

**MAYOR** Dee Margo

CITY MANAGER Tommy Gonzalez

CITY COUNCIL District 1

Peter Svarzbein

Alexsandra Annello

District 2

District 4 Dr. Sam Morgan

District 3

District 5 Cassandra Hernandez Isabel Salcido

District 6

District 7 Henry Rivera

District 8 Claudia L. Rodriguez Cissy Lizarraga

## COVID-19 UPDATE

05 / 21 / 2020

**NEWS** RELEASE

## City Reports Another Spike in Cases and Three Additional Deaths

EL PASO, Texas — The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting three (3) additional COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total number of deaths to **57**.

The patients, all with underlying health conditions, include:

- a female in her 40s
- a male in his 60s
- a male in his 80s

El Paso is also reporting its second largest spike in positive COVID-19 cases with **116 new cases**. The largest spike was reported on May 14 with 151 new cases.

The county's cumulative total now stands at **2,046** cases.

For a comprehensive list of COVID-19 data please visit the COVID-19 Data page found at www.EPStrong.org. Some of the data, such as total testing numbers and the zip code map will be provided on the EP Strong website later today.

"I wish to express my deepest sorrow to the families of these three community members. We continue to be saddened by the ongoing loss of life," said Dr. Hector Ocaranza. "This weeks deaths and today's spike in positive cases have an apparent connection to Mother's Day weekend, which is why we are sincerely concerned about what Memorial Day weekend might bring about if the community continues to disregard the advice we share nearly every day."

The public is once again 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 preexisting health conditions.

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.

###



Media Contact: Soraya Ayub Palacios Communications and Public Affairs 915.212.1040