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# COVID-19 UPDATE

## City Reports Four Deaths, Another Triple Digit Spike

**EL PASO, Texas** — The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting **four (4)** COVID-19 deaths, bringing the total number of deaths to **72**.

The patients, all of whom had underlying health conditions, include:

- two females both in their 50s
- one female in her 60s
- one male in his 70s

“Every death is not just a number. Each of these individuals are someone’s loved one and we grieve with them for their loss,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Health Authority. “We are also reporting another large spike in positive cases; and until the community understands the seriousness of this virus and holds themselves accountable we are likely to continue seeing more deaths and more spikes.”

El Paso is also reporting **108** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county’s total number to **2,569**. To-date 1,465 people have recovered from COVID-19; and so there are 1,032 active cases within the county.

Health officials again strongly advise the public to continue practicing social distancing, wear a face covering, stay home if you are sick, and wash your hands with soap and water. Wearing a face covering is not a substitute for maintaining 6-foot social distancing and hand washing, as these remain important steps to slowing the spread of the virus.

Infected persons with little to no symptoms can still spread the virus to others and the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if the person is one of our most vulnerable residents such as our seniors, people with underlying health conditions and those who are immunocompromised.

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](http://www.epstrong.org).

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