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Presidio County Judge

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PRESS RELEASE, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: IMPACT OF COVID-19

Due to the alarming rates of Corona Virus cases in our community. We are encouraging all residents to shelter in place as much as possible and to avoid all non-essential travel. As of 12/17/2020 the cumulative number of COVID-19 tests administered in Presidio County is 6149.*

Presidio County:

Confirmed Cases 532 Probable Cases 28 Fatalities 13 Active Cases (Estimated) 113

Recovered (Estimated) 434

*Data from 12/17/2020 https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/publichealth.aspx

We would like to once again reiterate the dire impact of the recent surge in Coronavirus cases has had on the Texas Department of Health Region 9/10 of El Paso. In order to keep our first responders as safe as possible, we are asking people to anonymously self-report any positive COVID-19 test result to our local contact tracing hotline at 432-279-0279. Please provide your age range, gender and most importantly your address, and if possible, the start date of your isolation and presumptive end date.

If anyone is needing assistance with obtaining health care and prescription drug coverage, please call BBRHD at (432) 837-7051 or (432) 229-2151.

For transportation assistance for medical appointments please call TRAX at (432) 729-4908 ext. #115, or (432) 299-0480 ext. #103.

During these hard times, if you are needing financial assistance to pay rent or utilities please call Big Bend Community Action Committee at (432) 729-4980 ext. #105 or (432) 299-0480 ext. # 101 or 102. (CSBG funds are currently available)

We are currently operating under Governor Abbot's Executive Order GA-32, as a result, as of November 23,2020, all restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries in all counties in Trauma Service J are required to return to maximum 50 percent occupancy levels.

WITH CORONA VIRUS ON THE RISE, BIG GATHERINGS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. STATE CORONAVIRUS RULES LIMIT OUTDOOR GATHERINGS TO 100 PEOPLE AND MANDATE MASKS WHERE IT IS HARD TO MAINTAIN DISTANCE FROM OTHERS. THIS REITERATES THE NEED FOR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

TAKE ALL QUARANTINE MEASURES SERIOUSLY. IF YOU TEST POSITIVE OR YOU RESIDE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE, YOU MUST QUARANTINE IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU RESIDE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS ISOLATED IN YOUR HOME, REGARDLESS, YOU MUST QUARANTINE. FAILURE TO DO SO IS CONSIDERED CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, CLASS "A" MISDEMEANOR TO WIT: DEADLY CONDUCT - TEXAS PENAL CODE 22.05 (a)(e)

Deadly Conduct is a crime defined in the Texas Penal Code under Chapter 22.05. This crime is committed when one recklessly engages in conduct that places another person in imminent danger of serious bodily injury.

PLEASE TAKE THIS VIRUS SERIOUSLY, PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS, WEAR A MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS AND KEEP 6FT DISTANCE

May all of you remain vigilant and hopeful. Please know you and your families are in my prayers. I wish everyone a safe and peaceful Holiday season.

God Bless You,

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