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FIVE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (June 22, 2020) — As part of the city's continued commitment to transparency and employee safety, we can confirm that there have been five new city of Brownsville employees test positive for COVID-19. Three are City of Brownsville Police Officers, one Brownsville Firefighter and one employee from the Brownsville Health Department.

The first Brownsville Police Officer began to feel symptoms on Wednesday, June 18th, 2020 with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results Monday, June 22nd, 2020. The second Brownsville Police Officer began to feel symptoms on June 15th, with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results Monday, June 22nd, 2020. The third Brownsville Police Officer began to feel symptoms on June 16th, with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results on Friday June 20th, 2020.

The Brownsville Firefighter was tested on Wednesday, June 18th with official confirmation of the positive COVID-19 results provided to the city on Monday, June 22nd, 2020.

The employee from the Brownsville Health Department was tested on Wednesday, June 18th with official confirmation of the positive COVID-19 results provided to the city on Monday, June 22nd, 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.

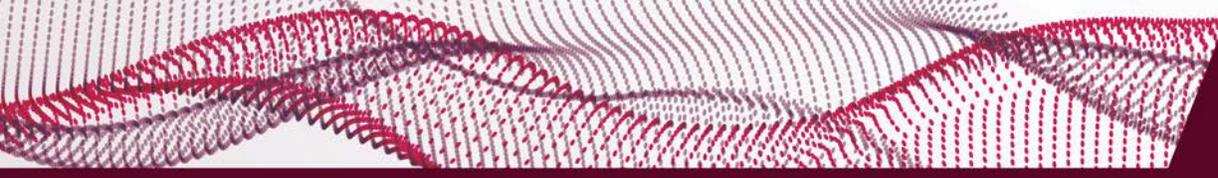
The City of Brownsville Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they are received.

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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