

From the Office of Mayor Cissy Gonzalez-Dippel

April 16, 2020

Please take note that I am providing you with a copy of a timeline that was provided to me by Karina Erickson, Communications Director, Texas General Land Office regarding the positive COVID-19 results at the Frank M. Tejada Texas State Veterans Home.

Karina Erickson's Initial statement:

“On Friday, April 10th, a resident in the Frank M. Tejada Texas State Veterans Home tested positive for COVID-19. Immediate actions were taken to prevent the spread of the diseases inside the Home. All personnel and staff in the homes have been issued PPE, and all residents and staff are being tested for the virus. At this time, we have two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Frank M. Tejada Texas State Veterans Home. Of those two cases, one resident has since passed from the virus.

On Saturday, all residents' legal representatives were notified via phone call regarding the outbreak of COVID-19 inside the Home and were informed of the ongoing actions, precautions, and care. The focus remained on keeping the residents and team healthy. Residents testing positive for COVID-19 were moved to a separate area of the home and those requiring additional care were transferred to Audie L. Murphy Memorial VA Hospital in San Antonio.

Since March 12th, all non-essential visitors had been prohibited from entering the VLB facilities. In addition, all staff and vendors were required to undergo temperature checks and acknowledge that they did not exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, prior to being allowed entry to a VLB home. All protocols issued by the Center for Disease Control, Health and Human Services and Department of Veterans Affairs were followed. Our thoughts are with our residents impacted by this pandemic, and we will continue to work together as a community to stop the spread of COVID-19.”

Follow up statement:

“At this time, all residents in the Frank M. Tejada Veteran's Home have been tested for COVID-19. During testing, one kit was corrupted. This resident is being retested tomorrow. We are still awaiting test results from almost all of these tests.

A portion of the staff at the Frank M. Tejada Veteran's Home has already been tested for the virus. We are awaiting additional test kits and will finish testing the rest of the staff as soon as possible. All tests for staff are being paid for and conducted by our operator, Touchstone Communities.

At this time, we have 8 confirmed cases of COVID 19 at the Home. Five of those individuals are at the hospital. Two remain asymptomatic and are still residing at the Home. We are in continuous contact with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Health and Human Services Commission and remain committed to ensuring the health and safety of our residents and team members.

We will continue to update local officials as more information becomes available. Please feel free to reach out directly to me in regard to updates for specific information in the Frank M. Tejada Veteran's Home.”

Thanks,
Karina Erickson
Communications Director
Texas General Land Office

The above timeline is the only information that I have been provided with regarding the status of the results at the Frank M. Tejada VA Home. Rest assured that when I receive any additional information, I will forward it to you immediately.

I urge everyone to please continue to take every effort to stay safe. Please continue to practice social distancing measures as well as wearing a mask when venturing outside your home.

“Stay Home-Stay Safe”

Additional Covid-19 information:

Information about COVID-19, as well as coronavirus-related Floresville city offices closures and restrictions are available at www.floresvilletx.gov

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