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COVID-19 UPDATE

City Reports One Additional Death, Urges Residents to Take Precautions

EL PASO, Texas — The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting **one (1)** additional COVID-19 death for a total number of **47**.

The death is a female patient in her 70s with underlying health conditions.

El Paso is also reporting **46** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county's total number to **1,772**. To-date 903 people have recovered from COVID-19; meaning there are 822 active cases within the county.

See accompanying graphics and map for additional data points.

The public is reminded to continue practicing healthy habits that will protect them, their loved ones and others from getting sick. Below are a few tips that everyone should do to stay healthy and be teaching children to do the same:

- **Clean hands often** using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- **Stay home if you are sick.**
- **Avoid people who are sick** (coughing and sneezing).
- **Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily** in household common areas (like tables, hard-backed chairs, doorknobs, light switches, remotes, handles, desks, toilets, and sinks).
- **Launder items** including washable plush toys as needed. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely. Dirty laundry from an ill person can be washed with other people's items.

Know how it spreads:

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19.
- **At this time, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person:
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet);
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks;
 - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs; and
 - Be aware that some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

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.

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