

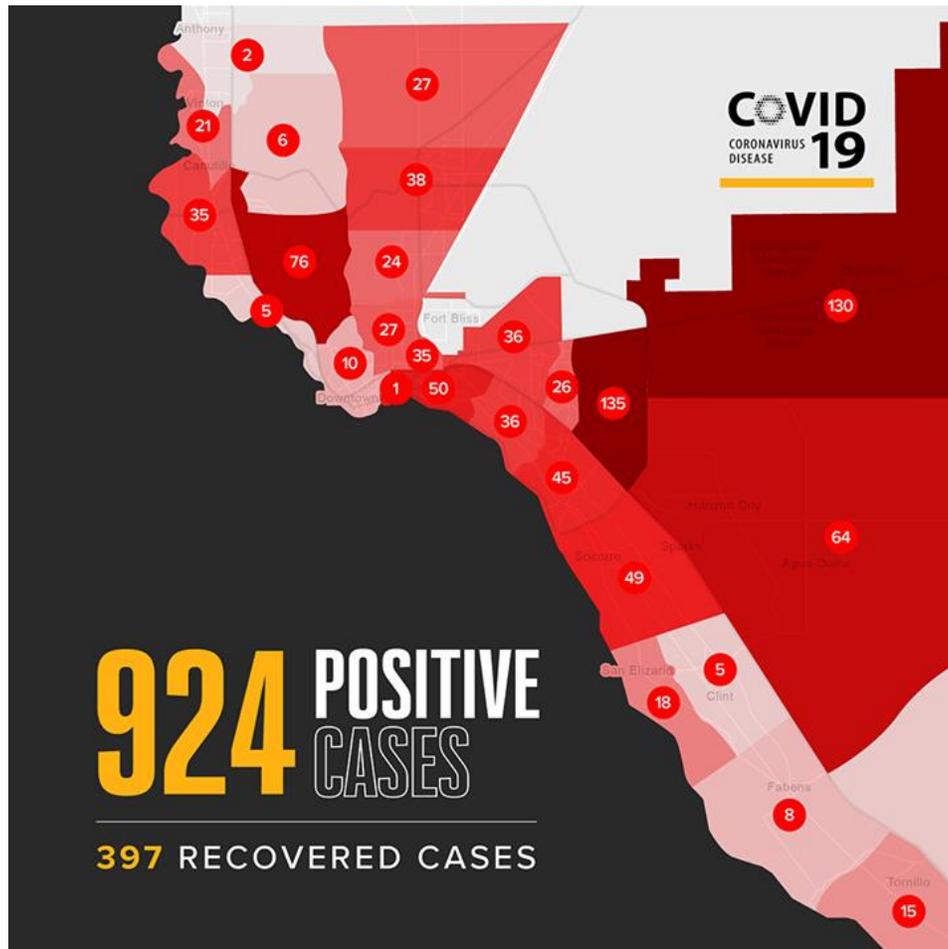
City Reports 3 Deaths, Amends Directives and Expands Testing

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The City of El Paso Public Health Department is reporting **3** additional COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total number of deaths to **21**. The patients include a male in his 50s, a female in her 70s and a female in her 80s, all of who had underlying health conditions.

El Paso is also reporting **37** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county's total number to **924**. To-date **397** people have recovered from COVID-19; consequently, there are **506** active cases within the county. Positive cases in El Paso County include 486 females and 438 males; see accompanying graphics and map. There are now 53 patients who are hospitalized, and 31 of those hospitalized are currently in ICU.



This map shows the amount of positive COVID-19 cases by ZIP codes and the number of cases in parenthesis: 79821 (2), 79835 (21), 79836 (5), 79838 (8), 79849 (18), 79853 (15), 79901 (1), 79902 (10), 79903 (35), 79904 (24), 79905 (50), 79907 (45), 79911 (6), 79912 (76), 79915 (36), 79922 (5), 79924 (38), 79925 (36), 79927 (49), 79928 (64), 79930 (27), 79932 (35), 79934 (27), 79935 (26), 79936 (135), 79938 (130)

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE

COVID-19 REPORT

AS OF APRIL 30, 2020

924
POSITIVE
Cumulative Cases

297 TESTED BY
The Department
of Public Health Lab

627 TESTED BY
Other Outside
Laboratories

506
**ACTIVE
CASES**
Number of patients known to be
currently infected with COVID-19

1725
**PATIENTS
TESTED**
By the Department of
Public Health Lab

1428
**NEGATIVE
TESTS**
By the Department of
Public Health Lab

37
**PENDING
RESULTS**
By the Department of
Public Health Lab

53
**CURRENTLY
HOSPITALIZED**

21
DEATHS
Related to
COVID-19

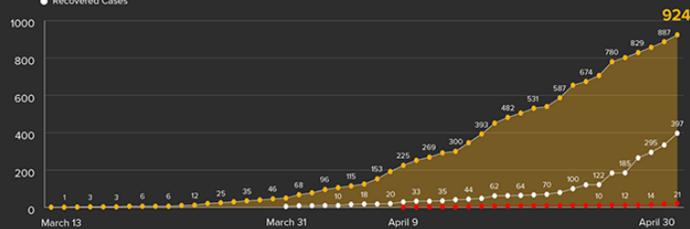
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COVID-19 REPORT

AS OF APRIL 30, 2020

- Cumulative Positive Cases
- Total Deaths
- Recovered Cases



31 **PATIENTS
IN ICU**

2205 **HOSPITAL
BEDS**
In El Paso County

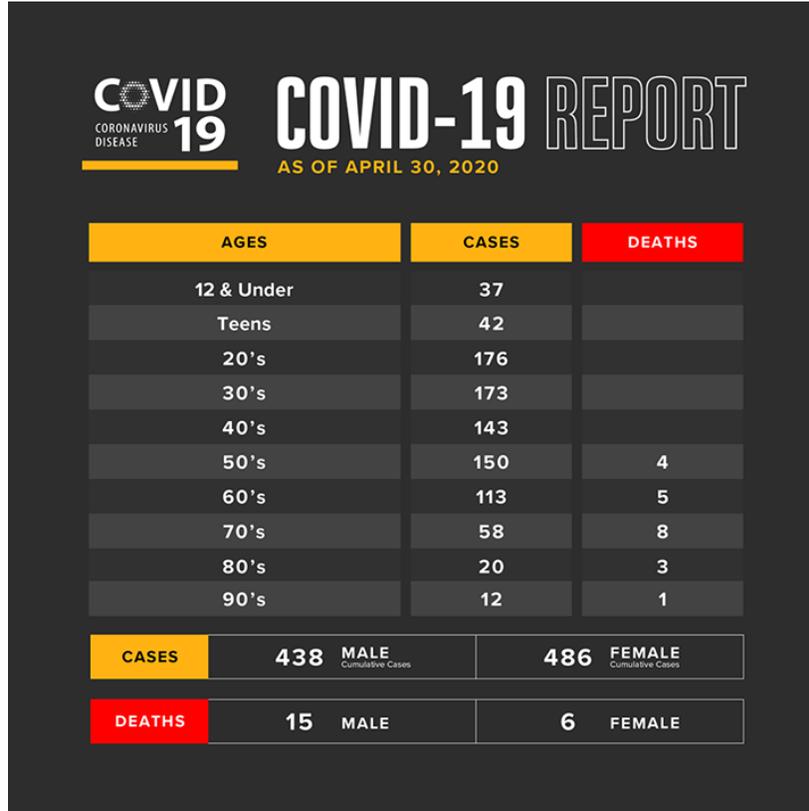
75 **ICU BEDS**
In El Paso County

13 **PATIENTS ON
VENTILATORS**

307 **VENTILATORS**
In El Paso County

564 **PERSONS UNDER
MONITORING**
People who came in
contact with a positive

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“We are disappointed to report another three deaths due to COVID-19, and our hearts go out to their families. The deaths we have seen are mostly made up of the most vulnerable and there is a strong correlation between the Easter break and the spike in positive cases,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Health Authority. “Mother’s Day is just around the corner. We want to remind everyone that gatherings with anyone who is not in your immediate household means that you are placing your loved ones—your mothers and grandmothers—at risk of contracting the virus. We need everyone to please take this serious and take care of each other.”

EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE AMENDED: Face Coverings Required, Gatherings Prohibited

Due in large part to the ongoing upward trend in positive cases, Mayor Dee Margo, County Judge Ricardo Samaniego and City-County Health Authority Dr. Hector Ocaranza are amending the current Local Emergency Directive to make face coverings mandatory and prohibit all public

and private social gatherings of any number of people occurring outside or inside a single household or dwelling unit.

The updated Directive once completed will be made available at www.epstrong.org under “Health Orders.”

All individuals over the age of two (2), are required to wear some form of face covering over their nose and mouth, while outside of their home or residence. A face covering may include cloth masks such as bandanas, scarves and neck gaiters that fit snugly but comfortable against the face secured with ties or ear loops.

Parents and guardians of children over the age of two (2) and under the age of ten (10) shall be responsible for appropriately masking children when outside their residence.

A face covering is not required on anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or exercising outdoors and not within 6 feet of any other individual not from the same household.

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.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises the use of simple cloth face coverings can slow the spread of the virus by helping people, who may have the virus and do not know it, from transmitting it to others. (See: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html)

It is also recommended that the face coverings be cleaned daily. Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose and mouth when removing their face covering and wash their hands immediately after removing the covering.

TESTING EXPANDED: Locations Added to Region’s Rural Communities

The Office of Emergency Management has been working with the Texas Department of Emergency Management to provide additional testing sites for the County’s rural communities. The dates and locations are as follow:

- **May 12**

- Fabens: Fabens Fire Station-16001 Socorro Rd., Fabens, TX
- Montana Vista: Montana Vista Fire Station 2, 5411 Paso View Dr., El Paso, TX

- **May 13**

- San Elizario: San Elizario Fire Station-1415 San Antonio Rd., San Elizario, TX
- Horizon: Horizon First Baptist Church; 12018 Darrington Rd., Horizon, TX
- Vinton: West Valley Fire Department: 510 Vinton Rd, Anthony, TX

Citizens are asked to make an appointment 24 hours prior to the testing date either online at TXCOVIDTEST.ORG or by calling 512-883-2400. Testing is open to all regardless of location of residence. The goal is to test 60 individuals per site; however, additional testing may be available depending on demand and availability.

The time of the testing will be from 9am to 5pm. If residents do not call or register for an appointment, they can still show up at the site and will be instructed to either register on their phone or call the number to schedule accordingly.

Residents are encouraged to report non-compliance by calling the police department non-emergency at (915) 832-4400 or 3-1-1. The 21-COVID hotline is operational from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For referral to services, contact 2-1-1 and select option six (6). For more information, visit www.epstrong.org.