

# MILAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## HELPFUL WEBSITES

[WWW.READY.GOV](http://WWW.READY.GOV)

[WWW.CDC.GOV](http://WWW.CDC.GOV)

[WWW.MILAMHEALTH.COM](http://WWW.MILAMHEALTH.COM)

## MIDDLE EAST RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (MERS)

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is an illness caused by a virus called Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV). MERS affects the respiratory system (lungs and breathing tubes). Most MERS patients developed severe acute respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough and shortness of breath. About 3-4 out of every 10 patients reported with MERS have died.

So far, all cases of MERS have been linked to countries in and near the Arabian Peninsula. MERS-CoV has spread from ill people to others through close contact, such as caring for or living with an infected person. MERS can affect anyone. MERS patients have ranged in age from younger than 1 to 99 years old.

Center For Disease Control continues to closely monitor the MERS situation globally and work with partners to better understand the risks of this virus, including the source, how it spreads, and how infections might be prevented. CDC recognizes the potential for MERS-CoV to spread further and cause more cases globally and in the U.S. We have provided information for travelers and are working with health departments, hospitals, and other partners to prepare for this.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/about/index.html>

## CLINIC HOURS

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY-CAMERON 8-5  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY-ROCKDALE 9-12 & 1-4:30

The Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program provides free or low cost to children that qualify. Please call the Milam County Health Department or your primary care physician for more information and to see if your child qualifies.