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Cameron County Confirms Additional COVID-19 Related Deaths

Cameron County has received confirmation of two additional COVID-19 related deaths of Cameron County residents. The residents were a 55 year old male and an 89 year old female from the Veranda Nursing Home in Harlingen. Both individuals passed away at the Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen. Both cases were previously reported cases. This raises the number of COVID-19 related deaths to nine (9) in Cameron County.

“Having to report the loss of lives to COVID-19 is very difficult,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr. “Unfortunately, this virus is taking years away from a person’s life and robbing time they could have spent with family and loved ones.”

Cameron County has also received confirmation of an additional eleven (11) reports of COVID-19. This includes the following:

| Residence | Gender | Age(s) | Transmission |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Harlingen | Male | 87 | Community |
| Harlingen | Female | 88, 93, 93 | Link to Previous Case |
| Harlingen | Male | 25, 85, 90 | Link to Previous Case |
| Los Fresnos | Female | 51 | Link to Previous Case |
| Rio Hondo | Female | 51 | Link to Previous Case |
| San Benito | Female | 28, 59 | Link to Previous Case |

This raises the total number of cases to 321 in Cameron County. Of the 321 cases, 127 individuals have recovered.

Cameron County Public Health continues to work with the two nursing home facilities in addressing the COVID-19 outbreaks. To date, the Cameron County cases arising from the Veranda Nursing Home has included 26 employees and 56 residents who have tested positive, including five who have passed away. There have also been 52 employees and 41 residents who have tested negative. The Windsor Atrium currently has 29 employees and 24 residents who have tested positive, including three who have passed away. There have also been five (5) employees and two (3) residents who have tested negative.

As part of the COVID-19 action response plan, Cameron County Public Health is conducting epidemiological investigations, contact tracing as needed, and continues to monitor the situation.

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