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San Patricio County's COVID-19 Situation Report

Yesterday DSHS began reporting COVID-19 fatality data based on death certificates. DSHS has stated that a fatality is counted as a COVID-19 fatality when the medical certifier attests on the death certificate that COVID-19 is a cause of death. This change means that fatalities may be counted sooner and demographic data will be more comprehensive. Lastly, reporting of fatalities by DSHS will be by county of residence. **DSHS is now reporting fourteen (14) COVID-19 fatalities for San Patricio County.**

Our hope is that the Community recognizes that our delay in reporting fatalities is not a denial on the County's part that we have lost precious lives to COVID-19. Rather, Dr. Mobley and other County leaders pursued means of improving the line of communication between DSHS and the County regarding disseminating an accurate count of COVID-19 deaths for San Patricio County. The County supports DSHS' efforts to more timely report COVID-19 fatalities.

Next, Public Health Preparedness Department reported **twenty-one (21) new cases today** that are all under investigation and our hospitalization count is zero. The **County's confirmed COVID-19 case count will move to 715**. The **County's active case count moves down to 309 as this count also denotes that sixty-two (62) individuals were released from COVID-19 protocol**. The County's completed tests count is 2308. The County's immediate risk of transmission is intermediate.

Transmission	Inside the Case Count Numbers As of July 28, 2020		
	New Cases	Case Count	Recovered
Travel Related	0	14	11
Known Close Contact	0	45	43
Travel/Known Close Contact	0	2	2
Unknown/Community Spread	0	44	25
Under Investigation	21	610	325
Total Cases Reported	21	715	406
Active Cases (Case Count minus Recovered Individuals)	309 Active Cases		
Hospitalization Required	None		
COVID-19 Fatalities	14		

Call 361-201-0551 to reach the Center for COVID-19 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. M-F. For information, please contact Clara Rieder, Public Health Preparedness Manager, at EOC@co.san-patricio.tx.us; or Dr. James A. Mobley, MD, MPH, FAAFP.