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| March 17th, 2022  **Three Additional Deaths**  **11 New Covid-19 Cases**  The La Paz County Health Department is deeply saddened to announce three additional deaths. La Paz County has had a total of 137 deaths, due to Covid-19.  One individual was within the Bouse service district, over the age of 65 years old, hospitalized within the county, with underlying health conditions.  One individual was within the McMullen Valley service district, over the age of 65 years old, hospitalized outside of the county, with underlying health conditions.  The remaining individual was within the Colorado River Indian Tribes service district.  Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to all the family and friends.  ADHS has transitioned from daily case reporting, to now weekly. Our county has had 11 new Covid-19 cases in one week. This brings our county total to 5,161 cases. Four individuals are in the Parker service district and within the age groups of under 20, 20-44 and 45-54 years old. One individual is in the Quartzsite service district and over the age of 65 years old. One individual is in the Buckskin service district and within the age group of 45-54 years old. Two individuals are within the Colorado River Indian Tribes service district. The remaining three individuals are in an unknown service district and within the age groups of 20-44, 45-54 amd over 65 years old.  It is extremely important to continue to take the necessary precautions, to help slow down the spread.  For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to get tested if experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.  If you are not vaccinated, please protect yourself and others by wearing a mask and practicing physical distancing.  Everyone should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.  Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, avoid close contact with people who are sick, cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.  If you are at[higher risk](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html)for severe illness, you should avoid attending congregate settings. People at higher risk for [severe illness](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html) include adults 65 or older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions  **For more information on La Paz County and the state, please visit the ADHS coronavirus website at** [**www.azdhs.gov/coronavirus**](http://www.azdhs.gov/coronavirus), **the CDC website at** [**www.cdc.gov/COVID19**](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19) **, the La Paz County Health Department website at** [**https://www.lpchd.com/**](https://www.lpchd.com/) **and the Facebook page @LaPazCounty.HealthDepartment.** |