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COVID-19 UPDATE

City Reports Two More Deaths

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting **two (2)** additional COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total number of deaths to **80**.

The patients are a man in his 50s and a woman in her 90s, both had underlying medical conditions.

“Today is another somber day for our community, we send our thoughts and prayers to the families of these two individuals,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Local Health Authority. “We know that for young adults, COVID-19 might be a mild disease, but the virus can be transmitted to a vulnerable loved one that may suffer severe complications, including death, from the disease.”

El Paso is also reporting **30** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county’s total number to **2,794**. To-date 1,621 people have recovered from COVID-19; and so there are 1,093 active cases within the county.

The public is reminded that there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. At this time, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to this virus. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the virus is mainly spreads via person-to-person contact:

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet);
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks;
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs; and
- Be aware that some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are infected but not showing symptoms.

Anyone with health questions about COVID-19 can call the 21-COVID hotline (915) 212-6843, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For referrals to health and social services, contact 2-1-1 and select option six (6).

For more information, visit www.epstrong.org.

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