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NEWS RELEASE

Eleven Flu-Related Deaths Reported in El Paso so far this Season

EL PASO, Texas – The number of flu-related deaths in El Paso now stands at 11 for this season. The three latest reports confirmed by the Department of Public Health involve two men, one in his 80's, and another in his 50's. The 11th case involves a female in her 70's. All three had underlying medical conditions. Below is a table describing all 11 confirmed flu-related cases reported so far this season.

	1.	Female	50's	Underlying Medical Conditions
	2.	Male	90's	Underlying Medical Conditions
	3.	Male	90's	Underlying Medical Conditions
	4.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
	5.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
	6.	Female	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
	7.	Female	70's	Underlying Medical Conditions
	8.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
NEW	9.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
NEW	10	Male	50's	Underlying Medical Conditions
NEW	11.	Female	70's	Underlying Medical Conditions

"As more and more people in our community come down with the flu, unfortunately the number of those who succumb to the virus also continues to rise," said Public Health Director Robert Resendes. "We need to continue to protect ourselves and especially the elderly and those with weaker immune systems in order to help keep both numbers down."

There have been 4,916 confirmed flu cases reported in El Paso or approximately ten times the number of cases seen at this time last year. Current data indicates that the flu season in El Paso has yet to reach its peak.

Public Health officials continue to urge medical providers to test for the flu and to prescribe antivirals when possible. They also encourage El Paso residents to be vaccinated and to practice the "4 C's."

1. **CLEAN** - Wash your hands often. Scrub hands for at least 30 seconds with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
2. **COVER** – Cover your cough. Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Don't have a tissue? The crook of your elbow will do.
3. **CONTAIN** – Contain germs by steering clear of others who are sick. If you're sick, stay home until you're well.
4. **CALL** – Call or see a doctor if you or your child has a fever greater than 100 degrees.

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