

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF RIO HONDO
COUNTY OF CAMERON

Rick Tello, Commissioner Place 1
Margaret Perez, Commissioner Place 3
Joseph Lopez, Commissioner Place 5

Steve Bocanegra, Commissioner Place 2
Olga L. Gallegos, Commissioner Place 4

Gustavo Olivares
Mayor

**Notice of a Regular Meeting of the
City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo
December 8, 2020**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the governing body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas will convene for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday December 8, 2020 at the **Commission Chambers** on the Second Floor of the Rio Hondo Municipal Building located at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd., Rio Hondo, Texas 78583.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNITED STATES PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

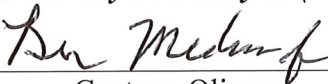
Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioner's Report
2. **Reports – Administration, Library, Senior Center, Public Works, Public Safety.**
3. **Public Comment Period: *Please Note- The Public Comment Period is designated for hearing concerns regarding City of Rio Hondo Public Policy or City of Rio Hondo business for both items not on the Agenda and items listed on the agenda.***
4. Consideration and Action appointing Commissioner Margaret Perez as Mayor – Pro -Tem for the City of Rio Hondo.
5. Discussion regarding adopted Ordinance 2020-001 regarding truck routes in the City of Rio Hondo.
6. First Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020 -08, an Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas, defining the powers and duties of the Mayor and the City Commission and City Officers, and fixing the time of their election, establishing setting elections, setting terms of office, establishing an effective date and repealing Ordinance 2009 – 367.

7. Consideration and Action on having a Christmas house decorating contest on December 18, 2020 in the City of Rio Hondo.
8. Consideration and Action on having a Special Meeting on December 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm to hold City Commissioner training and canceling the December 22, 2020 City Commission meeting.
9. Adjournment

Note: The City Commission for the City of Rio Hondo reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters, on the agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

Note: The Meeting is accessible to Americans with Disabilities. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance, please call the City Secretary at (956) 748-2102, with at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.



Gustavo Olivares
Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo

POSTED

I, City Secretary for the City of Rio Hondo, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting is a true and correct record and was posted in the bulletin board outside City Hall, and the bulletin board in the City Hall lobby, at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd, Rio Hondo, Texas 78583 and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

DATE: 12/4/2020 TIME: 3:30

City Administrator/City Secretary

City of Rio Hondo
Early Voting for the December 19, 2020 Runoff Election

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL CANVASSED

| LOCATION / ADDRESS | WED Dec 2 | THU Dec 3 | FRI Dec 4 | SAT Dec 5 | SUN Dec 6 | MON Dec 7 | TUE Dec 8 | WED Dec 9 | THU Dec 10 | FRI Dec 11 | SAT Dec 12 | SUN Dec 13 | MON Dec 14 | TUE Dec 15 | TOTALS |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| RIO HONDO CITY HALL | 60 | 37 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 97 |

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City of San Benito
Early Voting for the December 19, 2020 Runoff Election

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| SAN BENITO COMMUNITY BUILDING | 137 | 110 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 247 |

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ADMINISTRATION,
OPERATIONS AND
MAINTENANCE
REPORT

DECEMBER

Status Report for DECEMBER 2020

The Following are Areas of concern or work that has been done.

Administration:

- Sewer pumps will be installed at Roberto Garza Lift Station at a cost of \$15,000
- Executive Orders are still in place.
- State of Texas Demographer states Rio Hondo TX population is being estimated a 2717.
- Cares Payment of 187,000 has been requested
- Staff will be working on drainage improvements.
- Cleaning City Hall is on going.
- Covid 19 Testing Monday December 7th and December 8th at 9 am to 1pm at City Hall
- Meeting all grant requirements for the Boat Ramp Park and CDBG.
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Water Plant:

- Construction is 90 % complete at the water plant
- Water Line under the Arroyo will be built in January 2021
- Tank repairs

Lift Stations:

- Preparing for installation of new pumps
- Flyer sent to all residents

Wastewater Plant:

- Purchasing the pumps from Precision Pumps \$52,000.

Park:

Only for walking and staff is maintaining the equipment

Library: Library is now open with limited hours.

Senior Center: Curbside meals in a bundle
Extra Funding has been received..

COVID-19 Update for Rio Grande Valley Based on Data Reported Through December 3, 2020

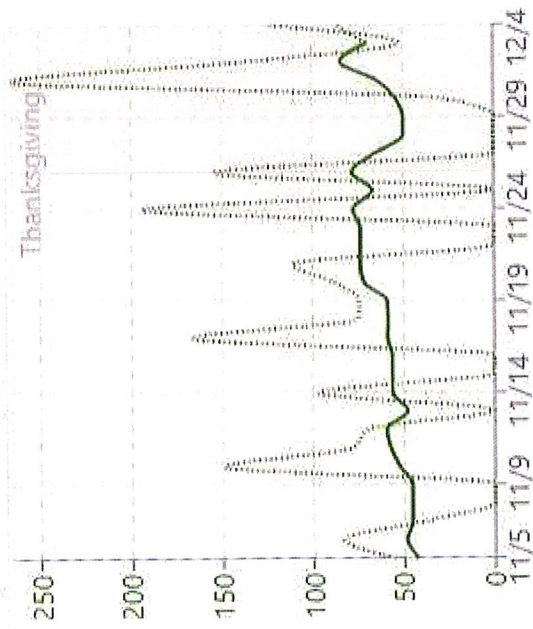
Today's report includes cases and fatalities reported by Cameron and Hidalgo Counties. Additionally, Starr County reported their 12.2.20 cases. Willacy County numbers are updated based on Texas Department of State Health Services numbers.

Nationally, the COVID 19 outlook remains bleak. The report by UTHealth VP for Government Affairs indicates Florida has become the third state to report over one million confirmed COVID-19 cases. California and Texas each surpassed one million cases in November. Hospitals are confronting new and alarming levels of strain amid a surge of coronavirus patients, with over 100,000 hospitalized nationwide. By December 2, 2020, Indiana, Nevada, and South Dakota are reporting more than 500 currently hospitalized per million people. Twenty-eight percent of hospitals have more than 80 percent of their ICU beds filled

Both Cameron and Hidalgo Counties reported increases in cases today. Placing these raw numbers in context of the population size and then graphing overtime is one of the features at this website. <https://covid-19.direct/state/TX?tab=childrenglance> Below are the four charts for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Counties. Note that the x axis shows the last two weeks, and the y axis shows number of new cases (and the scale of each chart is different, so not directly comparable). What is comparable is the rate / 100,000 people. With the rate we see that Hidalgo and Starr counties have more cases per 100,000 people than Cameron or Willacy Counties.

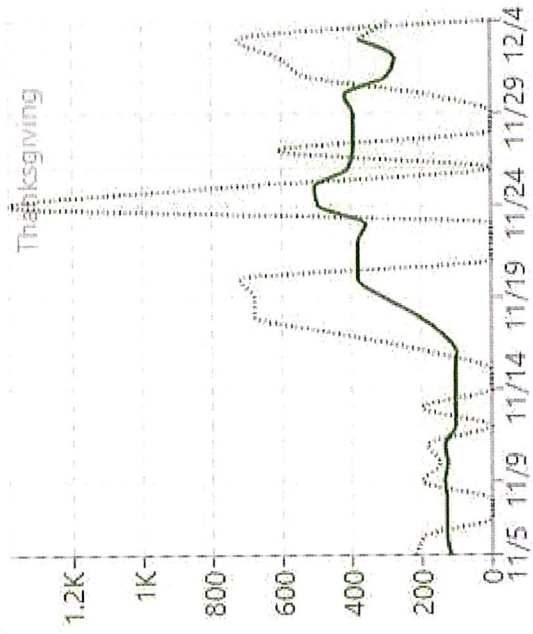
Cameron

Avg 19/100K/day past 2 weeks



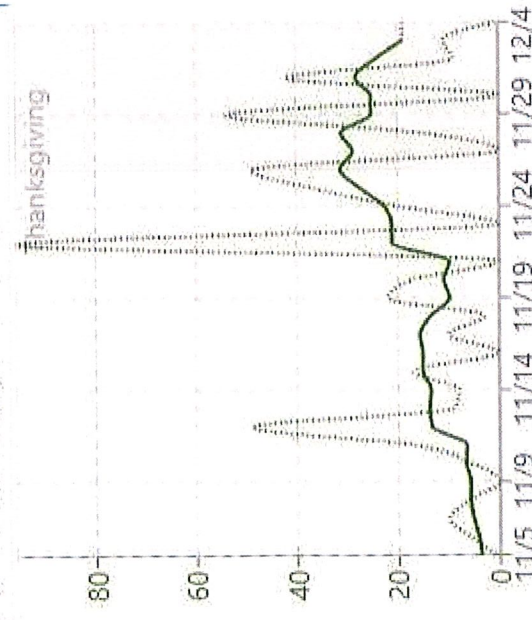
Hidalgo

Avg 57/100K/day past 2 weeks



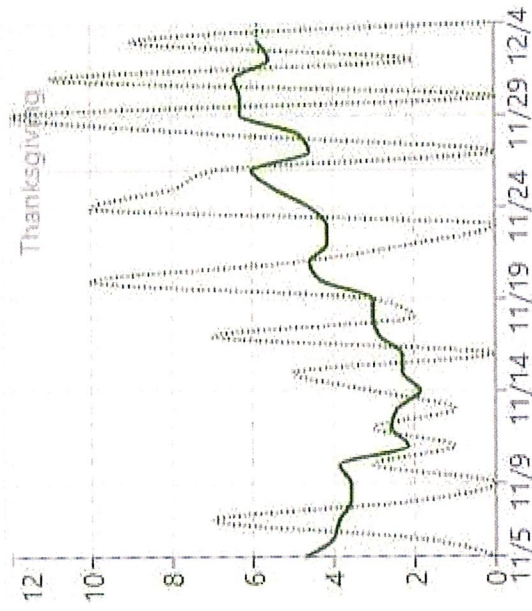
Starr

Avg 44/100K/day past 2 weeks



Willacy

Avg 28/100K/day past 2 weeks



COVID-19 Total Cases through 12/03/2020

| Location | Total cases as of the date shown | | Change in daily cases over total cases | | Change in daily cases over previous day's new cases | | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|------------|--|---------|---|--------|---------|
| | 12/1/20 | 12/2/20 | 12/3/20 | N | % | N | % |
| Cameron County | 26,290 | 26,342 | 26,466 | 124 | 0.5% | 72 | 138.5% |
| Hidalgo County | 43,546 | 44,153 | 44,879 | 726 | 1.6% | 119 | 19.6% |
| Starr County | 4,170 | 4,175 | 4,175 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -100.0% |
| Willacy County | 1,378 | 1,387 | 1,387 | 0 | 0.0% | -9 | -100.0% |
| Texas | 1,184,250 | 1,200,674 | 1,215,113 | 14,439 | 1.2% | -1,985 | -12.1% |
| US | 13,447,627 | 13,626,022 | 13,822,249 | 196,227 | 1.4% | 17,832 | 10.0% |
| World | 62,844,837 | 63,360,234 | 63,965,092 | 604,858 | 0.9% | 89,461 | 17.4% |

COVID-19 Total Fatalities through 12/03/2020

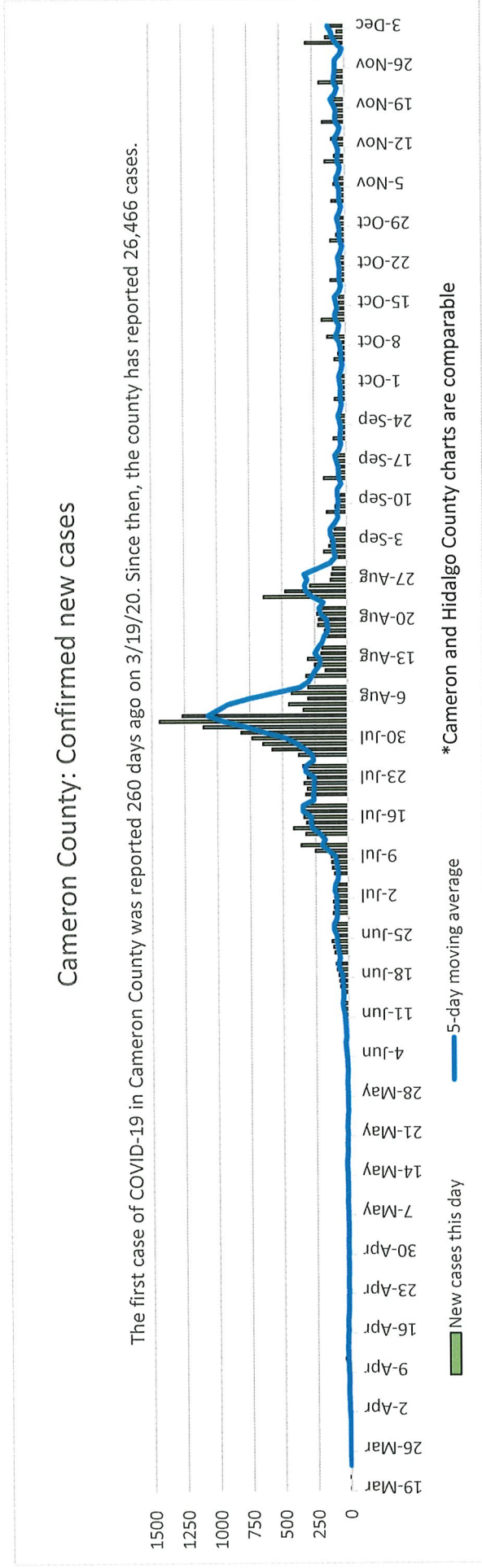
| Location | Total fatalities as of the date shown | | Change in daily fatalities over total fatalities | | Change in daily fatalities over previous day's fatalities | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|--------|---|-------|-------|
| | 12/1/20 | 12/2/20 | 12/3/20 | N | % | N | % |
| Cameron County | 1,125 | 1,127 | 1,129 | 2 | 0.2% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Hidalgo County | 2,076 | 2,085 | 2,095 | 10 | 0.5% | 1 | 11.1% |
| Starr County | 190 | 190 | 190 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Willacy County | 60 | 60 | 60 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Texas | 21,549 | 21,756 | 22,000 | 244 | 1.1% | 37 | 17.9% |
| US | 267,302 | 269,763 | 272,525 | 2,762 | 1.0% | 301 | 12.2% |
| World | 1,465,144 | 1,475,825 | 1,488,120 | 12,295 | 0.8% | 1,614 | 15.1% |

COVID-19 Case Rate per 1,000 People and Case Fatality Rate by County

| County | Number of cases | Cases per 1,000 people | Number of deaths | Case fatality rate* |
|---------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Cameron | 26,466 | 62.54 | 1,129 | 4.4% |
| Hidalgo | 44,879 | 51.66 | 2,095 | 5.0% |
| Starr | 4,175 | 64.60 | 190 | 4.6% |
| Willacy | 1,387 | 64.94 | 60 | 4.5% |
| OVERALL | 76,907 | 55.82 | 3,474 | 4.7% |

*The case fatality is the number of deaths reported among the total COVID infections reported.

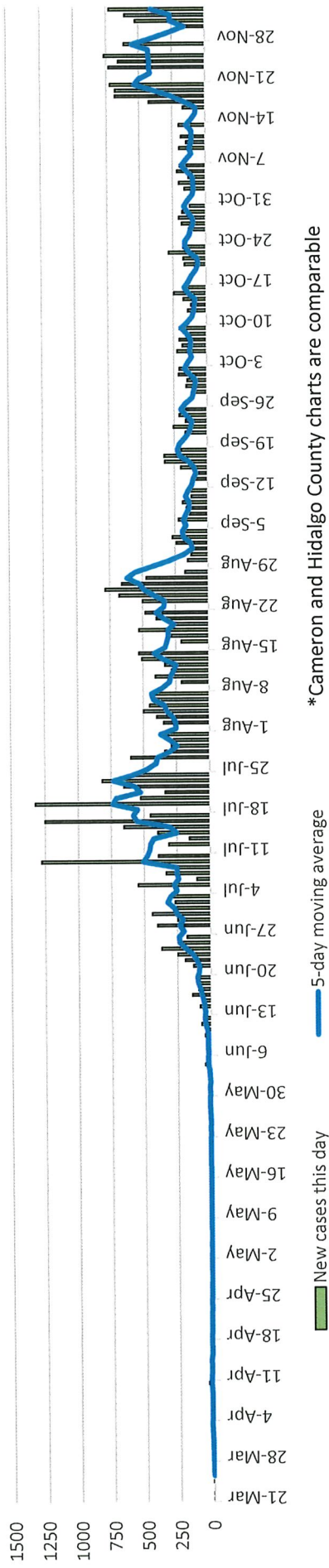
Cameron County new COVID-19 cases per day:



Hidalgo County new COVID-19 cases per day:

Hidalgo County: Confirmed new cases

The first case of COVID-19 in Hidalgo County was reported 258 days ago on 3/21/20. Since then, the county has reported 44,879 cases.

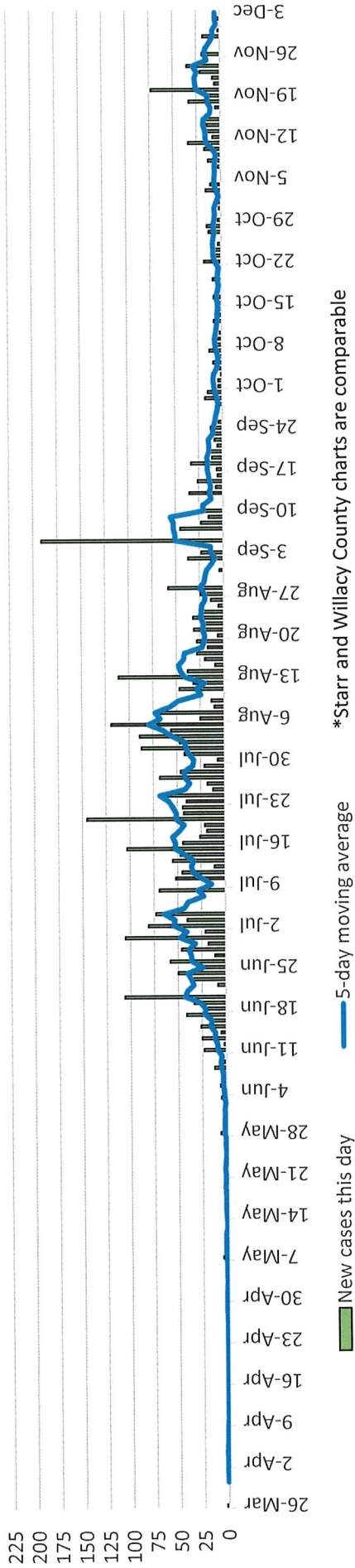


*Cameron and Hidalgo County charts are comparable

Starr County new COVID-19 cases per day:

Starr County: Confirmed new cases

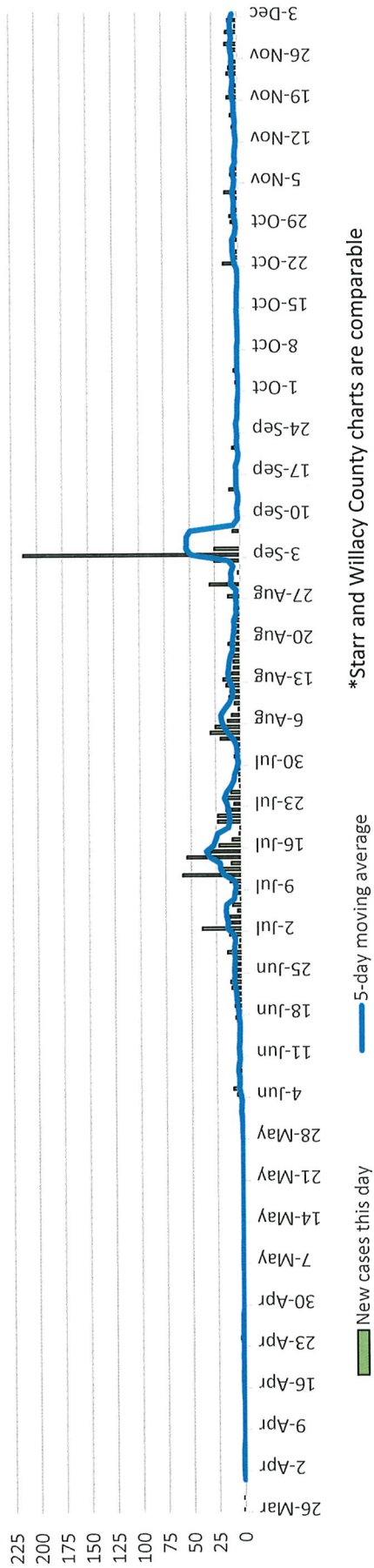
The first case of COVID-19 in Starr County was reported 253 days ago on 3/26/20. Since then, the county has reported 4,175 cases.



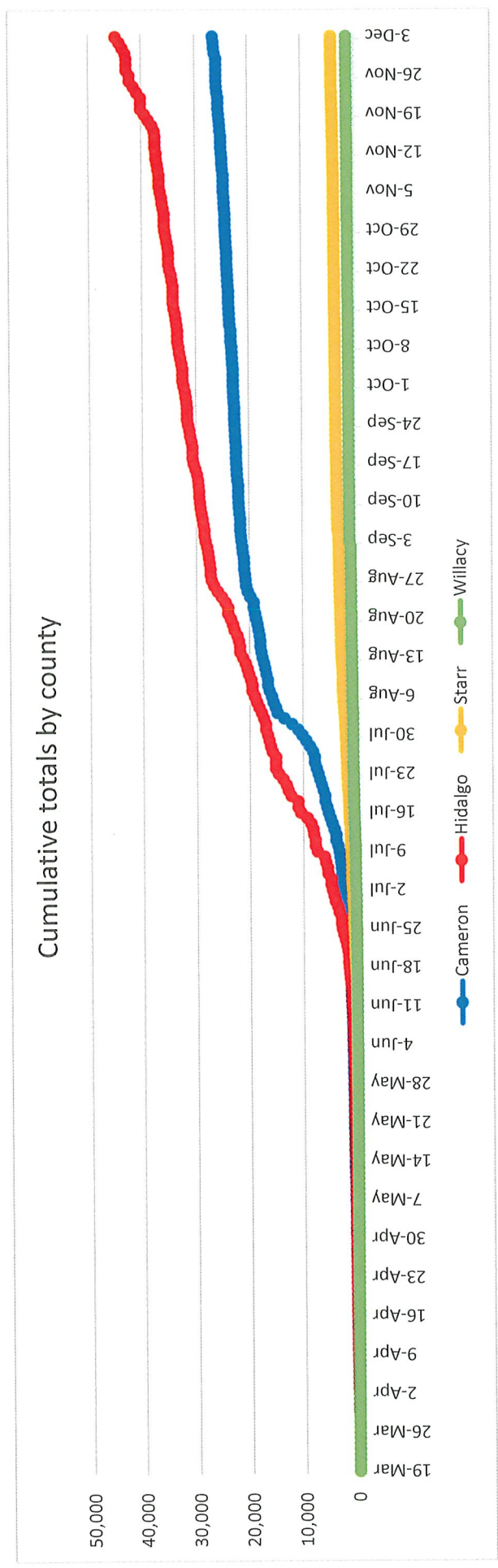
Willacy County new COVID-19 cases per day:

Willacy County: Confirmed new cases

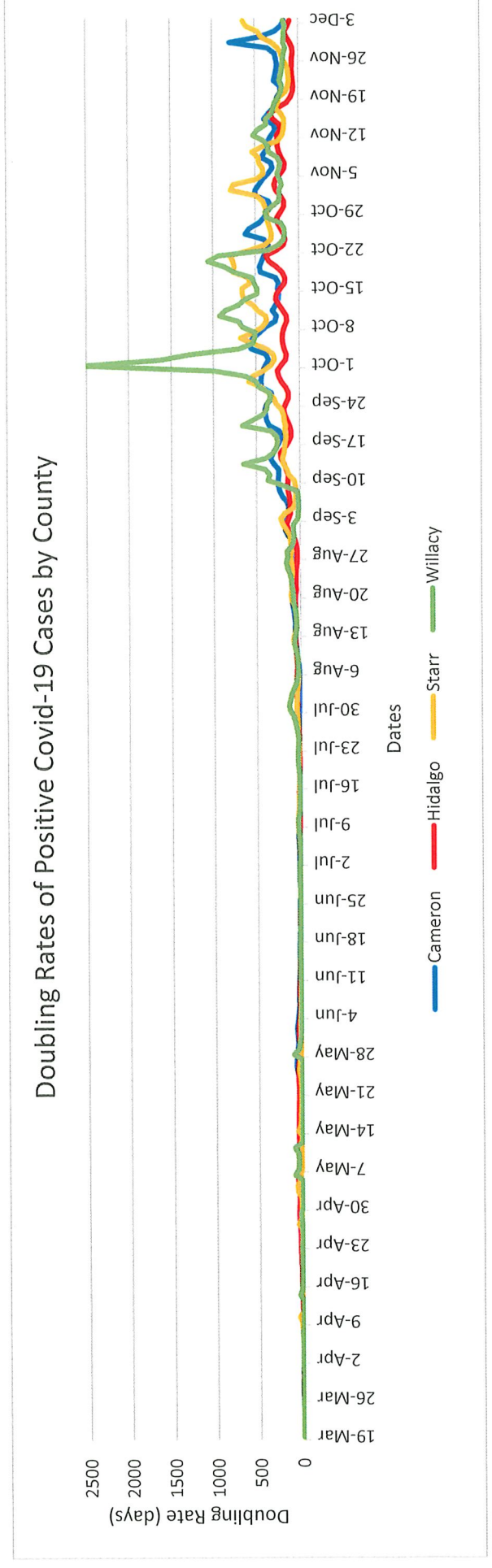
The first case of COVID-19 in Willacy County was reported 253 days ago on 3/26/20. Since then, the county has reported 1,387 cases.



Cumulative COVID-19 totals for the four counties of the Rio Grande Valley:



Doubling rates for the four counties of the Rio Grande Valley:



ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-001

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TRUCK ROUTE IN THE CITY OF RIO HONDO; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF RIO HONDO CURRENTLY HAS AN EXISTING TRUCK ROUTE IN THE CITY;

WHEREAS, TRUCK TRAFFIC ON THE EXISTING TRUCK ROUTE IN THE CITY IS CAUSING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS IN RELATION TO SCHOOLS, PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS;

WHEREAS, TRUCK TRAFFIC ON THE EXISTING TRUCK ROUTE IS CAUSING PREMATURE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE; and

WHEREAS THE CITY DESIRES TO PROTECT THE LIFE SPAN OF CERTAIN ROADS; DECREASE THE RISK OF DANGER TO PERSONS; AND INCREASE THE SAFETY OF CITIZENS BY DIVERTING TRUCK TRAFFIC TO A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS: For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- (1) "City" is the City of Rio Hondo, Texas.
- (2) "Deviating Truck" is a truck which leaves and departs from a truck route while traveling inside the city.
- (3) "Person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.
- (4) "Truck" is any and all truck tractors, van trailers, semitrailers, house trailers, and/or any vehicle designed or operated for the transportation of property, whose body weight or whose rated or licensed combined body and load weight exceeds seventeen thousand (17,000) pounds, (eight and one-half tons).
- (5) "Truck Route" is a way over certain streets, as designated herein, over and along which trucks coming into and going out of the city must operate.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS: All trucks within the City shall be operated only over and along the truck routes herein established and on the other designated streets over which truck travel is permitted.

(1) Exceptions. This Ordinance shall not prohibit:

- (a) Operation on street of destination. The operation of trucks upon any street where necessary to the conduct of business at a destination point, provided streets upon which such traffic is permitted are used until reaching the intersection nearest the destination point.

(b) Emergency vehicle. The operation of emergency vehicles upon any street in the city.

(c) Public Utilities. The operation, of trucks owned or operated by the city, public utilities, any contractor or material man, while engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of streets, street improvements, or street utilities within the city.

(d) Detoured Trucks. The operation of trucks upon any officially established detour in any case where such truck could lawfully be operated upon

the street for which such detour is established.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATED STREETS FOR TRUCK USE. The following streets and no others shall be used for truck traffic and shall constitute the "Truck Route" which is hereby established within the, city:

- (1) State Highway 106, also known as Colorado Avenue, from where it enters the west city limits of Rio Hondo to where it exits the east city limits of Rio Hondo;
- (2) State Highway 1846 also known as South Reynolds Street from the intersection FM 106 to where it exits the city limits and
- (3) On Robertson Street from its intersection with State Highway 106, also known as Colorado, Avenue, to the north to the city limits.

SECTION 4. TRUCK TRAFFIC IN THE CITY.

(1) Outside Origin.

(a) One destination point. All trucks entering the city for a destination point in the city shall proceed only over one of the streets designated for truck traffic/use, and shall deviate only at the intersection with the street upon which such traffic is permitted, nearest to, the destination point. A deviating truck shall return to the truck route by the shortest permissible route.

(b) Multiple inside city? destination points. All trucks entering the city for multiple destination points shall proceed only over one of the streets designated for truck traffic/use, and shall deviate only at the intersection with the street upon which such traffic is permitted, nearest to the first destination point. Upon leaving the first destination point, a deviating truck shall proceed to other destination points by the shortest direction and only upon streets upon which such traffic is permitted as stated in this Ordinance. Upon leaving the last destination point a deviating truck shall return to the truck route by the shortest permissible route.

(2) Inside Origin.

(a) Outside destination point. All trucks on a trip originating in the city and travelling in the city for a destination point outside the city shall proceed by the shortest direction and only upon streets over which such traffic is permitted to a truck route as herein established.

(b) Inside destination points. All trucks on a trip originating in the city and travelling in the city for destination points in the city, shall proceed only over streets upon which such traffic is permitted as stated in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Enforcement

(1) City Administrator Maintain Maps. The City Administrator shall keep and maintain accurate maps setting out truck routes and streets upon which truck traffic is permitted; the maps shall be kept on file in the office of the City Secretary and shall be available to the public during hours of City Hall operation.

(2) Public Safety Officer Maintain Signs. The Public Safety Officer of the City shall cause all truck routes and those streets upon which truck traffic/use is prohibited to be clearly sign-posted to give notice that this Ordinance is in effect.

(a) Failure to Post. No person shall be charged with violating the provisions of this Ordinance by reason of operating a truck upon a street wherein truck travel is prohibited unless appropriate signs are posted on such street.

(3) Weigh-in. The Public Safety Officer and City Policemen shall have the authority to require the person driving or in control of any commercial vehicle not proceeding over a truck route or street over which truck traffic is permitted to proceed to any public or private scale available for the purpose of weighing and determining whether this Ordinance has been complied with, and such person's failure or refusal to proceed as required shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance punishable as hereinafter prescribed.

SECTION 6. Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not to exceed Two Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

SECTION 7. Ordinances repealed.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

SECTION 8. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of the Ordinance