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# COVID-19 UPDATE

## City Reports Three More Deaths

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting **three (3)** additional COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total number of deaths to **83**.

The patients are a female and two males in their 80s, all had underlying medical conditions.

“We send our sincere condolences to the loved ones of our latest COVID-19 victims. We also wish to remind El Pasoans that our community’s curve will not flatten until each of us realizes our own responsibilities to prevent the spread,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Local Health Authority. “Our community should understand that is everyone’s responsibility to not waiver in developing strict healthy habits such as frequent handwashing, social distancing and wearing face coverings.”

El Paso is also reporting **39** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county’s total number to **2,833**. To-date 1,704 people have recovered from COVID-19; and so there are 1,046 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](http://www.epstrong.org).

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