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SEVEN CITY OF BROWNSVILLE EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (June 19, 2020) — As part of the city's continued commitment to transparency and employee safety, we can confirm that there have been seven (7) new city of Brownsville employee positive COVID-19 cases. Two city employees who work with the Brownsville Police Department as police officers and two city employees who are non-police. As well as one city employee who works in EPW Landfill Department and two employees who work with the Fire Department.

The four Brownsville Police Department employees began to feel symptoms on Monday, June 15th, with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results today, Friday, June 19th, 2020.

The Public Works Landfill department employee first began to feel symptoms on Monday, June 15th, with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results today, Friday, June 19, 2020.

The first Brownsville Fire Department employee began to feel symptoms on Sunday June 14th with the second employee feeling symptoms on June 10th with official confirmation provided to the city on both cases of the positive COVID-19 results today, Friday, June 19, 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.

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