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**NEWS RELEASE**

## One Additional Flu-Related Death Reported in El Paso

**EL PASO, Texas** – The Department of Public Health has received a report of an additional flu-related death in the area. This brings the total of flu-related deaths reported to the Department of Public Health to eight.

The latest reported flu-related death is a man in his 80s who had underlying medical conditions. The table below provides some background on the eight patients who have succumbed to the virus 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
	NEW 8.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions

"As the list of those who have passed away as a result of flu complications continues to grow, it doesn't make it any easier to report," said Public Health Director Robert Resendes. "What we know is that every flu season needs to be taken seriously, and we all need to do our part to prevent the flu in our community."

There have been 3,379 confirmed flu cases reported in El Paso as of the second week in January. This is more than eight times higher than the 396 cases that were reported at this time last year.

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're well again, so you don't 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).

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