

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

JUNE 22, 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.

CHANGES IN CASE REPORTING ANNOUNCED

Today we change how COVID-19 cases are reported in Bee County. Over the past several weeks, inconsistencies between the reporting procedures of the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) caused discrepancies in reporting between the state agencies and Bee County. We saw dramatic increases, fluctuating numbers day-to-day on the TDCJ website, and divergent totals from TDCJ, DSHS and Bee County.

In response to our repeated efforts to get TDCJ and DSHS reporting on the same page, DSHS has decided to sever all TDCJ cases (which, should be limited to TDCJ Inmate cases) from its new case reporting procedures, and is only reporting cases originating from medical providers which are not TDCJ.¹

So, we will refer to non-TDCJ inmate, non-TDCJ controlled lab, test results as “**community cases**.” We will provide TDCJ-reported numbers as well, but TDCJ is not providing any information to Region 11 DSHS or us directly, we will merely report the numbers present on the TDCJ dashboard (located at): https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/covid-19/mac_dashboard.html.

The DSHS dashboard is found at: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>. DSHS reports 36 cases in Bee County (since inception). Those 36 cases are comprised of 17 community cases and 19 TDCJ-reported cases. As you can tell from the updated TDCJ numbers (pulled from the TDCH dashboard earlier today), the number 19 equals the TDCJ reported totals for all COVID-19 current/past positive inmates. The 4 TDCJ employee cases are included in DSHS’s community cases.

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.

1. TDCJ conducted mass-testing in May 2020 and will likely continue testing for the foreseeable future. The TDCJ conducts its own tests and dedicated TDCJ lab(s) analyze and report on such tests. This report is then delivered to DSHS headquarters in Austin, not to Region 11 DSHS – which is the de facto Bee County health department. TDCJ numbers reported are a “snapshot in time” which means that the reported numbers may (and have in the past) fluctuate from day to day.

BY THE NUMBERS

Summary – NON TDCJ

Date	Total Community Cases to Date	Active Cases	Released from Quarantine	Probable Cases
6/22/2020	17	Unknown	Unknown	1

Case by Case

New Case No.	Prior Case No.	Age Range	Sex	Date of Initial Positive Notification	Transmission
1	1	40s	F	4/7/2020	Community
2	2	40s	M	4/9/2020	Travel
3	3	70s	F	4/11/2020	Community
4	4	70s	F	4/16/2020	Community
-	5	40s	M	4/16/2020	Community
-	6*	40s	M	4/29/2020	Community
5	6	30's	F	5/19/2020	Unknown
6	7	20's	M	5/19/2020	Community
7	8	50's	F	5/20/2020	Unknown
8	9	40's	M	5/23/2020	Travel
9	10	40's	M	6/2/2020	Community
10	11	20's	M	6/5/2020	Community
-	12	50's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	13	20's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	14	50's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	15	20's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	16	20's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	17	20's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	18	20's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	19	50's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	20	20's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	21	30's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
-	22	20's	M	6/8/2020	Community-TDCJ
11	23	40's	M	6/9/2020	Community
12	24	20's	F	6/9/2020	Community
13	Still Researching				
14		60's	F	6/18/2020	Unknown
15		30's	M	6/19/2020	Unknown
16		18-19	F	6/20/2020	Unknown
17		50's	F	6/20/2020	Unknown

*Notes *Original case 6 was re-assigned to Live Oak County*

Testing Info – We will re-visit reporting “Unknown Source” data once we get more clarity from DSHS

Testing Source	Total Tests	Positive Bee County	Re-tested Bee County Positive ¹	Positive Out of County	Re-tested Positive Out of County	Negative	Indeterminate	Pending
Drive-thru @ Expo	275	5	2	1	1	234	0	32
Private Clinics ²	42	3	0	1	0	36	0	2
Military @Expo	339	2	Unknown	8	Unknown	289	6	34
Nursing Homes	288	0	0	0	251	0	0	37
Unknown Source ³	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<i>Notes</i>								
1. Prior positive was retested and came back positive.								
2. Not all Clinics are reporting.								
3. As we get more clarity from DSHS on past cases excluding TDCJ, we will provide this data.								

TDCJ Info June 22, 2020

Prison Unit	Offender or Employee	Active Case	Recovered Case
McConnell	Offender	0	4
	Employee	1	1
Garza East	Offender	0	3
	Employee	0	1
Garza West	Offender	0	12
	Employee	1	0
Totals		2	21