

## BASTROP COUNTY HEALTH AUTHORITY CONFIRMS TWO NEW FATALITIES FROM COVID-19

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The Bastrop County Health Authority has confirmed two additional local fatalities from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - a 25-year-old male and an 80+ year old female. Both individuals resided in Elgin, in the northern part of Bastrop County.

“These deaths are further indication that this virus is serious and that all members of our community need to be taking every measure to protect themselves and their loved ones,” said Dr. Desmar Walkes, Bastrop County Health Authority.

The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in Bastrop County as of today is 391, with 136 recovered, and 6 deceased.

“Folks, this virus can be fatal,” said County Judge Paul Pape. “Everyone needs to be taking it seriously. We know social distancing (including face coverings) and personal hygiene work. Let’s rededicate ourselves to slowing the spread of this illness.”

Just as Texas is reconsidering some reopening phases in an effort to stave off the virus, please do your part by staying safe and continuing to protect yourself and your family by taking the following preventative actions:

- Observe social distancing recommendations, especially in large gatherings.
- Limit unnecessary trips.
- We strongly recommend and encourage the wearing of a face covering when social distancing cannot be consistently maintained.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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