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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 **60**.

The patients are two men, one in his 50s and another in his 70s, both had underlying conditions.

El Paso is also reporting **17** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county's total number to **2,393**. To-date 1,335 people have recovered from COVID-19; and so there are 998 active cases within the county.

“We are again extremely disappointed to advise the public of the loss of two lives,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Health Authority. “Last week’s three days of triple digit increases tells us that this virus is still active in our community. There is no vaccine for this disease and so we cannot be apathetic about taking care of our health and that of our loved ones. We all wish to see our curve flatten, but that can only happen if we all practice social distancing, wear a face covering, stay home if sick and washing your hands with soap and water.”

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.

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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