



Representative
HENRY RIVERA
District 7

**City Representative
Henry Rivera,
District 7 Newsletter**



Stay Safe and Healthy, District 7!

A Message from City Representative Henry Rivera



*Stay safe and healthy,
District 7!*

from City Representative Henry Rivera

Dear District 7 Resident:

During these trying times, I hope you and your family remain safe and healthy.

This is a very critical time for us to work together and protect each other and support our health care workers, first responders and other essential workers. Together we can do this. We can slow the spread of the illness by staying home and practicing social distancing. Stay strong, El Paso!

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Distrito 7!

Un Mensaje del Representante de la ciudad

Henry Rivera



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Estimado residente del Distrito 7:

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Este es un momento muy crítico para que trabajemos juntos y nos protejamos mutuamente y apoyemos a nuestros trabajadores de atención médica, personal de primera respuesta y otros trabajadores esenciales. Juntos podemos hacer esto. Podemos retrasar la propagación de la enfermedad si nos quedamos en casa y practicamos el distanciamiento social. ¡Mantente fuerte, El Paso!

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Tu amigo y vecino,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Rivera".



Imagen: Estimado residente del Distrito 7: Durante estos tiempos difíciles, espero que usted y su familia permanezcan seguros y saludables. Este es un momento muy crítico para que trabajemos juntos y nos protejamos mutuamente y apoyemos a nuestros trabajadores de atención médica, personal de primera respuesta y otros trabajadores esenciales. Juntos podemos hacer esto. Podemos retrasar la propagación de la enfermedad si nos quedamos en casa y practicamos el distanciamiento social. ¡Mantente fuerte, El Paso!

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Unite with Light

Every Friday at 7:30 PM

Every Friday don't forget to light up your porch, windows and balconies with LED candles, flashlights, glow sticks or any kind of light at 7:30PM in support of our medical professionals and first responders working to aid our residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cada viernes, no olvides iluminar tu porche, ventanas y balcones con velas LED, linternas, barras luminosas o cualquier tipo de luz a las 7:30 PM en apoyo de nuestros profesionales médicos y personal de primeros auxilios que trabajan para ayudar a nuestros residentes durante la pandemia de COVID- 19.



CITY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
REMINDS EL PASO RESIDENTS TO

UNITE WITH LIGHT

EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:30 PM

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Image: UTEP Bridge Lit Up

Source: @UTEP on Twitter



Image: Kids holding up thank you sign

Source: @mgutierrezAP on Twitter

TML Coronavirus Update



Image: TML Logo Banner

STATE UPDATE

Has the governor announced new guidelines related to opening the economy?

Yes, at a press conference today (April 17), the governor announced that he is issuing a series of executive orders outlining how to begin re-opening the Texas economy with guidance from healthcare and business leaders. He will also be issuing additional orders to begin a phased opening of businesses.

The governor stated that the stay home/work home provisions of [GA-14](#) are still in effect, and the new orders provide additional exceptions to it. He will consider later whether to eliminate or reduce GA-14. Of note, schools (including colleges) will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

The orders are as follows:

[GA-17](#): Creates a statewide [Strike Force to Open Texas](#), which “will work towards a medical architecture to test and trace, while gradually and safely returning to work and other activities.” The strike force will rely on an [advisory committee](#) of business and community leaders. The strike force has created a [web page](#) with more information.

[GA-16](#): Relates to the safe, strategic reopening of select services and activities in Texas. This order establishes a temporary "Retail-To-Go" model that will allow retail outlets in Texas to reopen beginning Friday, April 24. Under this model, reopened establishments are required to deliver items to customer's cars, homes, or other locations to minimize contact.

Under this Executive Order, schools — including public, private, and higher education institutions — will remain closed for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers may go into the classroom for video instruction, to perform administrative duties, and clean out their classrooms.

[GA-15](#): relates to hospital capacity and personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for the COVID-19 response. The order loosens restrictions on surgeries [put in place by Governor Abbott in March](#). Beginning at 11:59 p.m. on April 21 through 11:59 p.m. on May 8, all licensed health care professionals and all licensed health care

facilities must continue to postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without timely performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death as determined by a patient's physician. Exceptions now include:

-Any procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete the hospital capacity or the PPE needed to cope with COVID-19; or

-Any surgery or procedure performed in a licensed health care facility that has certified in writing to Texas HHSC both (1) that it will reserve at least 25 percent of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients, accounting for the range of clinical severity of COVID-19 patients, and (2) that it will not request any PPE from any public source — whether federal, state, or local — for the duration of the COVID-19 disaster.

The Governor today also directed state parks to reopen on Monday, April 20, with strict guidelines to reduce transmission of COVID-19 – including requiring visitors to wear face coverings, maintain a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party, and prohibiting the gathering of groups larger than five.

On Monday April 27, the governor will announce additional ways to open Texas. In the next 10 days, the strike force will prepare a phased in strategy considering testing and hospital preparedness.

FEDERAL UPDATE

Has the President announced new guidelines for “Opening up America Again”?

Yes. His [Opening Up America Again Guidelines](#) provide metrics for each state’s governor to use when deciding if, when, and how to begin re-opening their economies. Each city official should carefully review the guidelines and should also keep in mind that they are just that: guidelines. Unless and until the governor, a county judge, or a mayor imposes them by order, they are arguably not enforceable.

The key features of the guidelines for states to consider include testing and contact tracing, healthcare system capacity, and appropriate planning. The guidelines include a “phased” approach, which include the following (which is a very brief summary):

All Phases:

- Individuals should practice good hygiene and sick people should stay home.
- Employers should develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and guidance, and informed by industry best practices, regarding: (1) social distancing and protective equipment; (2) temperature checks; (3) testing, isolating, and contact tracing; (4) sanitation use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas; and (5) business travel.
- Employers should: (1) monitor workforce for indicative symptoms and not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by a medical provider; and (2) develop and implement policies and procedures for workforce contact tracing following employee COVID positive test.

The following phases should be implemented by states only following “gating criteria,” such as a state having: (1) a downward trajectory of cases; (2) hospitals that are not in crisis care mode; and (3) healthcare workers that are subjected to a robust testing program.

Phase I: Individuals

- Avoid **SOCIALIZING** in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing (e.g., receptions and trade shows).
- MINIMIZE NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.

Phase I: Employers

-Continue to ENCOURAGE TELEWORK, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.

-If possible, RETURN TO WORK IN PHASES.

-Close COMMON AREAS where personnel are likely to congregate and interact or enforce strict social distancing protocols.

-Minimize NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.

-Strongly consider SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS for personnel who are members of a VULNERABLE POPULATION.

Phase II: Individuals

-All individuals, WHEN IN PUBLIC (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 50 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.

-NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL can resume.

Phase II: Employers

-Continue to ENCOURAGE TELEWORK, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.

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Phase III: Individuals

Individuals should:

-LOW-RISK POPULATIONS should consider minimizing times spent in crowded environments.

Phase III: Employers

Employers may:

-Resume unrestricted staffing or worksites

-LARGE VENUES (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under limited physical distancing protocols.

Again, the above are merely guidelines. What happens in Texas will depend on the actions of the governor and local officials.

For more information and updates visit the TML website [here](#)

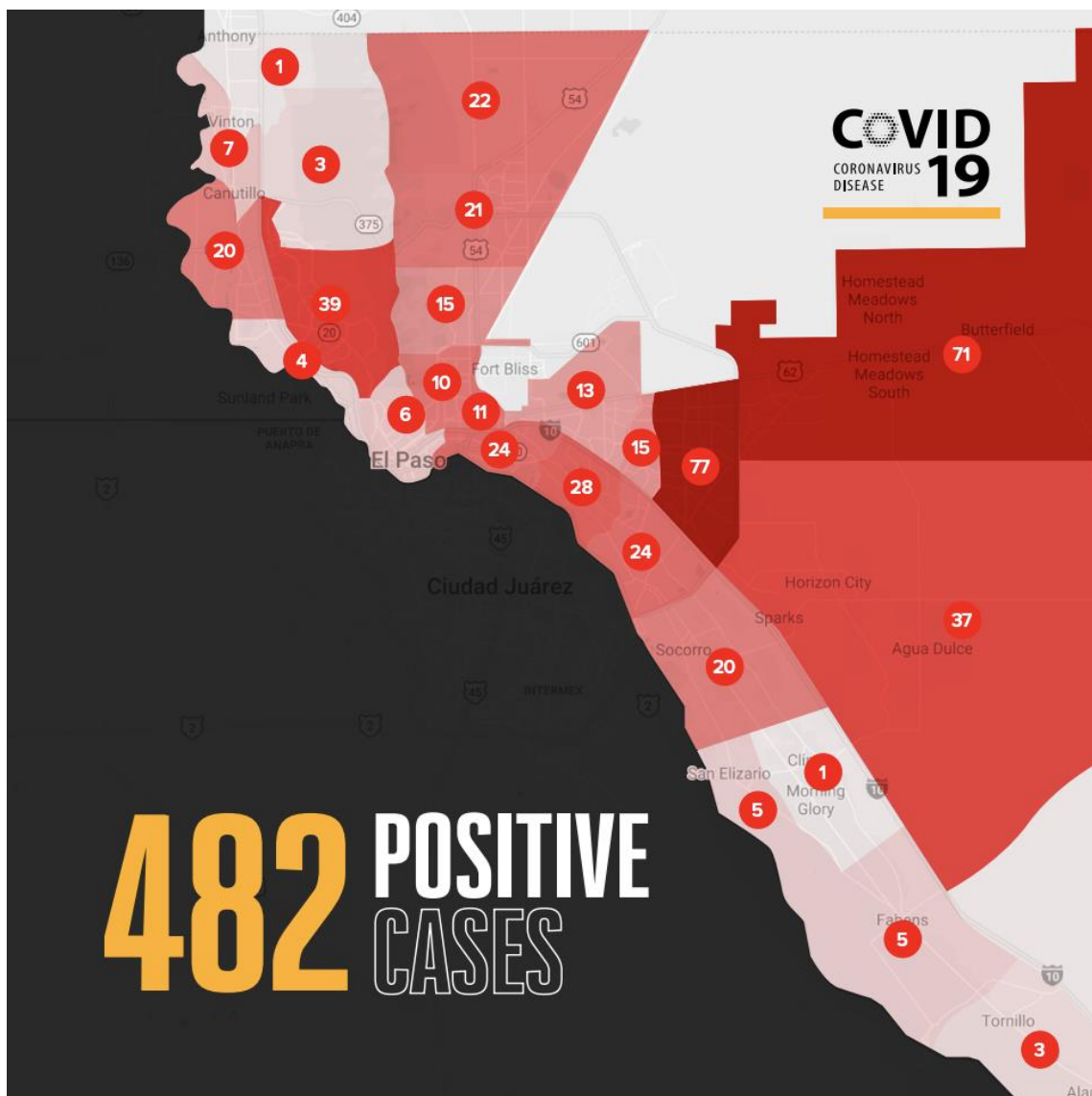
To read more about Governor Abbott's Executive Orders, click [here](#)

COVID-19 Update

State Parks in El Paso to remain CLOSED

The City of El Paso Public Health Department is reporting **31** new COVID-19 cases bringing the county's total number to **482**, the number of deaths remains at **seven (7)**.

Positive cases in El Paso County include 248 females and 234 males; see accompanying graphics and map. There are now 38 patients hospitalized, and 11 of those are currently in ICU.



The map above shows all the locations of the positive COVID-19 cases, including the following ZIP codes and number of cases in parenthesis: 79821 (1), 79835 (7), 79836 (1), 79838 (5), 79849 (5), 79853 (3), 79902 (6), 79903 (11), 79904 (15), 79905 (24), 79907 (24), 79911 (3), 79912 (39), 79915 (28), 79922 (4), 79924 (21), 79925 (13), 79927 (20), 79928 (37), 79930 (10), 79932 (20), 79934 (22), 79935 (15), 79936 (77), 79938 (71)



COVID-19 REPORT

AS OF APRIL 17, 2020

AGES	CASES	DEATHS
12 & Under	13	
Teens	21	
20's	99	
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40's	82	
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60's	53	1
70's	30	3
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POSITIVE
Cumulative Cases

176

TESTED BY
The Department
of Public Health Lab

306

TESTED BY
Other Outside
Laboratories

1070

**PATIENTS
TESTED**

By the Department of
Public Health Lab

894

**NEGATIVE
TESTS**

By the Department of
Public Health Lab

8

**PENDING
RESULTS**

By the Department of
Public Health Lab

63

**RECOVERED
CASES**

38

**CURRENTLY
HOSPITALIZED**

7

DEATHS

Related to
COVID-19

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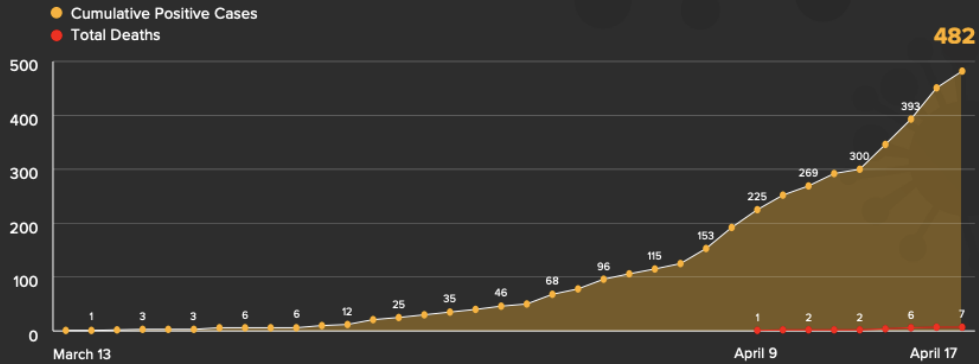
38 Currently Hospitalized

7 Deaths related to COVID-19

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11

**PATIENTS
IN ICU**

2205

**HOSPITAL
BEDS**
In El Paso County

75

ICU BEDS
In El Paso County

7

**PATIENTS ON
VENTILATORS**

307

VENTILATORS
In El Paso County

343

**PERSONS UNDER
MONITORING**
People who came in
contact with a positive

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2,205 Hospital Beds in EP County

343 patients under monitoring (people who came in contact with a positive case)

75 ICU beds in EP County

11 patients on ICU

307 Ventilators in EP County

7 Patients on Ventilators

“The Governor’s steps to reopen the State provides hope that we will move forward from this pandemic,” said Mayor Dee Margo. “However, the reopening of El Paso is contingent on the rate of infection and residents complying with the current Stay Home Order. Until we see a consistent decrease in our positive cases, we will not be ready to lift restrictions.”

While Governor Greg Abbott’s executive order would allow most state parks in Texas to reopen on Monday, April 20, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has advised that Franklin Mountain State Park and Hueco Tanks State Park will remain closed until further notice due in part to the local COVID-19 trends. The closure of the local State Parks will also reduce the high risk of individuals getting lost or injured that would require the Fire Department’s Search and Rescue Operations to respond to possible mountain rescues, diverting critically needed first responders from the COVID-19 mission.

“State leadership understands that El Paso County continues to see an increase in cases that cannot be ignored,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City/County Health Authority. “Reducing the number of cases locally rest in each and every one of our community residents’ hands and will require all of us to follow the Stay Home Order more closely and adhering to social distancing measures. Only then, will some of the restrictions in El Paso be lifted.”

In addition to abiding by the Stay Home, Work Safe orders and avoiding any gatherings with anyone outside a person’s immediate household, public health officials continue to urge residents to use face coverings when out performing essential duties or tasks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises the use of simple cloth masks to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

(see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>)

It is also recommended that the face coverings be cleaned at least daily. A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a face covering. Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

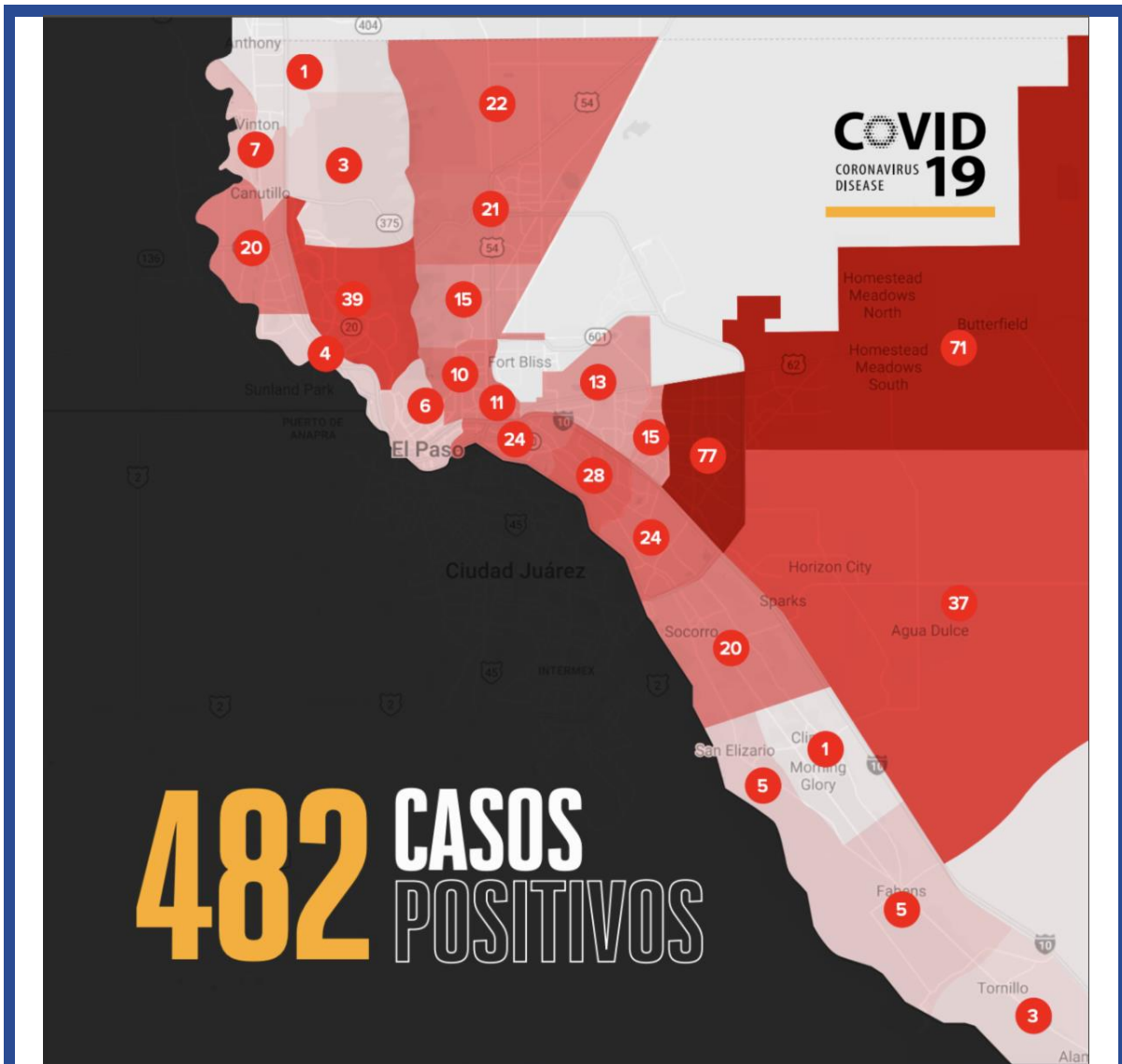
Actualización COVID-19

Parques estatales en El Paso permanecerán Cerrados

El Departamento de Salud Pública de la Ciudad de El Paso está informando 31 nuevos casos de COVID-19 que elevan el número total del condado a 482, el número de muertes sigue siendo de siete (7).

Los casos positivos en el Condado de El Paso incluyen 248 mujeres y 234 hombres; ver gráficos y mapa adjuntos. Ahora hay 38 pacientes hospitalizados, y 11 de ellos están actualmente en la UCI.

Los funcionarios de la ciudad y Del condado están revisando las órdenes ejecutivas federales y estatales para determinar qué modificaciones, si es que hay alguna, deberán hacerse a las órdenes locales.



El mapa anterior muestra todas las ubicaciones de los casos positivos de COVID-19, incluidos los siguientes códigos postales y el número de casos entre paréntesis: 79821 (1), 79835 (7), 79836 (1), 79838 (5), 79849 (5), 79853 (3), 79902 (6), 79903 (11), 79904 (15), 79905 (24), 79907 (24), 79911 (3), 79912 (39), 79915 (28), 79922 (4), 79924 (21), 79925 (13), 79927 (20), 79928 (37), 79930 (10), 79932 (20), 79934 (22), 79935 (15), 79936 (77), 79938 (71)



REPORTE DE COVID-19

AL DÍA 17 DE ABRIL DE 2020

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<i>Años 70</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Años 80</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Años 90</i>	<i>7</i>	

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AL DÍA 17 DE ABRIL DE 2020

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REALIZADOS POR

El Laboratorio de
el Departamento
de Salud

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REALIZADOS POR

Otros laboratorios
privados

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Por el Laboratorio de el
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**CASOS
NEGATIVOS**

Por el Laboratorio de el
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**PRUEBAS
PENDIENTES**

Por el Laboratorio de el
Departamento de Salud

63

**CASOS
RECUPERADOS**

38

**CASOS
HOSPITALIZADOS**

7

MUERTES
Relacionadas con
COVID-19

Para información actualizada, visite EPStrong.org o llame al 21-COVID

482 casos positivos

-176 Probado por el Departamento de Laboratorio de Salud Pública

-306 Probado por otros laboratorios externos

1070 pacientes probados por el Departamento de Laboratorio de Salud Pública

894 Pruebas negativas por el Departamento de Laboratorio de Salud Pública

8 Resultados pendientes del Laboratorio del Departamento de Salud Pública

63 casos recuperados

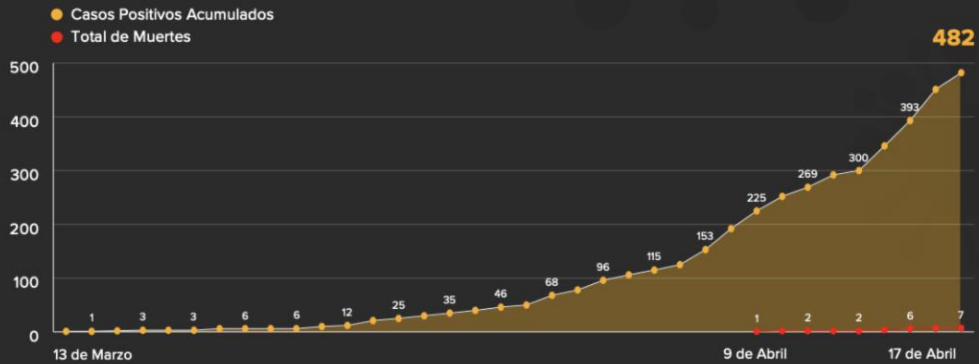
38 actualmente hospitalizado

7 Muertes Relacionada con COVID-19



REPORTE DE COVID-19

AL DÍA 17 DE ABRIL DE 2020



11 EN TERAPIA INTENSIVA
2205 CAMAS DE HOSPITAL
En el Condado de El Paso
75 CAMAS DE TERAPIA INTENSIVA
En el Condado de El Paso

7 PACIENTES EN RESPIRADORES
307 VENTILADORES
En el Condado de El Paso
343 PERSONAS BAJO MONITOREO
Personas que tuvieron contacto con un positivo

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2,205 camas de hospital en el condado de EP

343 pacientes bajo investigación (número de personas que entraron en contacto con un caso positivo)

75 camas de UCI en el condado de EP

11 pacientes en UCI

307 ventiladores en el condado de EP

7 pacientes en ventiladores

"Los pasos del gobernador para reabrir el Estado brindan la esperanza de que avancemos de esta pandemia", dijo el alcalde Dee Margo. "Sin embargo, la reapertura de El Paso depende de la tasa de infección y de que los residentes cumplan con la Orden de Estancia en Casa actual. Hasta que veamos una disminución constante en nuestros casos positivos, no estaremos listos para levantar las restricciones".

Si bien la orden ejecutiva del gobernador Greg Abbott permitiría la reapertura de la mayoría de los parques estatales en Texas el lunes 20 de abril, el Departamento de Parques y Vida Silvestre de Texas ha informado que el Parque Estatal de la Montaña Franklin y el Parque Estatal Hueco Tanks permanecerán cerrados hasta nuevo aviso debido en parte al local Tendencias de COVID-19. El cierre de los parques estatales locales también reducirá el alto riesgo de que las personas se pierdan o resulten heridas, lo que requeriría que las Operaciones de Búsqueda y Rescate del Departamento de Bomberos respondan a posibles rescates en la montaña, desviando a los primeros respondedores críticamente necesarios de la misión COVID-19.

"El liderazgo estatal entiende que el Condado de El Paso continúa viendo un aumento en los casos que no pueden ser ignorados", dijo el Dr. Héctor Ocaranza, Autoridad de Salud de la Ciudad / Condado. "Reducir el número de casos localmente descansa en todas y cada una de las manos de los residentes de nuestra comunidad y requerirá que todos cumplamos más de cerca la Orden Quesese en Casa, Permanezca Seguro y que cumplamos con las medidas de distanciamiento social. Solo entonces, se levantarán algunas de las restricciones en El Paso".

Además de cumplir con las órdenes Quedese en Casa, Permanezca Seguro y evitar cualquier reunión con cualquier persona fuera del hogar inmediato de una persona, los funcionarios de salud pública continúan instando a los residentes a usar coberturas faciales cuando realizan tareas o tareas esenciales.

Los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) recomiendan el uso de máscaras de tela simples para retrasar la propagación del virus y ayudar a las personas que pueden tener el virus y que no lo saben a transmitirlo a otros. (ver: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-get-sick/diy-cloth-facecoverings.html>)

También se recomienda que los revestimientos faciales se limpien al menos diariamente. Una lavadora debe ser suficiente para lavar adecuadamente una cubierta facial. Las personas deben tener cuidado de no tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca al quitarse la cubierta de la cara y lavarse las manos inmediatamente después de retirarse.

City to Assist Vulnerable Population

Temporary Shelter for the Homeless Amid

COVID-19



Image: Inside of the temporary shelter (Source: Endeavours)

The City of El Paso has authorized the use of two City facilities to function as temporary housing shelters to assist the homeless population while complying with the Health Authority's social distancing rules.

The two facilities are:

Delta Welcome Center at the Hilos De Plata Senior Center

4451 Delta Dr., El Paso, TX 79905

Delta Haven at the Chelio Acosta Sports Center

4321 Delta Dr., El Paso, TX 79905

The centers will be operated by the Opportunity Center for the Homeless with support from the City of El Paso, the Office of Emergency Management and numerous non-profit and private sector partners. Primary partners supporting the work include the Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, El Paso Coalition for the Homeless, Endeavors, El Pasoans Fighting Hunger, and the Paso Del Norte Community Foundation and the United Way.

“As we continue tackling the COVID-19 pandemic in our region, we are taking actions to provide assistance to our most vulnerable community members in need,” said Assistant Fire Chief Jorge Rodriguez, the City and County Emergency Management Coordinator. “We are taking all the necessary measures to ensure the safety of our residents and help flatten the curve.”

The Delta Haven is currently accommodating approximately 80 people. The Delta Welcome Center, which is located near but separate from the Delta Haven facility, will be activated on Friday, April 17, and serve as the primary intake facility for all homeless individuals during this crisis. This approach allows for appropriate screening, isolation and safety of this very vulnerable population.

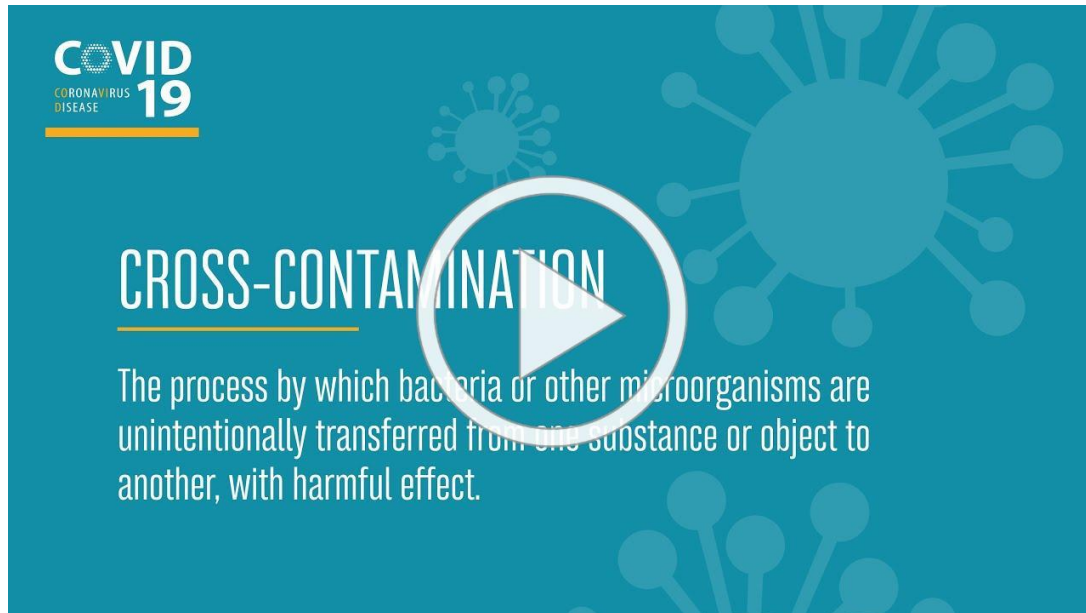
Residents are reminded that the Stay Home, Work Safe Order is in effect until further notice. COVID-19 signs and symptoms including fever, cough and shortness of breath. If these symptoms don't improve they should contact their healthcare provider or seek medical attention.

The 21-COVID hotline is available from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For referral to services contact 2-1-1 and select option six (6). For more information, visit www.epstrong.org.

Click [here](#) for information in Spanish

Fact Friday

What is Cross-contamination?



COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE

CROSS-CONTAMINATION

The process by which bacteria or other microorganisms are unintentionally transferred from one substance or object to another, with harmful effect.



District 7

News, Events, Meetings

& more!

**District 7 Chapoteo Waterpark Opening
Postponed**

To safeguard the health and welfare of our customers and staff during this health crisis we will not open this swim season.

Looking forward to welcoming you in 2021!

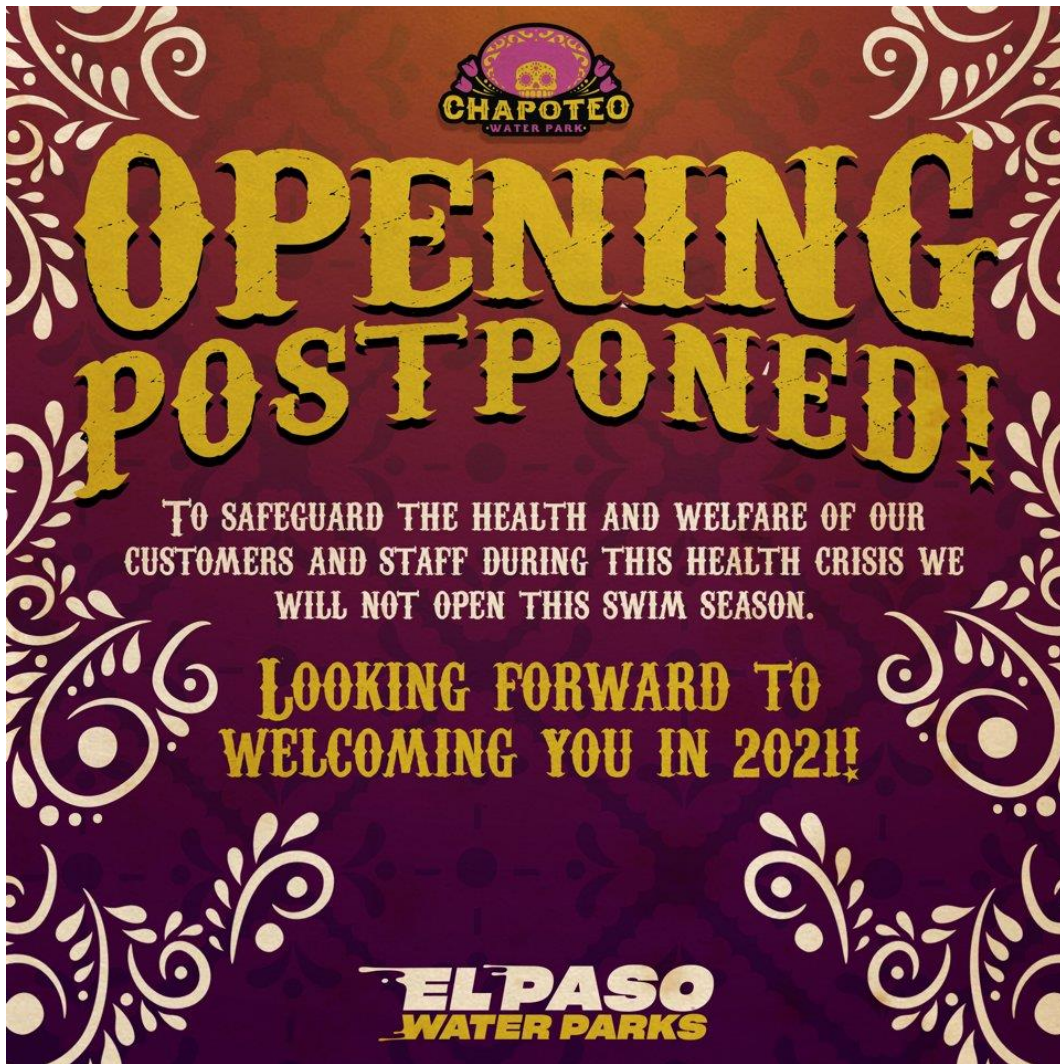


Image: Chapoteo themed image with above message

District 7 Construction Projects

As a precautionary measure to protect our citizens from the spread of COVID-19, the City of El Paso has cancelled all upcoming community meetings.

In order to ensure that the public stays up to date on all our projects, the City of El Paso has created the following project videos for the public to view.

VIDEO: George Dieter and Lee Trevino Improvements

Project Location – Lee Trevino Drive South

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- **Limits:**
 - Northloop Drive to Rojas Drive

VIDEO: Yarbrough, South of I-10, Improvements

Project Location – Yarbrough Drive South

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- Limits:
 - Interstate 10 to Loop 375

My office will keep you updated as to when community meetings will resume, and we thank you for your patience during this time.

Feel free to contact my office at 915.212.0007 or district#7@elpasotexas.gov for more information or any questions.

Census 2020 Update



**TOGETHER. FEARLESS.
WE COUNT.**
THE COMMUNITY OF EL PASO • CENSUS 2020



**JUNTOS. CON CONFIANZA.
CONTAMOS.**
LA COMUNIDAD DE EL PASO • CENSO 2020

Image: El Paso Census 2020 logo

The U.S. Census Bureau is carefully monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and will follow the guidance of federal, state and local health authorities.

It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker.

The numbers and the website where people can respond are:

<https://my2020census.gov/>

(844)330-2020 English line

(844)468-2020 Spanish line

For assistance numbers in other languages: <https://2020census.gov/en/contact-us.html>

El Paso Strong

The City of El Paso remembers the victims of the August 3 mass shooting



TXDOT El Paso East Area Project Closures



Image: TXDOT El Paso logo

Concrete Repairs

Monday April 20 until further notice

8 a.m to 4 p.m

-I-10 East and West Mc Nary on and off ramps.

-Crews will be repairing concrete in the area.

Loop 375 Frontage Road Project

Monday, April 20

Daily, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and continuous until further notice

-Americas Avenue southbound alternating lane closures between North Loop Drive and Zaragoza Road

-Americas Avenue northbound alternating lane closures between Americas Avenue and Socorro Road

-Americas Avenue northbound to southbound turnaround at Alameda Avenue closed

-Loop 375 southbound complete closure at Socorro Road entrance ramp (no longer in use)

-Closure is necessary for construction of new Pan American Drive exit ramp

-Loop 375 northbound complete closure at Zaragoza Road entrance ramp between South Americas to Pan American (no longer in use)

-Closure is necessary for construction of new Pan American Drive exit ramp

Zaragoza/Montwood Improvement Project

Monday, April 20

Daily, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. and continuous until further notice

-Zaragoza northbound right lane closure between Burger King and McDonalds

-Crews will be preparing roadway for pavement panels

Monday, April 20

Daily, from 7 a.m. until 4 pm. and continuous until further notice

-Montwood Drive westbound from Joe Battle southbound to Zaragoza intersection shoulder (Bike Lane)

-Crews will be installing drainage system

Monday, April 20

Daily, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. and continuous until further notice

-Joe Battle Boulevard and Zaragoza intersection southbound to northbound turnaround closure

-Closure is necessary for construction of new retaining wall

RM 652 Full Rehabilitation Project

Monday, April 20

Daily, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and continuous until further notice

-RM 652 continuous right lane closure 8.36 miles east of FM 3541 to Reeves County Line

-Continuous 2-way traffic, 1-lane work zone requiring traffic to be alternating onto one lane and controlled by Temporary Traffic Signals with a 14' vertical clearance

-Closure is necessary for the construction of new roadway consisting of full depth rehabilitation

FM 3541 Rehabilitation Project

Monday, April 20 through Friday, July 24

Daily, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and continuous until further notice

-FM3541 southbound and northbound right lane closure 0.5 mile south of FM 652

-Closure is necessary for rehabilitation of roadway consisting of cement treated base, hot mix asphaltic concrete, signing and pavement markings

Median Cable Barrier Project

Monday, April 20

Daily, from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. and continuous until further notice

-Artcraft Road (SH 178) eastbound and westbound left shoulder work between Upper Valley Road and New Mexico state line

-Closure is necessary for cable barrier work in the median

District Wide Striping Project

Monday, April 20

Daily and Nightly, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and/or 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. and continuous until further notice

-Montana Avenue (US62/180) alternating eastbound and westbound lanes between Dana Road and Hueco Ranch Road

-Closure is necessary for mobile striping operation

I-10 Landscape Improvements

Monday, April 20 through Friday, May 1

Daily, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and continuous until further notice

-I-10 alternating eastbound and westbound left and right lane closures between Eastlake Boulevard and Horizon Boulevard

-I-10 alternating eastbound and westbound entrance and exit ramps to include turnaround

-Closure is necessary for construction of landscape improvements to include excavation, ground cover, modular block planters, concrete and maintenance

LED Chevrons on I-10

Monday, April 20

Daily, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and continuous until further notice

-I-10 alternating eastbound and westbound left lane closures 2 miles east of Fabens Road overpass

-I-10 alternating eastbound and westbound left lane closures between Esperanza Road, Ft. Hancock to Sierra Blanca

-Closure is necessary for construction safety work consisting of LED flashing chevrons and guardrail improvements

Please follow the detour signs in place on all projects. All work is dependent upon weather conditions.

**District 7 Commitment to
Street Improvements & Repair Continues**



Image: Pothole Repair

Should you have any issues with your street and/or want to make sure we take note of the need to improve your street, please contact our office at 915.212.0007 or district7@elpasotexas.gov. Our goal is to continue to find funding to better improve all streets in El Paso!

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Council Buzz April 14, 2020



**El Paso International Airport to Close
Butterfield Trail Golf Club**



Image: *Butterfield Trail Golf Course*

El Paso International Airport (EPIA) will close Butterfield Trail Golf Club (BTGC) by May 31, 2020 in order to reduce expenses and focus on essential airport operations.

EPIA, in response to the health and economic crisis, has made and continues to make major cuts to operating expenses. The Airport has subsidized the course since 2008 through revenues generated through non-aviation development; closing BTGC will save the airport about \$1 million per year.

“It is with a heavy heart that the fiscally-responsible decision to permanently close the course was made. I am extremely proud of Butterfield Trail Golf Club and the multiple awards it has earned,” said Monica Lombraña, A.A.E., Chief Operations and Transportation Officer. “I want to thank all of the course’s patrons for their support over the years and KemperSports for maintaining the course to an award-winning level.”

Deposits on tournaments and special events will be refunded.

Chime In! El Paso

City Invites Public to Guide City Budget Priorities



Image: CHIMEIN Banner

Be part of the change and "Chime In" by participating in a quick 7-question survey to help guide the community's funding priorities.

The City of El Paso invites the public to share their input in the annual "Chime In" survey to have an everlasting impact on how the City prioritizes its projects and services for the next budget cycle, fiscal year 2021.

Residents and businesses can stay up to date on this community engagement opportunity by visiting the City's social media pages and website. The City's budget process supports the City's vision of having safe and beautiful neighborhoods, a

vibrant regional economy, and exceptional recreation, cultural and educational opportunities.

Last year's survey results indicated that the public wanted a greater emphasis on streets, public safety and economic development.

Complete survey by clicking [here](#)

Wide Increase in Car Thefts and Car Burglaries



Image: Car Theft

The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force would like to pass along some helpful tips to help prevent you from falling victim to a Car Thief or Burglar. With the warmer weather upon us in addition to many individuals not being in school due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Auto Theft and Burglary of Vehicle rates have both been on the rise at an earlier time of year than usual. In year to date comparison there has been a 10% increase in auto thefts and a 39% increase in car burglaries. By far in most of the car burglaries, entry was through unlocked doors.

Pease be safe and smart and do your part to not fall victim to a car thief, or burglar and follow these simple tips:

1. LOCK your vehicle(s)
2. Take your keys
3. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle





Representative
HENRY RIVERA
District 7

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Hours of Operation:

Monday- Friday:

8 AM- 5 PM



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District 7 Proudly Supports our Troops and First Responders



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Image: District 7 Proudly Supports our Troops and First Responders. Thank you for your service to our community! (includes US Flag, Thin Blue Line Flag and Thin Red Line Flag)



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Should you have any questions, comments and/or concerns about this edition of the newsletter, please contact Priscilla Contreras at 915.212.1032 or contreraspi@elpasotexas.gov.

