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COVID-19 UPDATE

City Reports Two Additional Deaths

EL PASO, Texas — The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting **two (2)** additional COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total number of deaths to **54**.

The patients with underlying health conditions include two males in their 70s.

El Paso is also reporting **78** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county's total number to **1,930**.

Health officials report that there is a strong correlation between the Mother's Day weekend and the spike in positive cases. To-date 1,028 people have recovered from COVID-19; meaning there are 848 active cases within the county.

Beginning tomorrow, May 21, the majority of the COVID-19 data will be directly uploaded to the City's website by 8 a.m. which can be accessed by clicking here on the [COVID-19 Data](#) page or by visiting www.EPStrong.org. Some of the data, such as total testing data and the zip code map will be provided online later the same day.

"It is disappointing that we are again reporting the loss of two more members of our community," said Dr. Hector Ocaranza. "These men are not just a number for us; they are someone's friend, neighbor, a parent, a loved one. It is for this reason that we need everyone to help us slow the spread of this virus by continuing to do what I have been urging for weeks. Again, I ask that you practice social distancing, wear a face cover, wash your hands with soap and water and if you're sick stay home."

The public is reminded that even infected persons with little to no symptoms can spread the virus to others and 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.

Members of the community who are interested in getting tested are able to learn more about the available testing throughout the county by [clicking here](#).

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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