

Alpine City Council

CITY MANAGER & PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY UPDATE

MAY 5-2020 – CINCO DE MAYO

COVID-19 UPDATE

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MAY 5, 2020

Current Area Cases

Total (Active)

Brewster – 1 (1)

Ojinaga – 1 (1)

Reeves Co – 5 (5)

Pecos Co – 10 (7)

Val Verde/Del Rio – 13 (2)

El Paso – 998 (579)

Ector Co/Odessa – 84 (22)

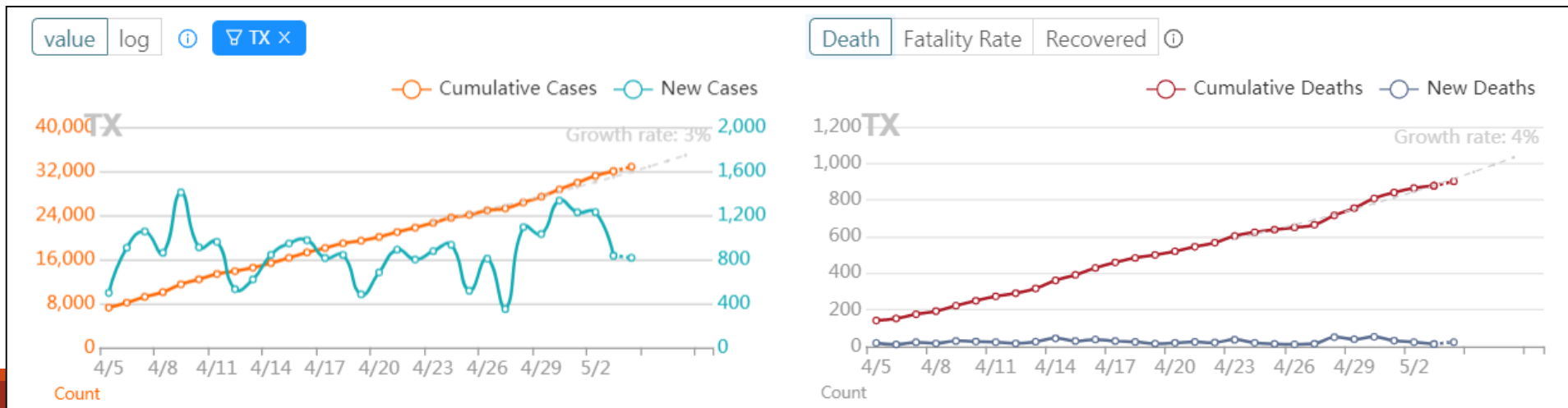
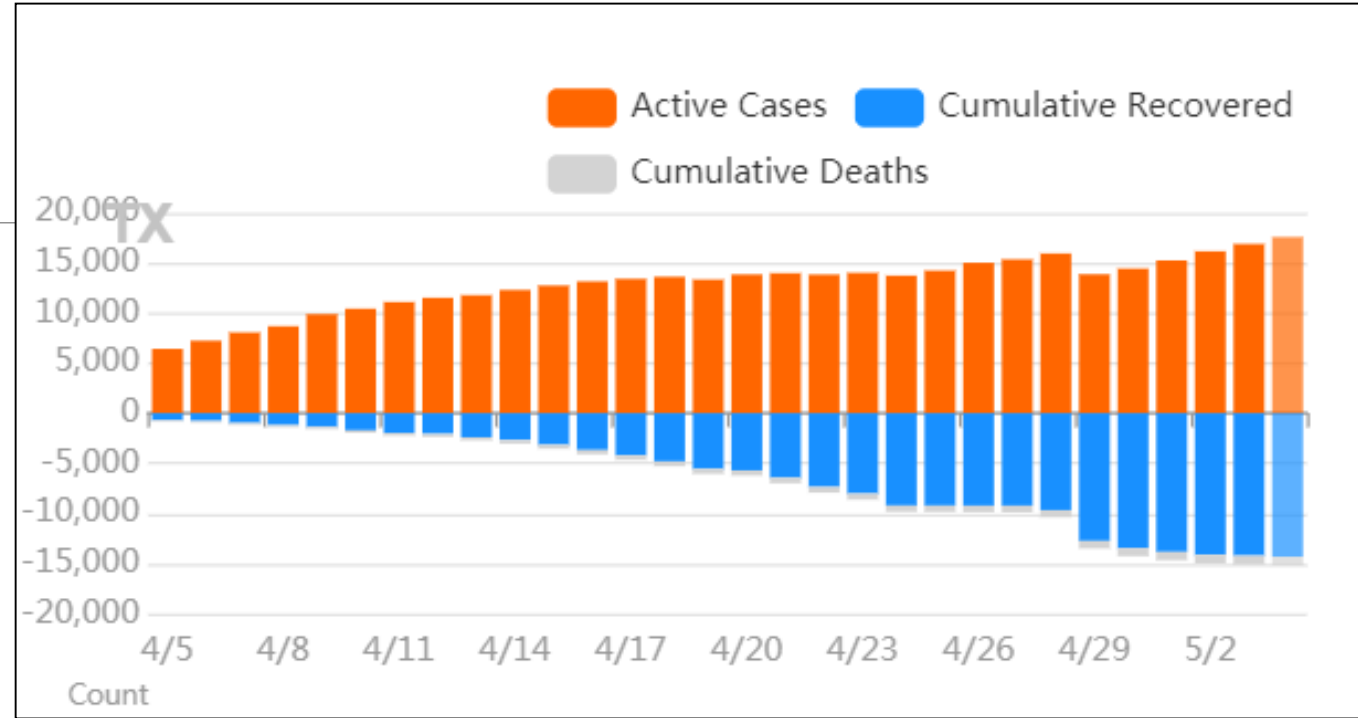
Midland – 89 (61)

Tom Green Co/San Angelo – 79 (41)

<http://coronavirus.1point3acres.com/>

Texas Trends

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Case Counts

As of 5/5 0800	Population	Cases	Cases/1000	Tests	Tests/1000
US	327,200,000	1,213,855	3.71	7,482,941	22.87
Texas	28,700,000	33,058	1.15	407,528	14.20
Tri-County	18,773	1	0.05	229	12.2

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/>

TMB Mandate related to GA-19

Masks mandated for BOTH patients and physician/provider when within 6 feet of each other

Following all other policies of the clinic or facility regarding COVID-19 screening and testing

All patients **MUST** be screened for potential COVID-19 symptoms over the last 20 days

False Dawn Situation with COVID

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-05-01/-false-dawn-recovery-haunts-virus-survivors-who-fall-sick-again>

Increased discussion of possible reactivation of COVID-19

Patients symptomatically recover AND test negative repeatedly for COVID-19 → weeks later restart with symptoms and retest positive

Unknown:

- Similar to shingles and herpes simplex?
- No ability to truly recover/clear virus once infected?
- Inability to create herd immunity?

DRIVE-THRU

Testing Available

Fort Davis - May 10th

- Time: 9:00- 5:00
- Location: Fort Davis Volunteer Fire Department, 202 W. Court Ave., Fort Davis

Presidio - May 11th

- Time: 9:00- 5:00
- Location: Presidio Fire Station, 100 E. FM 170 Presidio

You must have one or more symptoms to be eligible for testing:

- Fever and/or Chills
- Cough (Dry or Productive)
- Fatigue
- Body Aches/Muscle or Joint Pain
- Shortness of Breath
- Sore Throat
- Headaches
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Nasal Congestion
- Loss of Taste and/or Smell

Schedule a test

VISIT [TXCOVIDTEST.ORG](https://www.txcovidtest.org)

OR CALL 512.883.2400



Update With Dr. Escovar - LHA

Results from Testing last weekend in April

- One Positive Case in South County
- When will results be complete?

Current recommendations from LHA to County and City

- Posted Recommendations on City Website
- Status of Attestation by County on going from 25%-50% for Retail and Restaurants



Wear Your Mask Month

Encouraging the right behavior for minimizing transmission

Feedback from concerned citizens

How to enhance cultural acceptance

Statistics behind utilization

What other countries do

FOR YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY

in preventing the spread of COVID-19



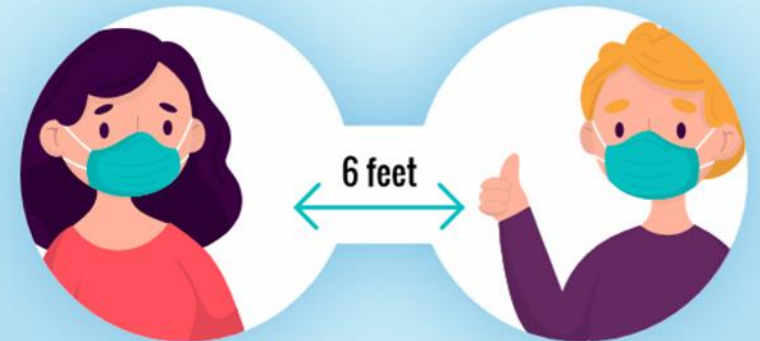
WASHING HANDS

Washing hands frequently
decreases transmission by 90%



WEARING A MASK

Covering your mouth and nose
decreases transmission by 22%



MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCE

COVID-19 is spread by droplets from your mouth or nose.
Research suggests the droplets usually fall to the ground within 6 feet.

City Operations

City Hours of Operation

- Normal hours of operation
- Lobbies closed through May to limit social interaction
- Visitor Center – information continues to be available on the front porch and through website

Parks and Pool

- Reached out TML, DSHS and Local Health Authority
- Parks continue to have use by citizens
- Will have alternate plan if pool (Park and Recs program)

Employee Guidelines

- Wear masks
- Limited entrance into homes (building inspection requires – using caution)
- Requested thermometers for temperature checks – stay home if sick



It's A Great Day To Be In Alpine

