

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

August 28, 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 ONLY – AUGUST 29, 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 AND PROVIDE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS.

GUIDANCE FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

The 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; and
- Stay at home and stop the spread of coronavirus.

CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases (i.e. not TDCJ inmates): **884**

Total new cases reported today: **23**

On August 27, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 23 additional community cases. All new cases are listed below:

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

DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 4:00 p.m. today, August 28, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services ("DSHS") Dashboard, Bee County currently has

352 active cases;
1,122 recovered cases; and
1,516 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

The Dashboard also reflects 22 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 22 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 July 28; 1 on August 1; 1 on August 2; 1 on August 5; 1 on August 6; 2 on August 9; 1 on August 11; 1 on August 12; 1 on August 14; 1 on August 15; 1 on August 16; and 1 on August 17.

TDCJ DASHBOARD SUMMARY

Unit	Inmates		Employees		<i>Totals:</i>
	Active	Recovered	Active	Recovered	
Garza East	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>
Garza West	2	141	31	57	<i>231</i>
McConnell	5	484	50	94	<i>633</i>
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>625</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>864</i>

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard, reflects a total of 7 active inmate cases as set out above. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 625 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 81 active employee cases. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 151 recovered employee cases.

With a total of 632 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 884 community cases, the Bee County total is: **1,516 total cases since tracking began.**

HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 10:00 a.m. this morning, 9 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 3 females and 6 males. 9 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	0
40-49	1
50-59	0
60-69	3
70-79	5
Over 80	0
Total:	9

Of the 9 patients, 1 is a TDCJ Inmate.

Additionally, no patients are 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 20.26. Stated otherwise, 20.26 out of every 1,000 Texans has or have had COVID-19. In Bee County, our ratio is higher, currently 44.01 out of every 1,000 Bee Countians (That equals a 4.401% infection rate). The data used to arrive at our ratio includes TDCJ numbers. This infection rate is “from inception”, not our “current” infection ratio in the County.

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.