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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 12/06/2020 there have been a total of 472 positive cases in Presidio County of which 196 are known active cases. This information can be accessed from the DSHS website. https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/public-health.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. We are only able to report cases as they are reported to us.

We are reporting the latest numbers of Corona Virus cases in our community. The Texas Department of Health Region 9/10 of El Paso sent a PSAP (Public Service Answering Points) Report on 12/04/2020, which reports 83 new cases, with 62 in Presidio and 21 in Marfa.

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. YOU MUST PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS-

AVOID LARGE GATHERINGS, WEAR A MASK, AND STAY AT LEAST 6 FEET APART FROM OTHER PEOPLE AND FREQUENTLY WASH YOUR HANDS.

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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