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# COVID-19 UPDATE

## City Reports Five More Deaths

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting **five (5)** additional COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total number of deaths to **88**.

All except one of the patients had underlying medical conditions. They include:

- a female in her 60s
- a male in his 50s, with no underlying medical conditions
- a male in his 50s
- a male in his 70s
- a male in his 90s

“We send our sincerest condolences to the families of these five families who have lost their loved one due to COVID-19. My worst fear is that we as a community become numb to danger of this virus,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Local Health Authority. “We cannot afford to be complacent toward the seriousness of this virus; otherwise we will continue to compromise our lives and the lives of those who are most susceptible. Each additional case means the potential for community exposure also increases.”

El Paso is also reporting 39 new COVID-19 cases bringing the county’s total number to **2,872**. To-date 1,797 people have recovered from COVID-19; and so there are 987 active cases within the county.

We want to remind the public of the importance of keeping safe as the virus still lurks in the community. Here are some safety tips to protect yourself and others:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Wear a face covering when out in public.
- Do not put a face covering on children under the age of two, or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
- Social distance from others.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart (about two arms’ length) from other people.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.
- Clean and disinfect your home.
- Clean frequently used surfaces and items.
- Use an EPA registered household disinfectant.

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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