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SIX CITY OF BROWNSVILLE EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (August 3, 2020) — As part of the city's continued commitment to transparency and employee safety, we can confirm that there have been six new City of Brownsville employees to test positive for COVID-19.

The first City of Brownsville employee works with the Parks and Recreation Department and was tested on July 24th, 2020 with official confirmation provided of the positive COVID-19 results July 30th, 2020.

The second City of Brownsville employee works with the Municipal Court and was tested on July 3rd, 2020 with official confirmation provided of the positive COVID-19 results July 31st, 2020.

Four employees work with the Brownsville Events Center. One of the employees was tested on July 20th, 2020 with official confirmation provided of the positive COVID-19 results on July 28th, 2020. The next employee was tested on July 20th, 2020 with official confirmation provided of the positive COVID-19 results on July 31st, 2020. The third employee was tested on July 29th, 2020 with official confirmation provide of the positive COVID-19 test on August 3rd, 2020. The fourth employee was tested on July 31st, 2020 with official confirmation of the positive COVID-19 results on August 3rd, 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 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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