

CAMERON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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Cameron County Confirms Fifth COVID-19 Related Death

Cameron County has received confirmation of its fifth COVID-19 related death of a Cameron County resident. The 77-year old male was from Los Fresnos. This is the first COVID-19 related death of a community transmission case. The individual had been previously reported as a case for Cameron County.

“It saddens me that we have lost another individual from our community to this deadly virus and, unfortunately, this individual is our first community transmission death and not related to the nursing home cases,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr. “Our deepest sympathies to his family and friends. Our thoughts are with them during this difficult time.”

Cameron County has also received confirmation of an additional nine (9) reports of COVID-19. This includes the following:

Residence	Gender	Age(s)	Transmission
Brownsville	Female	6, 41	Link to Previous Case
Brownsville	Male	62	Link to Previous Case
Brownsville	Female	24	Community
Brownsville	Male	19	Travel
Harlingen	Female	86	Link to Previous Case
Harlingen	Male	65	Link to Previous Case
Los Fresnos	Female	4	Link to Previous Case
San Benito	Female	60	Link to Previous Case

This raises the total number of cases to 279 in Cameron County. Of the 279 cases, 102 individuals have recovered.

Cameron County Public Health continues to emphasize the importance of following the Shelter-in-Place Order and following prevention methods to limit the risk of transmission of COVID-19. This includes:

- Practice physical distancing by keeping your distance 6 feet from others.
- If you are sick, call your doctor and home isolate.
- Do not go outside the home unless it is absolutely necessary.
- Practice good hygiene practices for everyday prevention measures, including frequent handwashing.
- Covering when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands

For information on coronavirus, please contact the Cameron County Coronavirus Hotline at (956) 247-3650, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or refer to the Cameron County Public Health website for more information and updates at <http://www.cameroncounty.us/publichealth/index.php/coronavirus/>.

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