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COVID-19 UPDATE

City Reports Three Additional Deaths

EL PASO, Texas — The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting **three (3)** additional COVID-19 deaths for a total number of **36**. The patients with underlying health conditions include two males in their 60s and a female in her 90s.

El Paso is also reporting **65** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county's total number to **1,413**. To-date **719** people have recovered from COVID-19. There are **658** active cases within the county. It is estimated that as of today more than 13,300 tests have been performed.

See accompanying graphics and map for additional data points.

"It is another heartbreaking day for our community as we report three new deaths due to COVID-19. We send our deepest condolences to the families of these three individuals," said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Health Authority. "Our community is once again seeing a considerable increase in positive COVID-19 cases. I must once again urge everyone—as I do nearly every day—to please, take responsibility for your own actions, if not for your own health then for the health of your loved ones."

Infected persons who have few or no symptoms can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 to others. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions.

Residents with questions about the local directive can call 3-1-1. To report non-compliance, residents are asked to call the El Paso Police Department non-emergency at (915) 832-4400.

Health questions about COVID-19 can be made by calling the 21-COVID hotline, which is operational 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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