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Presidio County Judge

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

Current Situation:

At least 111 new coronavirus deaths and 11,240 new cases were reported in Texas on Jan. 18. Over the past week, there has been an average of 20,993 cases per day, an increase of 21 percent from the average two weeks earlier. As of Tuesday morning, there have been at least 2,138,574 cases and 32,858 deaths in Texas since the beginning of the pandemic, according to a New York Times database.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/texas-coronavirus-cases.html#county>

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is currently reporting a total of 7,018 cumulative tests have been administered in Presidio County. As of January 15th, 2021, the total number of confirmed cases is 595.

<https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83>

The Texas Department of Health has informed the County Judge's office of 12 new confirmed cases in Presidio County: 7 cases in Presidio and 5 cases in Marfa. In addition, 12 new Probable cases were reported: 9 in Presidio and 3 in Marfa.

Presidio County:

Confirmed Cases 598

Probable Cases 34

Fatalities 19

Active Cases 29
(Estimated)

Recovered 584
(Estimated)

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus>

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Texas continues to receive doses of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, and is distributing statewide to hospitals, pharmacies, local health departments, freestanding ERs and other clinics.

For up-to-date information on the availability of vaccines in Texas counties please go to: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>.

Who can get the vaccine now?

Front-line healthcare workers and residents at long-term care facilities (called Phase 1A) plus people over 65 or with a chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (called Phase 1B) are currently eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

For detailed information on criteria for Phase 1 please go to:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine/EVAP-Phase1A.pdf>

For detailed information on criteria for Phase 2 please go to:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine/EVAP-Phase1B.pdf>

To register for the COVID vaccine once it becomes available in this region:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LXX7S6V>

The pre-registration link for the COVID Vaccine in

Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LYKPVJQ>

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. If you are needing financial

assistance to pay rent or a utility, 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 New Year.

God Bless You,

Cinderela Guevara
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