to be successful, it is imperative that all parents and caregivers of school-aged children comply fully with the guidelines, policies and procedures set by their respective child(ren)'s schools. If you have questions – call the school. Be polite—this is new for everyone—but be persistent if you need further explanation. Follow the school's rules—support the efforts of and keep safe our Teachers, Coaches, Staff, Administrators, and our Children too.

CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases (i.e. not TDCJ inmates): **616**

Total new cases reported today: **39**

On August 10, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 39 additional community cases, all of which are listed below:

Female in her 40's

Male in his 40's

Female in her 30's

Male in his 30's	Male in his 50's	Female between 0-9
Male in his 50's	Female in her 70's	Male in his 50's
Female in her 10's	Female between 0-9	Male in his 40's
Male in his 60's	Female in 20's	Female in her 10's
Male in his 20's	Male between 0-9	Female in her 80's
Female between 0-9	Female in her 80's	Female in her 50's
Female in her 20's	Female in her 80's	Male in his 50's
Female in her 40's	Male in his 80's	Male in his 80's
Female in her 50's	Male in his 20's	Male in his 60's
Male in his 30's	Female in her 60's	Female in her 40's
Female in her 40's	Female in her 20's	Female in her 50's
Male in his 70's	Male in his 10's	Female in her 60's

DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 4:00 p.m. today, August 11, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) Dashboard, Bee County currently has

785 active cases;
411 recovered cases; and
1246 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

The Dashboard also reflects 11 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 11 fatalities of Bee Countians: 1 on July 4; 1 on July 6; 2 on July 13; 2 on July 16; 2 on July 21; 1 on July 24; 1 on August 1; and 1 on August 2.

TDCJ DASHBOARD SUMMARY

Unit	Inmates		Employees		<i>Totals:</i>
	Active	Recovered	Active	Recovered	
Garza East	109	7	15	12	<i>143</i>
Garza West	13	18	25	11	<i>67</i>
McConnell	441	44	97	15	<i>597</i>
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>563</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>807</i>

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard, reflects a total of 563 active inmate cases as set out above. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 69 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 137 active employee cases. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 38 recovered employee cases.

With a total of 632 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 616 community cases, the Bee County total is: **1,248 total cases since tracking began.**

HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 9:00 a.m. today, 20 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 8 females and 12 males. 17 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	1
40-49	4
50-59	5
60-69	5
70-79	3
Over 80	2
Total:	20

Of the 20 patients, 4 are TDCJ Inmates.

Additionally, 1 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 16.57. Stated otherwise, 16.57 out of every 1,000 Texans has or have had COVID-19. In Bee County, our ratio is higher, currently 35.04 out of every 1,000 Bee Countians. The data used to arrive at our ratio includes TDCJ numbers.

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.

If you have read to the end, thank you. We do see the chatter on Facebook regarding particular data points that the community would like to see and the complaints about the data that is published. We share all the data we get and then we also go to the DSHS and TDCJ dashboards and collect additional data and

we also get the hospital to voluntarily provide hospitalization data for us to share with everyone.

We understand the shortcomings of the data – We have been addressing it to the public and, more importantly, to our state legislators, DSHS and TDCJ directly for several months. But this is the data we have—we cannot force DSHS (although we tried) to provide (a) certification of COVID deaths, or (b) the number of negative tests versus positive tests, or (c) asymptomatic vs. symptomatic numbers. DSHS will not even provide to us a periodic statement identifying how many active COVID cases we have in Bee County. That data is not available to us.