

CAMERON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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Cameron County Daily COVID-19 Report

Cameron County Public Health is reporting an additional 70 COVID-19 related death cases today. These reports are after the department was able to access Texas Department of State Health Services vital statistics data and completed an analysis to identify deaths not previously reported by Cameron County. This raises the total number of COVID-19 deaths in Cameron County to 1,023.

“While this is a large number of reports, the public should know that they go as far back as April 2020 to present day and the majority of the cases are Cameron County residents who passed away outside of the county,” stated Eddie Trevino, Jr., Cameron County Judge. “My deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the families and friends on the loss of their loved one.”

As the local health department in Cameron County, Cameron County Public Health follows the Texas Department of State Health guidance and reports COVID-19 cases and deaths based on an individual’s residence. As a result, an individual who tests positive or dies due to COVID-19 here or elsewhere and is a resident of Cameron County will be reported by Cameron County Public Health.

“Being closely situated to another county which has several hospitals and residents seeking specialized treatment elsewhere, we tend to see this often in terms of communicable disease reporting,” stated Esmeralda Guajardo, Health Administrator. “Having access to the death data that the state is reporting is allowing us to cross-reference data they receive from other counties with ours in an attempt to properly report all of the cases.”

As of this afternoon, the Texas Department of State Health Services is reporting 921 deaths in Cameron County, a difference of 102 that the county is reporting. Cameron County Public Health receives death report data from the cities of Harlingen and Brownsville vital statistics offices and local hospitals, and now state vital statistics.

“We expect that there will be a slight discrepancy between what we report and what the state reports,” Guajardo stated. “This is due in large part to the state generally only reporting deaths listed within one section of a death certificate and our department reporting all deaths which have been reported, investigated and identified as COVID-related on death certificates by the local municipality vital statistics offices or hospitals, which is a standard practice for public health departments.”

Cameron County Public Health will continue to investigate COVID-19 related deaths as they are being reported to the department and will provide updates accordingly in the *Cameron County Daily COVID-19 Report*. Please refer to the following pages of this report for the demographic information on the 70 cases being reported today.

For information on the COVID-19, please refer to the Cameron County Public Health website at <https://www.cameroncounty.us/publichealth/index.php/coronavirus/> or call the Cameron County COVID-19 Helpline at (956) 247-3650.

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Residence	Total	Gender	Age(s)									
			0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99+
April												
Brownsville	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June												
Brownsville	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Harlingen	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
July												
Brownsville	8	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0
Harlingen	3	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
La Feria	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Fresnos	4	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
Port Isabel	2	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rio Hondo	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	9	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
August												
Brownsville	12	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2
Harlingen	2	Female	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
La Feria	2	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Laguna Vista	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Los Fresnos	2	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Isabel	3	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
San Benito	5	Female	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Santa Maria	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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Residence	Total	Gender	Age(s)									
			0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99+
September												
Brownsville	9	Female	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1
		Male	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
San Benito	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Rosa	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

In addition to the death reports, Cameron County has received confirmation of an additional 29 laboratory reports of COVID-19, including the following:

Residence	Total	Gender	Age(s)									
			0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99+
Brownsville	17	Female	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	0
		Male	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
Harlingen	6	Female	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
La Feria	3	Female	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	2	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
South Padre Island	1	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

This raises the total number of COVID-19 cases to 22,946 in Cameron County. There have also been an additional 84 individuals who have recovered, raising the total number of recovered individuals to 20,302.

Cameron County Public Health continues to work with nine nursing home facilities addressing the COVID-19 outbreaks.

Nursing Home Facility	Confirmed Positive Employees	Confirmed Positive Residents	Deaths
Retama Manor	1	41	5
Rio Fox Hollow	62	43	23
SCC at Valley Grande	32	28	12
Spanish Meadows	3	2	0
Treasure Hills	12	41	4

As part of the COVID-19 action response plan, Cameron County Public Health is conducting epidemiological investigations, contact tracing as needed and continues to monitor the situation.

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