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TWO CITY OF BROWNSVILLE EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (July 14, 2020) — As part of the city's continued commitment to transparency and employee safety, we can confirm that there have been two new city of Brownsville employees test positive for COVID-19.

Both City of Brownsville employees work with the Police Department as police officers. The first police officer began to feel symptoms on Wednesday, July 1st, 2020 and was tested on Thursday, July 2nd, 2020 with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results Tuesday, July 14th, 2020. The second police officer began to feel symptoms on Monday, July 6th, 2020 and was tested Tuesday, July 7th, 2020 with official conformation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results on Tuesday, July 14th, 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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