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COVID-19 UPDATE

City Reports Another Triple-Digit Spike, Reaches Over Three Thousand Cases

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting **one (1)** COVID-19 death and a triple-digit spike in positive cases.

The 89th death is a male in his 40s with underlying health conditions.

El Paso is reporting **197** new COVID-19 cases, bringing the county’s cumulative total to **3,069** cases. To-date 1,921 people have recovered from COVID-19; and so there are 1,059 active cases within the county.

For a comprehensive list of COVID-19 data visit the [COVID-19 Data page](http://www.EPStrong.org) found at www.EPStrong.org.

“Our hearts go out to this gentleman who lost his battle against this devastating virus, and to his family we send our sincerest condolences,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Health Local Authority. “As I’ve said before this spike clearly shows that many people do not adhere to the warnings and preventative measures we have clearly stated. We must each acknowledge that we are responsible for our own actions, which affects our friends and family. Why risk yours or their lives?”

City and County officials are reviewing and will update our Local Directive to reflect Governor Abbott’s announcement of Phase 3 plan to safely open the economy while containing the spread of COVID-19. Noting the severity of COVID-19, health officials advise that it is critical El Paso move forward with caution and due diligence.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our community. Community members should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, especially those who are the most vulnerable (person 65 or older and/or with pre-existing health conditions).

Health officials strongly advise to continue practicing social distancing, wear a face covering, stay home if you are sick, and frequently wash your hands with soap and water. Wearing a face covering is not a substitute for maintaining 6-foot social distancing and hand washing, as these remain important steps to slowing the spread of the virus.

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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