

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

JUNE 28, 2020

Greetings from the offices of the Bee County Judge and the Mayor of the City of Beeville. In an effort to reduce the length of this update, we have removed information on previous daily updates. Please know that you can access the full text of all prior daily updates on our Bee OEM facebook page.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

We remind everyone that the National Guard will be at the Bee County Expo Center, S 314 FM 351, on Monday, June 29, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m. **No appointment needed. You will need your Identification and a Cell Phone.** Must be over 5 years of age for testing.

ADDITIONAL CASES

The Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) is no longer issuing press releases. Since the last Covid-19 Periodic Update, dated June 24, 2020, DSHS has notified Bee County of the following additional cases (7).

Case No. 20 – Male in his 60’s (confirmed 6.25.20)

Case No. 21 – Female in her 60’s (confirmed 6.26.20)

Case No. 22 – Female in her 20’s (confirmed 6.26.20)

Case No. 23 – Male in his 40’s (confirmed 6.26.20)

Case No. 24 – Female in her 30’s (confirmed 6.28.20)

Case No. 25 – Male in his 30’s (confirmed 6.28.20)

Case No. 26 – Male in his 40’s (confirmed 6.28.20)

ACTIVE CASES

According to the DSHS Dashboard,¹ Bee County currently has 16 active cases.

We note that the “active” case count and the DSHS Dashboard is determined and published by DSHS Austin without regard to the new Region 11 DSHS “community case” count which excludes TDCJ offenders.²

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1. The DSHS dashboard is found at: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>.
 2. Please refer to the COVID-19 Periodic Update, dated June 22, 2020, located at the Bee OEM Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Bee-OEM-273471659982710/>, for further detail regarding “community cases” and the renumbering of non-offender Bee County COVID-19 cases.

The TDCJ Dashboard,³ reflects only 1 active offender case, within the McConnell Unit.

BEE COUNTY COVID-19 HOTLINE AND DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING FACILITY

Our Hotline—**361-492-5981**—is open Wednesday and Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are available to answer COVID-19 questions and conduct pre-screening interviews for COVID-19 testing at our Drive-Through Testing Facility.

TEXAS GOVERNOR GREGG ABBOTT EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. GA-28

Governor Abbott entered GA-28 on June 26, 2020. The main points of the order are that (a) bars are closed except that they may remain open only for drive-thru, pickup or delivery for food and drinks; (b) restaurant max capacity returns to 50%; and (c) no outdoor gatherings in excess of 100 persons are permitted, except for certain exceptions, and should limit gatherings to 10 person groups at least 6 feet apart from others.

Governor Abbott also recommended that “[p]eople over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible, to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation.”

Governor Abbott also recommended:

- 1) In providing or obtaining services, every person should use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS; and
- 2) Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings.

TAKE AWAYS

Testing requests over the past 20 days have increased substantially. We anticipate a good turnout at the National Guard testing on June 29.

On June 5, 2020, we had 11 total COVID-19 cases. Today, we have 26. An increase of 15 cases in less than a month. These case counts exclude the offenders at our TDCJ units.

This coming weekend is another big celebration weekend. As you are reviewing your plans for the Fourth of July, please keep in mind that COVID-19 is present in our community, as it is across the state, and try to follow the recommendations of the Governor, TDSH and the US Center for Disease Control (CDC).

And regardless whether you alter your plans, please stay safe and follow all the recommended practices to avoid COVID-19: (1) wash your hands (20 seconds) often; (2) avoid close contact with other people; (3) wear a cloth face covering over your mouth and nose when around others; (4) cover your mouth if you cough or sneeze; (5) clean

3. The TDCJ dashboard is found at: https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/covid-19/mac_dashboard.html.

and disinfect daily; and (6) monitor yourself and your family members for COVID-19 symptoms.⁴

4. Interactive list available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>.