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PRESS RELEASE

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BROWNSVILLE, TX: The Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office has felt the spike of Coronavirus cases in Cameron County. The Tax Office was notified this week that six (6) employees from the Brownsville Main Office and one (1) employee from the Harlingen Branch Office tested positive for COVID-19. The employees immediately sought medical screenings at the onset of their symptoms. The Office is working closely with the Cameron County Health Department.

"We are not immune from the Coronavirus," stated Tony Yzaguirre, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector. The Office has eleven (11) employees out for medical testing due to symptoms associated with the virus or due to being in contact with someone who may have been infected. These employees will be out pending clearance from a medical professional. Over the past few months, eighteen (18) employees have been out of the office with possible symptoms or due to possible contact with an infected person, and one (1) employee has been cleared to return to work.

The Tax Office has taken every precaution to implement safety precautions in accordance with the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Employees continue to clean and sanitize all of the facilities, follow social distancing guidelines, and require all staff and customers to utilize a facial covering and exercise good hygiene practices. Additionally, with the assistance of Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., and the Cameron County Commissioners' Court, protective barriers have been installed between employees and customers.

We will continue to monitor all our employees with any type of symptoms relating to the Coronavirus. Our goal is not only to keep our employees safe but also all of our customers (Taxpayers).

"It looks like the Coronavirus is here to stay; we just have to change our methods in doing business with the County Tax Assessors-Collector's Office. If customers do not feel comfortable coming into our offices, they can utilize alternative methods to conduct County Tax Office business. Customers can continue to conduct business via our drive-thru windows, research and pay taxes online by visiting www.cameroncountytax.org, utilize our drop off box locations, and/or mail-in tax payments or license plate renewals," stated Tony Yzaguirre, Jr.