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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

March 19, 2020



Three New Cases of COVID-19 Identified in El Paso

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health announced today that three new individuals have tested positive for COVID-19. The total number of positive cases in El Paso now stands at six.

The fourth patient is a female in her late 60s and the fifth is a female in her late teens. It is believed that these two patients were associated with the second case while in quarantine together. The sixth case involves a male in his 20s and is believed to be travel-related as he recently traveled abroad. None of these cases are from Fort Bliss and all new cases are being monitored and recovering at home.

“Also, it should be noted that we have tested more than 60 individuals and only six have come back positive,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Health Authority, “this means that more than 90 percent of those with signs and symptoms and risks have tested negative.”

The public is reminded that COVID-19 is not an airborne disease like measles. It is spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouth or nose of people who are nearby or possibly inhaled into the lungs. Preliminary information about COVID-19 shows that about 80 percent of cases are mild and most people do not need hospitalization. However, older adults and people with underlying health conditions like heart disease, lung disease and diabetes are at a greater risk of complications.

Local officials have begun using the El Paso 911 Notification System to inform area residents of the most up-to-date COVID-19 information and prevention methods. Anyone who is interested in receiving regular emails, text messages, or telephone calls may sign up for the service at:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612432#/signup>

DPH officials continue to urge residents to follow prevention measures and stay up-to-date with the latest information by subscribing to both the City and DPH social media platforms, and to visit www.EPHealth.com or www.EPSalud.com for updates.

Additionally the 2-1-1 Texas Call Center is available 24/7. Callers can dial 2-1-1 and select option six for more information.

[CoEP Website on COVID-19](#)

[CDC Website on COVID-19](#)

**Message from Dr. Ocaranza to Help
Prevent COVID-19 Virus**



**Mensaje del Dr. Ocaranza para Prevenir el
Virus COVID-19**



**Governor Abbott Issues Executive Orders
To Mitigate Spread Of COVID-19 In Texas**



State of Texas COVID-19 Executive Order

This morning, Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order for Texas, to include the following provisions:

- No social gatherings of more than 10 people
- No dining in at restaurants, bars, or food courts. (Take out and delivery is allowed and encouraged)
- Gyms and schools closed
- No visitation at nursing homes, retirement centers, or long-term care facilities unless providing critical assistance

THIS IS NOT A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER- You can still go to grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, parks and banks. Essential government services and critical infrastructure still operational and domestic travel is allowed.

This order shall go into effect from midnight on March 20, 2020 through midnight on April 3, 2020



FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS: DISTRICT 7 OFFICE AT 915.212.0007 OR
DISTRICT#7@ELPASOTEXAS.GOV

[Entire Executive Order](#)

For more information and to see more of his initiatives, visit Governor Abbott's website [here](#)

El Paso Business Help

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS



WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO SHARE AND ENCOURAGE ALL BUSINESS OWNERS TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY IN ORDER TO GET MORE INFO ON THE IMPACT ON THEIR BUSINESS.

TAKE SURVEY AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.ELPASOBUSINESSHELP.COM](https://www.elpasobusinesshelp.com)



For questions or further information: District 7 Office at 915.212.0007 or district#7@elpasotexas.gov

Survey

**El Paso Leaders Joint Statement Urging
Cooperation and Encouraging El Paso-**

Juárez Region to Prepare to Minimize Impact of Coronavirus

Today, Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (TX-16), Congressman Will Hurd (TX-23), Mayor Dee Margo, County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego, and Borderplex Chief Executive Officer Jon Barela, released the following joint statement urging U.S. and Mexican authorities to cooperate to contain spread of coronavirus, and El Paso-Juárez region to make contingency plans to minimize impact:

"Following the temporary restriction of non-essential travel across the U.S.-Canada border due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are urging the El Paso-Juarez region to prepare contingency plans in anticipation that similar measures may be implemented on the U.S.-Mexico border.

"In the face of the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. and Mexican authorities need to cooperate closely to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to do so in a transparent, responsible way. Cooperation should include steps to keep supply chains open and safe, facilitate essential travel between both countries, and administer aid to refugees and other migrants, such as those individuals held in detention facilities in the United States and awaiting court dates in Mexico.

"This pandemic is a rapidly evolving global challenge, and the response to this pandemic demands bold, courageous action on both sides of the border. As a resilient binational community, we should all be alert, make contingency plans, and work to minimize the health, economic, and social impacts of COVID-19 in our region. Let's rise to the challenge."

Messages from the City of El Paso Public Health Department



What is the process to get tested for COVID-19?



If you're sick, monitor your symptoms for 2-3 days and avoid contact with others



If your symptoms worsen, call your healthcare provider or 211 for a doctor referral



Your doctor will determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19 and will collect a sample



The Department of Public Health will receive the sample and conduct a test



You will receive your results from your doctor within 2-3 days



Remain home until you have received your results or are cleared by your doctor

Visit EPHealth.com or call 211



¿Cuál es el proceso para hacerse la prueba de COVID-19?



Si está enfermo, observe sus síntomas por 2-3 días y evite contacto con otras personas



Si sus síntomas empeoran, llame a su proveedor de atención médica o al 211 para obtener una referencia médica



Su médico determinará si necesita hacerse la prueba de COVID-19 y recolectará una muestra



El Departamento de Salud Pública recibirá la muestra y realizará una prueba



Recibirá los resultados de su médico dentro de 2-3 días



Permanezca en casa hasta que haya recibido sus resultados o haya sido liberado por su médico

Visite EPSalud.com o llame 211



Unless covered by specific orders by the El Paso City/County Health Authority,

ALL WORK PLACES MUST FOLLOW WORKPLACE GUIDELINES

A menos que esté cubierto por órdenes específicas del lugar de trabajo de la Autoridad de Salud del Condado / Ciudad de El Paso

TODOS LOS LUGARES DE TRABAJO DEBEN SEGUIR LAS PAUTAS DEL LUGAR DE TRABAJO

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