

**COUNTY OF FRIO**



**STATE OF TEXAS**

**Frio County investigating a potential case of COVID-19**

Frio County is reporting that the Texas Department of State Health Services is investigating a potential case of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, that may be associated with a county resident. The individual is currently hospitalized in Bexar County and the epidemiologic investigation is ongoing. This person was not treated at the Frio Regional Hospital.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is working with Frio County to identify any close contacts of the patient while sick, so they can be isolated and monitored for symptoms and quickly tested, if needed.

Updates will be posted as necessary on the county website at <http://frio.co.tx.us/> or our social media pages on Facebook. County officials are diligently working to ensure that proper precautions are taken and public danger is limited.

There are a number of things each of us can do to prevent the further spread of COVID-19:

1. Wash your hands thoroughly often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Avoid close contact with others (6 feet).
4. Avoid large gatherings of people (10 or more)
5. Stay at home if you are able, and especially if you are experiencing symptoms of an illness.
6. Conduct all necessary business online or by telephone
7. Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow, then promptly wash your hands.
8. Clean and disinfect frequently used objects and surfaces.

Minimizing exposure is especially important for people who are 65 or older or who have an underlying health condition like heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, high blood pressure or cancer. People in those groups have a higher risk of developing severe disease if they do get COVID-19, and the safest thing for them during an outbreak will be to stay home as much as possible and minimize close contact with other people. To get ready, they should talk to their doctor about getting additional prescription medications and have enough household items and groceries on hand to stay home as needed.

The public can find up-to-date coronavirus information at [dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus). If you have questions about COVID-19, call 2-1-1.