



# Department of Public Health

**MAYOR**  
Dee Margo

## **FUNERAL HOMES AND MORTUARIES ORDER TO REPORT CAPACITY AND DAILY OCCUPANCY**

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

**October 27, 2020**

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The current COVID-19 situation in El Paso, TX is critical with the number of cases per capita continuing to rise, as well as hospitalizations. The predominant ethnicity of our community is Hispanic/Latino, many of whom suffer from chronic underlying health conditions that predispose us to develop severe complications from COVID-19 infection, and ultimately succumb at a higher rate than other ethnic and racial groups.

As part of our fatality management plans, it is imperative to have accurate and up to date account on the daily capacity of funeral homes, mortuaries and other facilities that care for the deceased, as to assist in providing appropriate and needed resources to our community in a timely manner.

For the above-mentioned reasons, as the Health Authority for El Paso City-County, I am issuing this Order requiring Funeral Homes, Mortuaries and Other Facilities that manage the deceased to do the following:

- Provide a Daily Census Report to the Department of Public Health to include maximum occupancy and actual current census
- Submit daily report no later than by 18:00 hours
- Submit report via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DRCVGP6>

**CITY MANAGER**  
Tommy Gonzalez

**FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THIS ORDER, INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS, IS A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO \$500.00.**

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