

COVID-19 PERIODIC UPDATE

September 30, 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.

While we remain encouraged by the declining trend of COVID-19 cases in Bee County, we caution everyone not to drop their guard or cease to follow the Governor's mask mandate and prudent social distancing practices. Keep up the great work everyone!

GUIDANCE FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

The simple steps everyone can take to help prevent spreading the virus:

- Wear a cloth face covering (over the nose and mouth);
- Practice social distancing by staying at least six feet away;
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- If soap and water are not available, use a 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; and
- Stay at home and stop the spread of coronavirus.

CASE UPDATE

Total Bee County confirmed community cases (i.e. not TDCJ inmates): **1226**

Total new cases reported today: **4**

On September 27, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 2 additional community cases. On September 29, 2020, DSHS notified Bee County of 2 additional community cases. No new cases were reported on September 25, 26, or 28, 2020.

All new cases are listed below:

Male in his 10s Female in her 10s

Female in her 40s Female in her 70s

DSHS DASHBOARD SUMMARY

As of 5:00 p.m. yesterday, September 29, 2020, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) Dashboard, Bee County currently has

58 active cases;¹
1,725 recovered cases;² and
1,817 total cases (non-prisoner and prisoner) since tracking began.

The Dashboard also reflects 34 fatalities in Bee County.

Bee County is situated in DSHS Region 11. Region 11 tracks non-inmate COVID-19 cases in Bee County, including contact tracing and quarantine management. The DSHS Dashboard, on the other hand, is maintained by DSHS in Austin, and in Austin, DSHS counts both non-inmate and inmate cases together. We understand that the Dashboard numbers do not always align with

1. DSHS States: “On September 28, DSHS updated its active case estimate. Due to the number of older cases being reported by local jurisdictions, DSHS updated the active and recovered case formulas to ensure these older cases are not counted as active. The number of active cases now more closely aligns with the number of new confirmed cases being reported daily to DSHS. The active case estimate is calculated by taking the number of confirmed cases and subtracting fatalities and estimated recoveries. Because both active and recovered cases are estimates, they can vary from what is reported locally. DSHS uses local estimates when available. **Active case numbers do not include probable cases.**”

2 DSHS States: “On September 28, DSHS updated its recovered case estimate. To account for the number of older cases reported by local jurisdictions, DSHS added a step to the formula to assume these older cases have recovered. This estimated number of recoveries now more closely aligns to the timing of when these cases were likely first identified. **Estimated Recoveries by County** DISCLAIMER: County estimates do not sum to statewide estimated patients recovered posted on this website, as the statewide total estimates the number recovered for all counties for the current day. For the statewide estimate, the following method is used: (1) Include total confirmed cases (as posted to DSHS COVID-19 Public Dashboard: <https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83>); (2) Remove any deaths; (3) Remove older cases being newly reported by the local jurisdiction (NEW September 28, 2020); (4) Estimate that ~20% of remaining/living cases required hospitalization and ~80% of remaining/living cases did not.

our **confirmed** cases and, like today, might not even add up. We have no control over the DSHS Dashboard.

Region 11 of DSHS will not provide Bee County with any confirmation or information of Bee County COVID-19 deaths; that information will be published by DSHS on its Dashboard only.

With respect to COVID-19 deaths, DSHS reports the following dates of death for each of the 34 fatalities of Bee Countians: 1 on July 4; 1 on July 6; 2 on July 13; 2 on July 16; 2 on July 21; 1 on July 24; 1 on July 28; 1 on August 1; 1 on August 2; 1 on August 5; 1 on August 6; 2 on August 9; 1 on August 11; 1 on August 12; 1 on August 13; 1 on August 14; 1 on August 15; 1 on August 16; 1 on August 17; 2 on August 25; 1 on August 28; 1 on September 1; 1 on September 2; 1 on September 3; 1 on September 11; 1 on September 17; and 2 on September 20; and 1 unaccounted for as of now.

TDCJ DASHBOARD SUMMARY

Unit	Inmates		Employees		<i>Totals:</i>
	Active	Recovered	Active	Recovered	
Garza East	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>
Garza West	0	119	20	69	<i>208</i>
McConnell	0	472	23	124	<i>619</i>
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>591</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>827</i>

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) Dashboard, reflects a total of 0 active inmate cases, as set out above. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects 591 recovered inmate cases. These numbers are fluctuating downward and upward, whereas our community case count only increases, which impacts the confirmed total case count, but the larger data set of total cases means that the impact of the TDCJ fluctuation is less dramatic, but the issue persists.

The TDCJ Dashboard also reflects a total of 43 active employee cases. The TDCJ Dashboard reflects a total of 193 recovered employee cases.

With a total of 591 inmate cases (active and recovered), and 1226 community cases, the Bee County total is: **1,817 total cases since tracking began.**

HOSPITALIZATION SUMMARY

As of 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 4 patients are hospitalized in Bee County with COVID-19, 3 female and 1 males. 4 of these patients are Bee County residents. Age ranges of the patients are:

Age Range	# of Patients
0-9	0
10-19	1
20-29	0
30-39	2
40-49	0
50-59	0
60-69	1
70-79	0
Over 80	0
Total:	4

Of the 4 patients, none are TDCJ Inmates.

Additionally, 0 patients are on a ventilator at this time.

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

Please contact our Hotline—**361-492-5981**—for COVID-19 questions and to conduct pre-screening interviews for COVID-19 testing at our Drive-Through Testing Facility.

PARTING SHOTS

Make no mistake, every time one of us lets our guard down, decides that the guidelines, orders, and reasonable requests do not apply to our particular situation—every time, we become a part of the pathway for COVID-19. Don't be part of the pathway; be a dead end, a stop sign, a barrier.

If you have read to the end, thank you.