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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.

The New York Times reported on 11/30/2020 that new cases in Presidio county are at the highest level they have ever been. "The average number of new cases in Presidio County reached 27 yesterday, a 3 percent increase from the day before. Since January, at least 1 in 14 people who live in Presidio County have been infected, and at least 1 in 958 have died." The Times continues to report

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/covid-cases-deaths-tracker.html#USA-48>

As of 11/20/2020 there have been a total of 466 positive cases in Presidio County of which 249 are known active cases. This information is 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. As per the New York Times article dated 11/30/2020 referenced above, Presidio County is rated #1 in Texas for having the most

cases per capita in the state. that this increase in the number of cases represents a +1094% change over a 14 - day period.

As you all know, we are in a difficult battle. COVID-19 cases are in an extreme rise and we are all facing very difficult times. At the same time, many of us are faced with COVID fatigue and cynicism. PLEASE DO NOT STOP FIGHTING. For your own safety and the protection of others, stay home as much as possible. Sanitize your hands and your surroundings frequently. If you or anyone you know is ill and feels as though they are unable to visit a doctor due to financial hardship, please reach out to our office for assistance 432-729-4452. And please, NEVER BE WITHOUT A MASK. Call for help if you do not feel well. Check on your neighbor(s) especially our elderly who live alone and may feel even more alone during the holiday.

The Texas Department of Health Region 9/10 of El Paso sent a PSAP (Public Service Answering Points) Report, which reports 77 new cases, with 56 in Presidio and 21 in Marfa.

In the meantime, please continue to be vigilant in practicing as much social distancing as possible, wash your hands frequently and ALWAYS WEAR A MASK.

**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 Thanksgiving.

God bless You,

Cinderela Guevara  
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