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# COVID-19 UPDATE

## City Reports One Additional Death, Assisting Regional Community

**EL PASO, Texas** — The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting **one (1)** additional COVID-19 deaths for a total number of **46**.

The male patient was in his 40s with underlying health conditions.

El Paso is also reporting **71** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county’s total number to **1,726**. To-date 882 people have recovered from COVID-19; meaning there are 798 active cases within the county. See accompanying graphics and map for additional data points.

Not counted in El Paso’s cases are 44 positive cases of individuals from other communities outside of the county, who have been tested and/or treated in El Paso. Of those numbers 25 are residents of Chihuahua, Mexico; 17 are New Mexico residents; and two (2) are Texas residents who are not El Paso County residents. Of the 44 cases, two males from Chihuahua (one in his 50s and another in his 80s) passed away.

During the DPH epidemiological investigation, patients and/or legal guardians are interviewed for contact tracing and to gather other pertinent information. Among the information, the patient’s primary place of residence is collected regardless of their citizenship. If it is determined that the patient is not an El Paso county resident, the DPH at that point works with appropriate health authorities from each residents’ home community in order to ensure the continuation of the investigation, correct counts and appropriate processes/policies are followed.

Please see accompanying graphic for a detailed breakdown.

The City has also seen a 30 percent decline in El Paso Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) general medical transport calls from the El Paso International Bridges when compared to the previous year. This year Fire reported transporting 163 of individuals from El Paso International Bridges from March 13 through May 13, compared to 229 during the same timeframe in 2019. The 2020 transports totals are general medical transports, not necessarily related to COVID-19.

Health questions about COVID-19 can be made by calling the 21-COVID hotline, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For referrals to services, contact 2-1-1 and select option six (6). For more information, visit [www.epstrong.org](http://www.epstrong.org).

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