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# COVID-19 UPDATE

## City Reports Spike Due to Cluster

**EL PASO, Texas**—Today the City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) reported 197 new COVID-19 cases, the largest spike to-date.

Health officials advised the sharp increase is due to a cluster at a local correctional-detention facility that accounted for 145 new cases. A cluster is a collection of two (2) or more cases of the virus in the same area at the same time.

“The Cluster Management Task Force has been working to increase testing aimed at testing specific facilities that house at-risk populations, and/or where there is a greater risk for an outbreak to include, among others, care facilities for the elderly and correctional/detention facilities,” said Assistant Fire Chief Jorge A. Rodriguez, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management. “We have also worked to provide these facilities guidance on how to address and prevent these outbreaks.”

The DPH and Office of Emergency Management are working on updating the previously provided breakdown of clusters for the community.

As previously reported the source of exposure for COVID-19 remains at about 50 percent close contact (family members, friends or co-workers); about 20 percent community-transmitted (cases occurring among those who did not have any known contact with infected persons); about 20 percent travel-related and about 10 percent of the cases are under investigation.

For more information, visit [www.epstrong.org](http://www.epstrong.org).

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