

For Immediate Release  
June 18, 2020

Contact: Felipe Romero  
[Felipe.Romero@cob.us](mailto:Felipe.Romero@cob.us)

### **FIVE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

**BROWNSVILLE, Texas** (June 18, 2020) — As part of the city's continued commitment to transparency and employee safety, we can confirm that there have been five (5) new city of Brownsville employee positive COVID-19 cases. Three employees work with the Brownsville Police Department as police officers, one city employee who works in the Internal Services and one city employee who works with Parks & Recreation Department.

Two Brownsville Police Department police officers began to feel symptoms on Sunday, June 14th, with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results today, Thursday, June 18th, 2020. The third police officer felt symptoms on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> with official confirmation provide to the city of a positive COVID-19 result today, Thursday, June 18, 2020.

The Internal Services employee first began to feel symptoms on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results today, Thursday, June 18, 2020.

The Parks & Receptions employee did not feel symptoms however was in contact with someone who did test positive. The employee was tested on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results today, Thursday, June 18, 2020.

Those in contact with the employees that are in a medium to high risk of exposure will be tested and quarantined. All associated workspaces will be disinfected and deep cleaned. The names of the employees and any further identifying information are being withheld to maintain employee privacy consistent with federal health privacy laws.

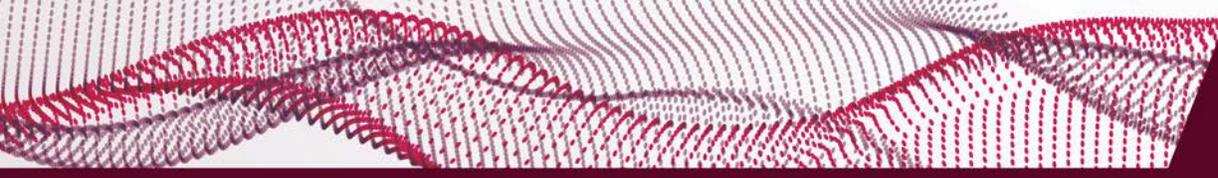
The City of Brownsville Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they are received.

The City's public health efforts will continue to focus on containing the spread and mitigating the impact of COVID-19 in the community. We continue to emphasize the importance of following prevention methods to protect public health:

- Stay at home, unless travel is necessary
- Wear facial coverings
- Practice social distancing and keep your distance of 6 feet from others
- If you are sick, call your doctor and home isolate yourself
- Practice good hygiene practices for everyday prevention measures, including frequent hand washing
- Cover your mouth and nose 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, seven days a week/24 hours a day or refer to the Cameron County Public Health website for more information and updates at <http://www.cameroncounty.us/publichealth/index.php/coronavirus/>.

Additionally, it is encouraged to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/> for daily updates.



# CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

###