

BASTROP COUNTY HEALTH AUTHORITY AND BASTROP COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT CONFIRM THIRD FATALITY FROM COVID-19

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The Bastrop County Health Authority has confirmed the third local fatality from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The individual was a 62-year old male from Elgin, in northern Bastrop County.

“Know that the prayers of Bastrop County are with this family as they mourn their loss,” said Dr. Desmar Walkes, Bastrop County Health Authority. “We strongly recommend that all Bastrop County residents, workers, students, and visitors take the necessary precautions to protect themselves against COVID-19. As you know we are gradually reopening our cities in accordance with Governor Abbott’s recommendations and are slowly resuming our normal lives. I think it is the right time to do this, however as we move from crisis mode to sustained mitigation and management, we cannot become complacent. A strong economy is important so reopening is necessary but it is important we take on the personal responsibility to keep our families and loved ones safe by practicing social distancing, choosing to wear face coverings in public, and washing our hands often. Until we have a vaccine, we must learn to live with the threat of this disease and manage its spread through these simple actions.”

The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in Bastrop County as of today is 200, with 85 recovered and this number continues to rise.

“Our heartfelt condolences go out to this gentleman’s family, friends, and community. We are nowhere near the end of this crisis. It is important that we come together as neighbors and choose to change our behaviors for the public good,” said Christine Files, Emergency Operations Center Director.

As a reminder, we are all in this together, so please stay safe and continue to protect yourself and your family by taking the following preventative actions:

- Continue to observe social distancing recommendations, especially in large gatherings
- Limit unnecessary trips
- While face coverings are not mandatory, we strongly recommend and encourage their use for the safety of everyone especially when social distancing is not an option
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

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