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## Covid-19 numbers explode in El Paso

Covid-19 numbers in Texas continue to be concerning, but much of the spike can be attributed to El Paso County where they appear to have reached a critical stage. El Paso County led Texas' other 253 counties with 36,672 active cases on November 22, 2020. That is an increase of 3,607 in one week. The next highest active case county sits right at one half the El Paso count and is Dallas County with 18,502 current active cases. Reports out of El Paso County discuss numerous ambulance runs made to the International Bridge transporting people crossing the border from Mexico to El Paso hospitals.

Since the beginning of last March, El Paso County has accumulated 81,179 confirmed cases. Almost one half of all of El Paso's total cases are currently active. They have also experienced 973 fatalities of people with Covid-19 since the beginning. One bright spot is that there have been 43,534 reported recoveries in El Paso. Another bright spot is that although they have 975 confirmed Covid-19 patients in the hospital, they still

have 528 available beds, 83 available ICU beds, and 272 available ventilators.

Texas continues to test in record numbers recording 697,779 tests for the week beginning November 16. Other statistics for the same period include 54,762 new cases, 30,573 new active cases, and 977 fatalities.

The overall confirmed case to test percentage (compares the number of people diagnosed with Covid-19 against the number of people tested for the virus) stood at 10% on November 1, falling to 9.86% on November 22. However, if you just look at the numbers for the week beginning November 16, it is only 7.84%. These numbers are remarkably lower in both Tom Green and Taylor counties. On November 22, the percentage for Tom Green County was 5.74% and only 5.45% for Taylor County.

The improvement can also be seen in the fatality percentage (compares those losing their lives to Covid-19 with all of those in Texas confirmed to have the virus). On November 1, it was 1.99%. By November 22, it had



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Friday, November 27

School Holiday -  
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell CISD

### Monday, November 30

Junior High Basketball -  
Water Valley at Bronte, 6 pm  
Blackwell at Irion County, 6 pm

### Tuesday, December 1

High School Basketball -  
Paint Rock at Bronte, 5 pm  
Robert Lee at Highland, 4 pm  
Blackwell at Veribest, 4 pm

### Friday, December 4

High School Basketball -  
Bronte at Roscoe, 6:15 pm  
Ira at Robert Lee, 4 pm  
Blackwell at San Angelo Cornerstone, 6 pm

fallen to 1.87%. If you only look at the figures for the week beginning November 16, it drops to 1.78%.

On November 22, Coke County had 163 overall confirmed cases, 35 of which were active, 119 were recovered and reported 9 fatalities. Mitchell County had 304 overall confirmed cases, 62 of which were active, 236 were recovered and reported 6 fatalities. Nolan County had 655 overall

confirmed cases, 161 of which were active, 486 were recovered and reported 8 fatalities. Taylor County had 3,131 overall confirmed cases, 832 of which were active, 2,196 were recovered and reported 103 fatalities. Sterling County had 33 overall confirmed cases, 12 of which were active, 20 were recovered and reported 1 fatality. Runnels County had 335 overall confirmed cases, 7 of which were active, 321 were

recovered and reported 11 fatalities. Irion County had 17 overall confirmed cases, 3 of which were active, 14 were recovered and reported no fatalities. Tom Green County had 3,232 overall confirmed cases, 501 of which were active, 2,630 were recovered and reported 101 fatalities. Finally, Concho had had 181 overall confirmed cases, 37 of which were active, 142 were recovered and reported 2 fatalities.

### **WCCHD to meet December 15**

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am at the Old Jail Annex in Robert Lee.

### **Kickapoo Water Board sets election**

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 12, 2021, for the purpose of electing three directors.

Directors Mark Duncan, Chris

Lange, and Ronnie Robbins have filed for re-election.

The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5 pm on Friday, December 4, 2020.

### **Christmas in Olde Bronte slated for December 12**

The annual Christmas in Olde Bronte will be held Saturday, December 12, at the Depot in Bronte.

Vendors will be set up outdoors so you can work on

your Christmas shopping.

If you are a vendor and would like to participate, contact Katie at (325) 450-5330.

### **Small Town Christmas set for December 5**

Vision with a Purpose will host their annual Small Town Christmas on Saturday, December 5, in Robert Lee. The event will begin at 5 pm with activities at VP's Event Center on Austin Street and at the Memorial Park. Santa and his Elves will be handing out gifts for children up to 9 years of age. There will also be free popcorn and hot chocolate.