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NEWS RELEASE

## Flu-Related Death Toll Continues to Rise

**EL PASO, Texas** – Today, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health announced that the number of flu-related deaths has reached 20 so far this season with the latest victim being a man in his 50's who had no underlying medical conditions.

The following chart shows the flu-related deaths recorded in El Paso 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
9.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
10.	Male	50's	Underlying Medical Conditions

11.	Female	70's	Underlying Medical Conditions
12.	Female	70's	Underlying Medical Conditions
13.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
14.	Male	60's	Underlying Medical Conditions
15.	Female	50's	Underlying Medical Conditions
16.	Female	40's	No Underlying Medical Conditions
17.	Male	Under 5	Underlying Medical Condition
18.	Female	60's	Underlying Medical Conditions
19.	Female	50's	Underlying Medical Conditions
*20.	Male	50's	No Underlying Medical Conditions

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A total of 12,166 cases have been reported this flu season, which is 3 times more activity as that seen at this time last season. While it appears the flu season has reached 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" which have proven to be effective in preventing the spread of the flu:

1. **CLEAN** - Wash your hands often. Scrub your 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 do get sick, stay home until you are well again, so you do not spread more germs.
4. **CALL** – Call or see your doctor if you or your child has a fever greater than 100 degrees.

For more information on the programs and services provided by the Department of Public Health, call 2-1-1 or visit [www.EPHealth.com](http://www.EPHealth.com) or [www.EPSalud.com](http://www.EPSalud.com).

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