

# News Release

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## Brewster County, Texas

**To: Area Media**

**From: Brewster County Judge's Office**

### For Immediate Release:

Per the Texas Department of State Health Services (Texas DSHS), Pecos County now has 102 cases of lab-confirmed COVID-19. This is a significant increase from only 27 cases 1-week ago on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Per news reports (see link below), the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's N5 Unit in Fort Stockton is the likely source of this outbreak. There is no available data yet on how many local employees are COVID-19 positive. We recommend exercising caution if making trips into Fort Stockton or other areas within Pecos County. At this time, we recommend minimizing travel to the area, if at all possible. If you or other members in your household have contact with the N5 Unit and begin to feel ill, please contact your primary care physician's office for further instructions.

Although the local number of COVID-19 cases remain low, increased travel across the state as Texas reopens increases the chances of the infection spreading into our area. Recent family-oriented holidays such as Mothers' Day and Memorial Day have led to many gatherings as well as travel into and out of Brewster County, often to areas with large numbers of COVID-19 cases. We urge residents to continue exercising caution by avoiding large gatherings, continue frequent hand-washing, continue socially distancing, and wearing masks when in public.

<https://www.fortstocktonpioneer.com/stories/pecos-county-officials-await-answer-from-governor-on-how-to-respond-to-confirmed-covid-19-cases,25720>

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