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STARR COUNTY, Texas - Today Starr County health officials were alerted to an additional COVID-19 positive test result which brings the total to six (6) patients in Starr County. The persons' names have not been released due to federal privacy laws, but the corresponding local authorities have been notified of the results. In addition, health officials have spent the past several weeks tracing the individuals' activities and determining who may have been in contact with them. All of the current cases have been determined to be travel related from areas outside the Rio Grande Valley.

At this time, we can further report that five of these individuals have been in isolation and recovering at home under their physician's care, while one was recently hospitalized for further medical attention.

"We have been actively working on more initiatives to combat the continued spread in our community such as being the first to initiate drive thru testing and educating our residents to exercise caution and practice as much preventive measures as possible," Judge Vera, said.

The current total of cases in Starr County as of April 4, 2020, is as follows:

AGE	GENDER	COMMUNITY
37	Female	Rio Grande City
46	Male	Rio Grande City
16	Female	Rio Grande City
30	Male	Roma
34	Male	Rio Grande City
35	Male	Rio Grande City

"This is a highly contagious disease and we caution residents to not be alarmed as more cases are expected in Starr County," Judge Vera said. "The best thing everyone can do to stay safe and healthy is stay home."

Anticipating that residents from Starr County would contract the coronavirus, Judge Vera declared a state of disaster on March 17 and has subsequently ordered a Mandatory Shelter in Place that continues to be in effect, along with a 14-day Mandatory Quarantine for any individual traveling to Starr County from outside the Rio Grande Valley or Zapata County, Texas. Tonight at 12:01 a.m. an obligatory Mask Ordinance for those visiting public places throughout the County will become effective.

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About the Starr County Industrial Foundation: For over 40 years the Starr County Industrial Foundation (SCIF) has been recognized as the prime motivating force for all economic development efforts directly or indirectly impacting Starr County. Over the years SCIF has developed a core competency in a varied spectrum of administrative and promotional roles which has placed it in a position to capitalize industrial and economic development in the Starr County region.