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Media Advisory

The City of Brownsville Confirms the First Two COVID-19 Cases

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The Cameron County Public Health Department has received confirmation of the first (2) City of Brownsville cases of COVID-19. A 20-year-old male and a 20-year-old female from Brownsville have tested positive for COVID-19 after traveling out of the United States. The individuals are currently under separate home isolations. Both of these cases appear to be related to the first travel-related case reported in Cameron County.

The City of Brownsville Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has implemented their COVID-19 action response plan and is conducting the epidemiological investigation to identify others who may have been exposed and test the individuals showing signs and symptoms. The Brownsville EOC is closely collaborating with Cameron County Public Health Department, the lead agency.

The City of Brownsville EOC will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they are received. The City has been proactively working towards initiating drive-thru testing by increasing communications with private clinics and local hospitals for continued support. The EOC has activated the level two response protocol.

The City of Brownsville and Cameron County continue to emphasize the importance of following prevention methods to mitigate the spread of the disease:

- Practice social distancing and keep your distance of 6 feet from others.
- If you are sick, call your doctor and home isolate yourself.
- Do not go outside the home unless it is absolutely necessary.
- Practice good hygiene practices for everyday prevention measures, including frequent handwashing.
- Covering when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



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For information on Coronavirus, please contact the Cameron County Coronavirus Hotline at (956) 247-3650, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 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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