Texas Division of Emergency Management

State Situation Report

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Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
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STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On April 9, Governor Abbott announced that the HHSC has adopted an emergency rule to temporarily allow more nurse aides to serve residents in long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 response.

The emergency rule temporarily allows nursing facilities to hire people to provide nurse aide services without having to complete a full certification program in their first four months of employment. This action will expand the eligible pool of direct care workers and help long-term care providers who may face critical staffing shortages.

"As Texas continues to respond to COVID-19, we are working to make sure our long-term care facilities have adequate staff to care for Texans residing in these facilities," said Governor Abbott. "This emergency rule will increase the availability of nurse aides in the workforce and ensure residents of long-term care facilities have the care and support they need."

"It is critical that facilities have sufficient front-line staff, as these aides provide hands-on care to medically fragile residents around the clock," said David Kostroun, the Deputy Executive Commissioner for HHSC's Regulatory Services division. "Governor Abbott's action assists the providers we regulate to address the many challenges posed by COVID-19."

Nursing facilities are responsible for ensuring nurse aides are competent in performing assigned tasks, such as taking vital signs or providing personal care. This can be done by having a licensed nurse directly observe a nurse aide while they perform these tasks.

The temporary suspension of nurse aide training requirements provides needed regulatory flexibility to address possible staffing shortages experienced during the COVID-19 response.

On April 8, Governor Abbott suspended certain statutes concerning appearance before a notary public to execute a self-proved will, a durable power of attorney, a medical power of attorney, a directive to physician, or an oath of an executor, administrator, or guardian. These suspensions temporarily allow for appearance before a notary public via videoconference when executing such documents, avoiding the need for in-person contact during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following conditions will apply whenever this suspension is invoked:

A notary public shall verify the identity of a person signing a document at the time the signature is taken by using two-way video and audio conference technology.
A notary public may verify identity by personal knowledge of the signing person, or by analysis based on the signing person's remote presentation of a government-issued identification credential, including a passport or driver's license that contains the signature and a photograph of the person.
The signing person shall transmit by fax or electronic means a legible copy of the signed document to the notary public, who may notarize the transmitted copy and then transmit the notarized copy back to the signing person by fax or electronic means, at which point the notarization is valid.
This suspension will remain in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires. Documents executed while this suspension is in effect, and in accordance with its terms, will remain valid after the termination of this suspension.

On April 8, Governor Abbott announced that his Public Safety Office (PSO) will provide a one-time emergency waiver of the federally required cash or in-kind match contribution required for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant funds. This waiver follows an unprecedented match waiver process recently initiated for states by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime and Office on Violence Against Women.

This waiver will provide financial relief to 600 grant recipient organizations in Texas who are federally required to contribute up to 25% of their own funds or donated services towards a project in order to remain eligible for continued grant funding.

The waiver will remove financial burdens posed by COVID-19 by allowing grant recipients to use the cash match they had budgeted towards their grant project for other pressing needs and alleviating concerns about maintaining volunteer services while complying with stay at home orders and proper social distancing practices. Grant recipients use these funds to provide direct services to victims of crime to speed their recovery and use multi-disciplinary approaches to improve the justice system's response to violent crimes. Agencies benefiting from this waiver include domestic violence shelters; rape crisis centers; children's advocacy centers; court appointed special advocate programs; child sex trafficking shelters, drop-in centers, and advocacy programs; legal aid providers; and local units of governments employing crime victim liaisons and advocates.

On April 8, Governor Abbott announced that Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) will provide more than $168 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

food benefits to help Texans during the COVID-19 response. HHS received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide the maximum, allowable amount of SNAP benefits to recipients based on family size. The emergency allotments are currently authorized for the months of April and May and will affect all SNAP recipients in the state of Texas.

SNAP recipients will see the additional amount on their Lone Star Card by April 15 for this month's benefits, and by May 15 for next month's benefits. Disbursements will be staggered and will begin on April 9. SNAP recipients do not need to take any further action to receive the additional benefits. More information about SNAP benefits.

On April 8, Governor Abbott held a press conference where he provided an update on the production and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) in Texas. The Governor announced a new partnership between the Texas Military Department (TMD) and Prestige Ameritech to increase the production of face masks for health care workers. Prestige Ameritech's 24-hour operation at their headquarters near Fort Worth will be staffed in part by members of the Texas National Guard 36th Infantry Division and will produce 2 million masks per week. The Governor thanked private companies across the state that are manufacturing PPE for Texans serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response.

The Governor was joined for the press conference by Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD, Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd, and Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the University of Texas System John Zerwas, MD.

Prestige Ameritech is a designer and manufacturer of disposable medical devices and the automated machinery that produces them. The company is the United States' largest domestic surgical mask manufacturer. Prestige Ameritech's headquarters and 220,000 square foot manufacturing facility are located near Fort Worth.

On April 7, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain regulatory requirements to increase the job capacities of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns. Under the Governor's waiver, pharmacy technicians can now accept prescription drug orders over the phone — a responsibility typically reserved for pharmacists. The Governor's waiver also allows pharmacy technicians to transfer or receive a transfer of original prescription information on behalf of patients. These two waivers can be utilized at the discretion of pharmacists. Additionally, Governor Abbott has waived certain regulations allowing pharmacy interns to assist pharmacists without the designation of preceptor.

On April 7, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has adopted an emergency rule to allow end stage renal disease (ESRD) facilities to treat patients more effectively during the COVID-19 response. This emergency rule provides increased flexibility to providers to serve dialysis patients. This will be helpful in providing appropriate social distancing and/or provide locations for patients that have tested positive for COVID-19 at a location separate from other dialysis patients to reduce the chance of spreading the virus.

This emergency rule will allow currently licensed ESRD facilities to operate off-site outpatient facilities without obtaining a new license at the following:

- An ESRD that is no longer licensed that closed within the past 36 months;

- A mobile, transportable, or relocatable medical unit;
- A physician's office;
- An ambulatory surgical center or freestanding emergency medical care facility that is no longer licensed that closed within the past 36 months.

On April 7, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to close all state parks and historic sites as part of the state's efforts to strengthen social distancing practices and prevent gatherings of large groups of people. Historic sites and state parks will close to the public starting at 5:00 PM Tuesday evening and will reopen at the direction of the Governor.

On April 7, the Fifth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals upheld Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 09, which requires all health care facilities and professionals to postpone any unnecessary medical procedures to free up hospital beds and preserve precious medical supplies for those combating the spread of COVID-19.

On April 6, Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution throughout the state of Texas. The Governor also announced that Texas received 2.5 million masks in the past 24 hours, and will receive an additional 3 million masks by April 11th.

Governor Abbott provided a region-by-region breakdown of supplies that have been distributed over the past week — including masks, face shields, gloves, gowns, and coveralls. Governor Abbott also discussed the distribution process for PPE in Texas.

The Governor was joined for the press conference by Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD, and Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd.

Governor Abbott announced that Care.com is increasing in-home child care access for frontline workers responding to the COVID-19 emergency. As part of this initiative, Care.com is offering 90 days of free, premium access to their services, along with specific portals for frontline workers and caregivers in Texas.

Frontline workers looking for child care as well as prospective caregivers can both enroll at https://texasfrontline.care.com/. Potential caregivers are subject to Care.com's extensive background and safety checks. While child care services are not typically free of charge, the Texas portal gives residents the ability to waive their fees and volunteer as caregivers, providing additional support to frontline workers.

On April 6, Texas Health and Human Services announces Texas WIC, the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, is expanding the number of food items eligible for purchase through the program. It is also updating the MyTexasWIC app to ensure Texans who need access to nutritious food will be able to find it in their local grocery stores.

WIC participants can find detailed information on the Texas WIC website. WIC participants can also download the latest version of the MyTexasWIC shopping app on the Google Play Store or Apple App Store, which informs families what the allowable food items are on their benefit

package. Visit the Texas WIC website or call 800-942-3678 to find how your local clinic is handling local services.

On April 5, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain regulations to expand the health care workforce to assist with Texas' COVID-19 response. Under this waiver, Physician Assistants (PA), Medical Physicists, Perfusionists, and Respiratory Care candidates for licensure who have completed all other requirements may enter the workforce under an emergency license working under supervision prior to taking the final licensure examination. The Governor's waiver also provides for emergency licensees to undergo name-based background checks in place of fingerprint checks while fingerprint checks are unavailable due to the crisis.

Additionally, the Governor's waiver allows more flexibility between physicians and the PAs and Advance Practice Registered Nurses they supervise including allowing for oral prescriptive delegation agreements to enable rapid deployment of those practitioners during the emergency.

Deadlines approaching in Texas for SBA Working Capital Loans due to adverse weather conditions.

On April 4, Governor Abbott held a call with Dr. Anthony Fauci of the White House Coronavirus Task Force to discuss Texas' efforts to combat COVID-19 and the state's ongoing collaboration with the federal government to protect public health.

On April 3, Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on Texas hospital capacity. The Governor was joined by Texas Department of Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD, and Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the University of Texas System John Zerwas, MD, and Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd. During the press conference, the Governor and Dr. Zerwas presented an overview of statewide hospital bed capacity, as well as a detailed analysis of bed availability by region. They also explained the state’s preparations to bring additional facilities online to provide supplementary healthcare capacity if needed. Hospital bed availability in Texas has increased by over 140% since March 18th.

On April 2, Governor Abbott suspended regulations to increase the amount of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) workers and first responders in Texas during the state's response to COVID-19. Under the Governor's direction, local medical directors for licensed EMS providers can permit individuals who are qualified, though not formally certified, to provide critical emergency response services for patients treated and transported by the EMS provider.

The Governor has also suspended certain skills testing requirements for EMS personnel in Texas and for out of state Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians seeking reciprocity in Texas so that these individuals who are qualified, but currently unable to take the skills test, are able to provide essential EMS services. Additionally, Governor Abbott has also suspended regulations to allow first responder organizations to delay submission on their renewal application and completion requirements for licensure.

On April 1, Governor Abbott issued a statement regarding the recently passed $2 trillion federal stimulus package intended to relieve the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a special focus on unemployed workers and the state’s hardest-hit businesses.

Employees whose work has been impacted by COVID-19, whether by a reduction in hours or a loss of their job, are encouraged apply for unemployment benefits online or call 1-800-939-6631. Employers can also utilize online filing for mass claims they file on behalf of employee groups laid off due to COVID-19.

On April 1, Governor Abbott and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) took initial action to provide tenant-based rental assistance for Texans experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. The Governor has waived statutes relating to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Investments Partnership program which would allow Texas greater flexibility to use program funds to help certain Texans pay their rent. In addition, TDHCA has sent a letter to HUD requesting federal waivers to allow greater flexibility to Texas to reprogram these funds for that purpose. If these waivers are granted, Texas will reprogram these funds to provide financial housing assistance to certain Texans enduring economic hardships related to COVID-19.

On March 31, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order implementing Essential Services and Activities Protocols for the entire state of Texas. The protocols direct all Texans to minimize non-essential gatherings and in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. The Governor's Executive Order renews and amends his previous order enforcing federal social distancing guidelines for COVID-19, including closing schools and instructing Texans to avoid eating or drinking at bars and restaurants. The protocols allow exceptions for essential activities and services based on the Department of Homeland Security's guidelines on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce. Examples of these essential services include healthcare, grocery stores, banking and financial services, utilities, child care for essential service employees, and government services.

This Executive Order follows the decision by President Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to enhance social distancing guidelines and extend the deadline for these guidelines to April 30th.

Executive Order renews and expands the Governor's previous directive to minimize social gatherings and minimize contact with people who are not in the same household. It also renews the Governor's directive to avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, and visiting gyms or massage establishments, and it expands the order to include tattoo studios, piercing studios, and cosmetology salons.

In accordance with federal guidelines, people are still prohibited from visiting nursing home, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance. Additionally, schools will remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance through May 4, 2020.

This Executive Order does not prohibit people from accessing essential services or engaging in essential daily activities, such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining other essential services, hunting or fishing, or engaging in physical activity like jogging or bicycling, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. The order also includes exemption for religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services.

Governor Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton issued joint guidance regarding the effect of Executive Order GA 14 on religious services conducted in congregations and houses of worship.

The Executive Order GA 14 defines essential services to include "religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship." Orders given by state or local governments prohibiting people from providing or obtaining certain services must ensure that the orders do not violate the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, Article I of the Texas Constitution, and the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which protect the rights of Texans to freely exercise their religion.

These orders will be effective on a statewide basis starting at 12:01 AM on April 2, 2020 and will end on April 30, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC. View the Governor's Executive Order.

On March 31, Governor Abbott announced the Comfort Food Care Package (CFCP) program to provide meals for at-risk youth and families in communities across Texas as the state responds to COVID-19. As part of the program, participating restaurants offer CFCPs for patrons to purchase on behalf of families and youth in need. Each care package contains enough food to feed a family of 5 to 6 and will be delivered to recipients' homes. The program is a partnership between the Governor's Public Safety Office, the Texas network of Family and Youth Success Programs (formerly called Services to At-Risk Youth), Favor Delivery, and the Texas Restaurant Association.

The (CFCP) utilizes the following steps:

1. Participating restaurants list CFCPs on their online ordering system for customers to purchase on behalf of at-risk families and youth in the community.

2. Customers add CFCPs to their orders and purchase.

3. Family and Youth Success Programs identify families and shelters who have the most need and work with participating restaurants and Favor to get the meals delivered.

Families interested in utilizing the CFCP program should contact their local Family and Youth Success Program for more information. Restaurants interested in participating in the program can sign up on the Texas Restaurant Association website.

On March 30, Governor Abbott has waived certain statutory provisions to ensure public safety employees who contract COVID-19 during the course of their employment will be reimbursed for reasonable medical expenses related to their treatment of COVID-19. Because the nature of their duties has caused them to increase their risk of contracting COVID-19, the Governor has waived these statutory provisions so that public safety employees who contract COVID-19 are not also financially penalized.

On March 30, Governor Abbott announced that the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) (www.cms.gov) has approved the Section 1135 Medicaid Waiver submitted by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on March 26, 2020. This approval grants Texas flexibility in administering Medicaid while the state continues to respond to COVID-19.

Flexibilities granted under this waiver include:

Extension of prior authorizations: For enrollees who have an existing prior authorization, CMS approves the state extending a prior authorization approved on or after March 1.
Suspension of Level I and Level II PASRR assessments: All new nursing facility admissions may be treated as an exempted hospital discharge for 30 days. After 30 days, new admissions with a mental illness or intellectual disability should be reviewed as soon as resources are available.
Fair hearing and appeals: CMS approves the extension of fair hearings up to 120 days (from 90 days) and Texas may choose to allow up to 90 days for an enrollee to file an appeal. Texas may reimburse an out-of-state provider if: the service is provided out-of-state, the provider has an NPI on the claim, and the provider is enrolled in Medicare or another state's Medicaid program.
Texas may provisionally/temporarily enroll an out-of-state provider not enrolled in Medicare or another state's Medicaid program and waive the application fee, finger print criminal background check, site visit, and in-state license requirement.
Texas must collect information necessary to process claims, screen for state licensure in other states and screen against the OIG exclusion list. Texas must not issue temporary enrollments after the end of the public health emergency, not allow retroactive effective dates earlier than March 1, and Texas must cease payments to temporarily enrolled providers within 6 months of the end of the public health emergency (unless the provider competes a Texas Medicaid enrollment).

Texas is granted a waiver to temporarily cease provider revalidation.
CMS grants the above flexibilities for CHIP.
Public notice: CMS grants Texas a waiver of public notice requirements
HHSC is continuing to work with CMS on additional flexibility requests that are associated with those approved Monday March 30.

On March 29, The Vice President of the United States sent a letter to all Hospital Administrators; At the President's direction, we are requesting that all hospitals report the following information to HHS:

1. COVID-19 Test Result Reporting

a. We are requesting that all hospitals report data on COVID-19 testing performed in your Academic/University/Hospital in-house laboratories. *If* ***all of your COVID-19 testing is sent out to private labs and performed by 011e of the commercial laboratories 011 the list below, you <u>do not need</u> to report using this spreadsheet.***

i.. *Commercial laboratories:* LabCorp, BioReference Laboratories. Quest Diagnostics, Mayo Clinic Laboratories, and ARUP Laboratories.

b. ***Reporting Instructions:*** We request that all data for COVID-19 testing completed at "in-house"' laboratories or a laboratory not listed above be ***reported*** using the attached spreadsheet.

i. Due date/time: The spreadsheet is due EVERY day at 5 PM ET.
ii. Data to report: The data elements are outlined in the spreadsheet [emailed separately], but should include all test results that were completed during the previous day with a midnight cutoff.
iii. Where to submit: Submit the spreadsheet via email to fema-hhs-coviddiagnostics-tf@fema.dhs.gov.
iv. Data elements to report: Included in the attached spreadsheet with definitions.

c. For questions about reporting, please contact fema-hhs-covid-diagnosticstf@fema.dhs.gov.

2. National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) COVID-19 Module

a. To monitor the rapid emergence of COVID-19 and the impact on the healthcare system, all hospitals should report data each day to the National Healthcare Safety network (NHSN) COVID-19 Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity Module, which has been made available for hospitals to use beginning March 27, 2020. All hospitals that currently use NHS have received an email from the CDC with additional details about how to report to the new module. Although most hospitals already regularly submit data to NHSN on healthcare-associated infections for purposes of CMS reporting, the data we are now asking you to report is necessary in monitoring the spread of severe COVID-19 illness and death as well as the impact to hospitals. Additional details can be found in the attached documents and at the following website: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/covid 19/index.html.

b. For questions on this module, please contact HS @cdc.gov and put "COVID-19 Module" in the subject line.

On March 29, Governor Abbott issued two executive orders expanding the travel restrictions concerning travel from Louisiana. The First order (GA-12) mandates a 14 day quarantine for road travelers traveling from any location in Louisiana. This mandated quarantine does not apply to commercial activity, military service, emergency response, health response or critical infrastructure functions. The second executive order (GA-13) prohibits the release of individuals in custody for or with a history of offenses involving physical violence or threat of physical violence. The Governor also issued a proclamation regarding his prior Executive Order mandating a self-quarantine for individuals arriving from New York Tri-State Area and New Orleans, Louisiana. The Executive Order now includes air travelers arriving from California, Louisiana, Washington, Atlanta, Georgia, Chicago, Illinois, Detroit Michigan, and Miami, Florida.

On March 29, Governor Abbott held a press conference at the State Capitol where he provided new information on the state's health care capacity and issued additional Executive Orders. The Governor announced that hospital beds available for COVID-19 patients have doubled over the past week. He also detailed the joint effort between the state, the Texas Military Department (TMD), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to identify and equip additional locations to serve as health care facilities in the event that hospital capacity is exhausted. The first of these sites will be the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas.

On March 29, the President of the United States Donald Trump extends federal social distancing guidance for 30 days as scientists warn virus continues to spread.

On March 28, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations allowing for an expedited licensing reactivation process for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) in Texas. Under these waivers, an APRN with a license that has been inactive for more than two years, but less than four years, will not have to pay a reactivation fee, complete continuing education credits, or complete the current practice requirements. For APRNs with a license that has been inactive for more than four years, the reactivation fee and continuing education requirements will be waived.

On March 28, Governor Abbott waived certain licensing renewal regulations for Texas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees. With these waivers, the Governor is temporarily extending expiration dates for licenses and temporarily suspending continuing education requirements for pharmacists.

On March 27, as part of the state's ongoing response to COVID-19, Governor Abbott announced the deployment of three National Guard Joint Task Force Brigades. The 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and the 176th Engineer Brigade will operate ten general support units located throughout the state.

The Governor has ordered an initial focus on two critical missions that will directly benefit from Texas National Guard's unparalleled logistics capabilities, medical expertise, communications support, infrastructure maintenance, and transportation assets: assisting drive through testing sites and bolstering the state's healthcare infrastructure.

To ensure responding Guard members are healthy, trained medical staff will be attached to each unit and provide screenings before each Guard member is approved for the mission. Any Guard member showing signs of illness will receive treatment and the needed resources to recover while following all requirements outlined by the CDC. This measure will keep responding units healthy and reduce the potential spread of COVID-19.

On March 27, Governor Abbott waived certain Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) regulations to preserve and extend child care capacity for front line workers. These waivers will allow TWC the flexibility to respond to child care needs, and are part of the Governor's work through the Supply Chain Strike Force to strengthen child care infrastructure for critical workers during the COVID-19 response. These waivers ensure that families using child care subsidized through TWC will not lose their slots during this interim period while the state battles COVID-19, and it secures payment to child care providers throughout this time.

Children within TWC's child care services program will be able to accrue absences due to COVID-19 without impacting ongoing eligibility or provider reimbursements. TWC will also be able to waive parent share of cost requirements and direct local workforce development boards to make supplemental emergency payments to child care programs to offset payments lost due to COVID-19. Additionally, these waivers will allow TWC to temporarily broaden the definition of "protective services" to include children of workers on the front lines of the battle against COVID-19.

On March 26, Governor Abbott announced his request for access to interest-free federal loans (known as Title XII funds) to pay unemployment claims and the accelerated release of funds from the Texas account of the federal Unemployment Trust Fund. Title XII is a federal process that allows states to receive advances (loans) from the federal government to continue to cover Unemployment Benefit payments without disruption.

Department of Labor approval would allow Texas to apply for federal loans that would be interest-free through the end of the current calendar year. In the past, TWC has taken such loans then issued bonds to pay them off. In every case, the agency has never missed making a payment to an eligible claimant.

On March 26, Governor Abbott, ordered the following on a statewide basis effective at noon on March 28, 2020:

Every person who enters the State of Texas as the final destination through an airport, from a point of origin or point of last departure in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, or the City of New Orleans, or in any other state or city as may be proclaimed hereafter, shall be subject to mandatory self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into Texas or the duration of the person's presence in Texas, whichever is shorter. This order to self-quarantine shall not apply to people traveling in connection with military service, emergency response, health response, or critical-infrastructure functions, as may be determined by the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Each person covered under this order to self-quarantine shall be responsible for all associated costs, including transportation, lodging, food, and medical care.

A covered person shall use a form prescribed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to designate a quarantine location in Texas, such as a residence or a hotel, and provide a full name, date of birth, home address, telephone number, and driver license or passport information. DPS Troopers, or other approved peace officers, shall collect a completed form from each covered person immediately upon disembarking and verify it against the person's driver license or passport. Providing false information on this form is a criminal offense under Section 37.10 of the Texas Penal Code. Questions about this form should be directed to DPS at (800) 525-5555.

A covered person shall proceed directly from the airport to the designated quarantine location entered on the DPS form. Any covered person exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 shall be escorted to the designated quarantine location by a DPS Trooper. The covered person shall remain in the designated quarantine location for a period of 14 days or the duration of the person's presence in Texas, whichever is shorter, leaving only to seek medical care or to depart from Texas. During that period, a covered person shall not allow visitors into or out of the designated quarantine location, other than a health department employee, physician, or healthcare provider, and shall not visit any public spaces.

DPS Special Agents will conduct unannounced visits to designated quarantine locations to verify compliance by confirming the physical presence of covered persons. Any failure to comply with this order to self-quarantine shall be a criminal offense punishable by a fine not to exceed $1,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both.

This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.

On March 26, the Texas Attorney General filed a lawsuit to stop Auctions Unlimited LLC from price gouging Texans for necessary health related supplies including face masks, N95 particulate respirators, hand soap, all-purpose cleaner and disinfectant wipes.

On March 25, Governor Abbott released a statement thanking President Trump for issuing a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4485) for the State of Texas. This announcement comes after the Governor requested the declaration—citing the need for additional federal assistance to save lives, to protect property, public health, and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of COVID-19.

Governor Abbott has temporarily waived certain hospital licensing rules and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has adopted an emergency rule to meet Texas' need for additional hospital capacity while the state responds to COVID-19. These actions allow for certain facilities that have pending licenses or facilities that have been closed for no more than 36 months to come online under existing hospital building licenses. These facilities will be administered and

operated by hospitals with existing licenses. The waivers also remove certain mileage restrictions which will allow hospitals to operate additional facilities that are more than 30 miles away from the main licensed hospital.

Governor Abbott has waived certain regulations from the Texas Board of Nursing regarding licensing renewal and subsequent fees for nurses in Texas. The Governor's waiver authorizes a six-month grace period for nurses with expired licenses. This grace period will allow nurses who are otherwise in good standing to continue practicing and will give them additional time to renew their license without added fees and penalties.

On March 24, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to issue guidance allowing restaurants to sell bulk retail products from restaurant supply chain distributors directly to consumers provided that such foods are in their original condition, packaging, or presented as received by the restaurant. Under this guidance, restaurants will be able to sell items like packaged meat, fruit and vegetables, and dry goods directly to the public to prepare and consume at home. This guidance will allow distributors and restaurants to provide Texans another source of food outside of grocery stores and prepared food from restaurants.

On March 23, Governor Abbott sent a letter to President Trump requesting a presidential declaration of a major disaster in Texas based on the continued impact of COVID-19. This action follows on the heels of a series of proactive measures, including declaring a state of disaster for all 254 Texas counties on March 13, 2020. Filed in accordance with the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, the request is based in part on Governor Abbott's conclusion that the ongoing COVID-19 incident is of such severity and magnitude that supplementary federal assistance is necessary to save lives, to protect property, public health, and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a larger disaster.

In his letter, the Governor specifically requested Individual Assistance Crisis Counseling and Public Assistance Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) including Direct Federal Assistance for all 254 counties in Texas, noting that, as of March 23rd, Texas has 352 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with eight related deaths.

Governor Abbott's letter also detailed the state's efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, including executing the state's emergency management plan and issuing multiple executive orders, in accordance with guidelines from President Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These include:

- mandatory avoidance of social gatherings of more than 10 people;
- mandatory avoidance of dine-in eating and drinking at bars or restaurants, and of gyms or massage establishments;
- prohibition on non-critical visits to nursing homes, retirement or long-term care facilities; and
- temporary closure of in-person school operations.

The Governor has also issued multiple waivers of state law to remove barriers limiting the response to this pandemic and activated the Texas National Guard to be prepared to assist with response efforts for COVID-19. To date, more than 466 Texas jurisdictions have submitted local disaster declarations, a number that is expected to rise. The requested federal aid would be used to overcome the current shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE), needed medical

equipment and testing supplies as well as looming shortages of hospital beds, medical equipment, and a healthy and adequate cadre of medical personnel.

The letter also designated Chief Nim Kidd as the Governor's Authorized Representative and State Coordinating Officer, tasked with continuing his coordination with FEMA on all matters related to COVID-19.

On March 22, the Governor signed an Executive Order for hospitals to increase unused bed capacity without submitting an application or associated fees. This precautionary measure will help ensure Texas hospitals across the state have adequate care capacity for COVID-19 patients. The order allows for increased occupancy of hospital rooms to treat more than one patient in a room. The order also postpones all surgeries that are of non-life saving category or those who would use up PPE. The order also creates a Supply Chain Strike Force to ensure all health care facilities have the supplies and resources they need. The task force will secure the needed personal protective equipment (PPE) and food for medical personnel, first responders and those who contract COVID-19. This executive order takes effect immediately and remains in effect until April 21.

March 20, The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) released an announcement that warns consumers about unauthorized fraudulent coronavirus tests. The agency is beginning to see unauthorized fraudulent test kits that are being marketed to test for COVID-19 in the home. The FDA has not authorized any test that is available to purchase for testing at home for COVID-19. The FDA will take appropriate action to protect consumers from bad actors who take advantage of a crisis to deceive the public by marketing tests that pose risks to patient health. Enforcement is being stepped up at ports of entry, including International Mail Facilities, to ensure these fraudulent products that originate outside the country do not enter through our borders. Reports may be sent via email to: FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov.

On March 19, Governor Abbot issued four Executive Orders to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Texas.

Order No. 1 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

Order No. 2 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

Order No. 3 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

Order No. 4 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

This, executive order does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This executive order does not mandate sheltering in place.

All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVD-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms, and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 PM on April 3, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding governor.

Governor Abbott also announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has included the entire state of Texas in its Economic Injury Disaster Declaration and granted access to its Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, which will provide long-term, low interest loans to qualifying businesses across the state. The Governor's request was driven by COVID-19-related economic losses across Texas related to major event cancellations, loss of walk-in customers, depletion of stock from suppliers, and client cancellations. Governor Abbott also commented on the SBA's rapid turnaround to a request he made by letter just three days ago. Texas small businesses who believe they may be eligible for an SBA EIDL should visit www.sba.gov/disaster where they can directly apply for assistance. The online application is the fastest method to receive a decision about loan eligibility.

On March 19, The Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services, Dr. John Hellerstedt, issued a Public Health Disaster Declaration in Texas.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a waiver that will allow restaurants to deliver alcoholic beverages with food purchases to patrons, including beer, wine, and mixed drinks. The Governor also directed the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) to waive certain provisions to allow manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages to repurchase or sell back unopened product.

On March 18, Governor Abbott, announced that Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Driver License Offices across the state are closing immediately. This temporary closure will not apply to those seeking an initial Commercial Driver License (CDL). DPS offices that provide CDL testing will remain open solely for the purpose of providing initial CDLs. Visits will be by appointment only, and can be scheduled by emailing cdlappointments@dps.texas.gov. This exception will allow commercial drivers to continue to ship goods across the state of Texas.

Governor Abbott announced that he has directed the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to temporarily waive expiration dates for Driver Licenses, Commercial Driver Licenses, and other identification forms. This action falls within the Governor's State of Disaster Declaration and is part of the ongoing effort to reduce to spread of COVID-19.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) took steps to help prevent disruptions in the food supply-chain by issuing a temporary policy for FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) supplier verification onsite audit requirements during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

Governor Abbott announced that he is activating the Texas National Guard in response to the novel coronavirus outbreak in the state.

Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections. This means local governments now have the ability to postpone their May 2, 2020 elections until November 3, 2020.

Governor Abbott has announced that Texas is waiving certain rules relating to parking placards for persons with disabilities. The aim of waiving this requirement is to help reduce preventable in-person contact and slow the spread of COVID-19. This will allow Texans to avoid penalties for failure to renew a parking placard, but does not waive the requirement to have a placard in order to park in an accessible parking spot.

Governor Abbott and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced a collaboration with local education agencies (LEA) on the Texas Students MealFinder Map which will allow Texas parents to locate LEA facilities serving meals in their communities. This searchable online map will officially launch on Friday, March 20, and will include the address of each facility, as well as days and times meals will be served. The map will be available on the TEA website.

Childcare Licensing office in HHSC is working with Caesar Lopez, associate General Counsel for the Texas Hospital Association. A waiver has been submitted to Governor Abbott's office to ease regulations during the COVID-19 incident. For up to 20 days, a day care can be operated without a child care license without penalty. They strongly encourage active and progressive safety and security for the center and the children.

Governor Abbott announced that he is temporarily suspending certain regulations to ensure that Texans will have continued access to their pharmacists as the state responds to COVID-19. The Governor's actions will allow pharmacists to conduct telephonic consultations, and remove regulatory barriers so that pharmacies can operate at full strength.

Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on incoming supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other resources to aid Texas' response to COVID-19. The Governor announced that the newly established Supply Chain Strike Force has already secured more than $83 million of purchase orders for essential supplies. Additionally, the Governor announced that the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) will begin receiving 100,000 masks per day by the end of this week and the Supply Chain Strike Force will begin receiving an additional 100,000 masks per day by the end of next week—meaning the State of Texas will soon be receiving more than one million masks per week.

The Governor also announced the launch of an online portal run by the Supply Chain Strike Force to streamline the process and validation of leads for more supplies. The portal, accessible through www.texas.gov, will serve as an intake process for those wanting to provide valid leads on PPE and donations. The portal also serves as a portal for those wanting to donate supplies, services, or your time—including medical professionals and nurses looking to volunteer.
The Governor also issued an Executive Order to better track both hospital bed capacity and COVID-19 test results across the state. The Executive Order requires all hospitals, excluding psychiatric hospitals, to submit daily reports on hospital bed capacity to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) who will then share this information with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The order also requires every public or private entity utilizing FDA-

approved COVID-19 tests to submit daily reports of all results to the local health department and DSHS who will then share this information with the CDC.

On March 17, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations and directed that the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) issue an emergency rule, all relating to telemedicine care for patients with state-regulated insurance plans to help doctors across Texas continue to treat their patients while mitigating the spread of COVID-19. The suspensions and emergency rule will work together to allow telemedicine visits for patients with state-regulated plans to be paid the same as in-office visits for insurance purposes. These actions build upon waivers the Governor issued last week of portions in the Occupations Code to expand provider flexibility in providing medical services over the phone.

On March 14, Governor Abbott, directed the Texas Medical Board (TMB) and the Texas Board of Nursing (TBN) to fast-track the temporary licensing of out-of-state physicians, physician assistants, certain retired physicians, nurses, and other license types to assist in Texas' response to COVID-19.

The Governor suspended State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAR) testing for the state. Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. This temporary suspension will leave important open-meeting protections in place. Governor Abbott will allow virtual and telephonic open meetings to maintain government transparency.

The President's unprecedented Nationwide Emergency Declaration, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services' (HHS) declaration of a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 establish that exigent and emergency circumstances currently exist. For the duration of the Public Health Emergency, which began on January 27 as determined by HHS, local governments, nonprofits, and other non-state entities may proceed with new and existing noncompetitively procured contracts in order to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threats created by emergency situations for 1) Emergency protective measures under FEMA's Public Assistance Program and 2) Use of FEMA non-disaster grant funds by non-state recipients and sub-recipients to respond to or address COVID-19.

On March 13, the President of the United States Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 global pandemic is a national emergency.

On March 13, the Governor of the State of Texas Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat in the state and declared a state of disaster for all 254 counties in Texas.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Sid Miller announced TDA has been granted flexibility from the federal school meal program to allow Texas schools to continue to provide meals to students even if temporarily closed.

The CDC and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) coronavirus webpages are reliable sources of information. DSHS is monitoring the Texas situation seven days a week. They are working closely with emergency response agencies, local health departments and the CDC. The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-

ncov/index.html). The Coronavirus Task Force continues holding frequent national briefings. DSHS COVID-19 Call Center 1-877-570-9779 Hours 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Texas People Tested

Total	**96,258**
Public Labs	6,248
Private Labs	90,010

**Number does not include the total tested by all private labs.*

Texas COVID-19 Cases (1)

Total Statewide Cases	**10,230**
Texas Counties	170
Deaths	199

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Anderson County	2	Jefferson County	87
Andrews County	10	Jim Wells County	2
Angelina County	16	Johnson County	25
Aransas County	2	Jones County	1
Atascosa County	6	Karnes County	2
Austin County	7	Kaufman County	19
Bandera County	1	Kendall County	9
Bastrop County	16	Kerr County	2
Bee County	1	Kleberg County	2
Bell County	74	Knox County	1
Bexar County	554	Lamar County	8
Blanco County	4	Lamb County	1
Bowie County	23	Lampasas County	2
Brazoria County	184	Lavaca County	4
Brazos County	108	Lee County	2
Brown County	8	Leon County	2
Burleson County	5	Liberty County	15
Burnet County	5	Limestone County	7
Caldwell County	5	Live Oak County	3
Calhoun County	13	Llano County	3
Callahan County	1	Lubbock County	214
Cameron County	118	Lynn County	3
Camp County	3	Martin County	2
Cass County	4	Mason County	1
Castro County	10	Matagorda County	38
Chambers County	22	Maverick County	7

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Cherokee County	6	McCulloch County	1
Clay County	1	McLennan County	62
Collin County	378	Medina County	9
Colorado County	6	Midland County	30
Comal County	29	Milam County	7
Comanche County	3	Mitchell County	1
Coryell County	17	Montague County	1
Crane County	2	Montgomery County	210
Crosby County	1	Moore County	15
Dallam County	1	Morris County	2
Dallas County	1,324	Nacogdoches County	25
Dawson County	5	Navarro County	10
De Witt County	8	Newton County	1
Deaf Smith County	7	Nueces County	69
Delta County	1	Oldham County	3
Denton County	398	Orange County	30
Dickens County	1	Palo Pinto County	4
Donley County	14	Panola County	7
Eastland County	3	Parker County	9
Ector County	34	Pecos County	1
El Paso County	192	Polk County	8
Ellis County	50	Potter County	58
Erath County	10	Randall County	52
Falls County	1	Robertson County	2
Fannin County	4	Rockwall County	14
Fayette County	8	Rusk County	14
Floyd County	1	San Augustine County	7
Fort Bend County	437	San Jacinto County	3
Franklin County	1	San Patricio County	7
Frio County	1	Shelby County	23
Gaines County	1	Smith County	82
Galveston County	287	Starr County	7
Gillespie County	1	Swisher County	2
Goliad County	3	Tarrant County	588
Gonzales County	2	Taylor County	43
Gray County	12	Terry County	6
Grayson County	15	Titus County	4
Gregg County	35	Tom Green County	25
Grimes County	5	Travis County	597

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Guadalupe County	46	Trinity County	3
Hale County	9	Tyler County	1
Hamilton County	1	Upshur County	6
Hansford County	1	Uvalde County	6
Hardin County	41	Val Verde County	6
Harris County	2,341	Van Zandt County	7
Harrison County	12	Victoria County	66
Hays County	77	Walker County	11
Hemphill County	1	Waller County	12
Henderson County	6	Washington County	28
Hidalgo County	139	Webb County	155
Hill County	6	Wharton County	18
Hockley County	12	Wichita County	50
Hood County	11	Willacy County	5
Hopkins County	4	Williamson County	97
Hunt County	15	Wilson County	9
Hutchinson County	2	Wise County	3
Jack County	1	Wood County	4
Jackson County	4	Young County	3

DSHS will update the state case count each day by 12:00 Noon Central Time, the data displayed is current as of 8:00 PM the prior day.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Expand and maximize bed capacity.
6. Develop alternative care sites to support local governments and the health care systems.
7. Acquire supplies/equipment to support health care and testing.
8. Protect vulnerable populations.
9. Ensure visibility on progression of the disease.
10. Support local governments.
11. Set communications messaging for the event based of science and the circumstances.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4 – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties)

Denton County: Denton County issued a Stay at Home Order effective April 7 to April 30.

Tarrant County:

City of Fort Worth: The Fort Worth Fire Department (FD) has opened a COVID-19 testing center available to front line health care workers including physicians, nurses, medical assistants, and other health professionals. Call the Infections Disease Coordinator at the Fort Worth Joint Emergency Operations Center at (817) 714-9709 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

City leaders in Fort Worth say they expect a 30% drop in sales tax revenue for the rest of the current fiscal year due to the impact of COVID-19.

DDC 4 – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties)

Field Medical Station (FMS) - The FMS is currently not opened to accepting patients at this time. Medical and ancillary staff are working on identifying PPE burn rate at this time. When operations start, bedside medical staff will be provided by Navy EMF. Parkland Hospital Health System (PHHS) and University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) continue to work through establishing the processes for initiation of the FMS as well as the logistics necessary to support the medical component of the operations. At today's emergency session of the Dallas County Commissioners Court a contract for wrap around services was signed so that the procurement of said services could be executed. AECOM, the procurement contractor being utilized by Dallas County, has been tasked by the county to secure the FMS wrap around services.

The FMS infection control program, which includes staff screening and a badging system for the hot, warm and cold zones of the entire operation, was approved today by Incident Commander (IC) Assistant Chief Stidham from Dallas Fire Rescue (DFR). Implementation of said plan will begin at the start of the operational period today. The Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center (KBHCC) staff will issue badges and parking passes for authorized personnel.

The FMS logistics section received a large shipment of gowns, in the neighborhood of 38,000, on April 8. An inventory assessment and a process for PPE/supply burn rate and reordering is under development. United States Navy Captain Roe, the Medical Group Supervisor, is working with the medical group to finalize processes and equipment requests.

Dallas County has contracted with the Olson Group to provide the financial services and tracking of all expenses related to the FMS. The City of Dallas will provide their CAT B expenses to the Olson Group to be included in their daily reporting. A representative from the Olson Group will join the staff at the Incident Command Post (ICP). This representative will serve as the finance section whose purpose will be to capture and document costs being accrued and will be able to provide a comprehensive view of the FMS daily burn rate/overall operation costs as this incident progresses forward.

Information is being compiled by regional healthcare partners regarding plans for Alternate Care Sites (ACS). A report will be sent by North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) to DSHS for state planning purposes. ACS planning beyond the Dallas FMS is essential due to the potential need for ICU beds. Corps of Engineers is available to all jurisdictions, through HPP, to assist with survey of potential ACSs.

NCTTRAC's PPE warehouse supply is getting low, and continues to intermittently receive shipments of PPE supplies from the SNS, DSHS, and TDEM. FMS census will be tracked along with daily TSA-E bed counts. DSHS added new data fields to EMResource for hospital reporting

regarding ventilators in use, BiPaps available, and BiPaps in use. For additional user accounts or training on how to update EMResource, please contact NCTTRAC_EMCC@ncttrac.org.

NCTTRAC is actively involved in both regional mass fatality planning as well as planning support for alternate care sites. Meeting information related to these topics, as well as other statewide informational and planning meetings, is available in the NCTTRAC WebEOC server on the Battle Rhythm board.

Dallas FMS expects to receive their initial cache of PPE in the next day or so. Site infection control is being set up to include access control and temperature check stations for anyone entering or exiting the area. Dallas County is in the process of completing the contract for "wrap-around" services. Pharmacy cache has been ordered. STAR for 3 Abbot ID-NOW rapid test machines was submitted to the SMOC and routed to Command for processing.

NCTTRAC/EMCC is collaborating with regional private EMS agencies to determine plans for transport availability during a potential hospital/ACS surge.

NCTTRAC EMCC remains at full activation. The NCTTRAC EMCC continues to receive and disperse shipments of supplies from the Department of State Health Services and Texas Division of Emergency Management. The EMCC is monitoring several resource requests in TSA-E. NCTTRAC is supporting the regional and DSHS efforts in development of alternate care sites as well as ramping up mass fatality planning. EMTF2 is supporting several locations including the DDC in Garland, and Denton State School in Denton County. State-wide hospital capacity surveillance continues. The EMCC is facilitating this via EMResource and reporting to the state at 1600 daily. DSHS is contacting individual non-reporting hospitals to increase the reliability of the data. Received NCTTRAC Warehouse Staff augmentation from National Guard. EMTF-2 is currently activated in support of COVID-19 events within the region. This includes one MIST member supporting DDC 4b and four ambulances supporting Denton State School. Coordination with FEMA Region 6, DSHS, TDEM, City of Dallas, and US Naval Expeditionary Medical Unit to support the Federal Medical Station in Dallas. Continuing coordination with DSHS on alternate care site planning. Coordination with the region on mass fatality planning in anticipation of FEMA resources.

Dallas County: Dallas County hospitals discharging COVID-19 positive persons will be housed by Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas under the restructured plan.

Dallas IMT personnel are in place supporting the City/County, Dallas Field Medical Station (FMS) at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center. The Dallas City/County established Unified Command under the direction of Assistant Chief Bret Stidham, Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR). The team will construct an Incident Action Plan (IAP) based on established Incident Objectives. FMS IMT is in the process of building the organizational structure and operational tempo for the event.

DART, Trinity Metro, TRE and DECTA all continue increased cleaning efforts. Halosil foggers are arriving, and personnel will be trained to use them; they should be in use by this weekend. DART will provide a unit to DCTA.

Although ridership is way down, all transit agencies are very watchful to not cut service to the point of not providing social distance and will err on the side of space. Yesterday with the first day of modified service for DART, real-time monitoring of passenger loads led Bus operations to insert 12 additional buses. All boarding is through the rear door and barriers have been installed for operator safety. Loads on trains will take a couple of days to evaluate with Automatic Passenger Counter (APC) data. DART is looking at cutting cars from Red, Blue and Orange Line trains, but need to ensure passengers will have adequate space. All operations personnel have masks, sanitizer and gloves. Additional sanitizer is due in today and masks are trickling in. There are just over 900 Paratransit trips scheduled for today. TRE ridership appears steady and cars have been cut from all but the high ridership trains. Space will be monitored; however, with bi-level cars there is more space than a light rail vehicle.
The Innovation Department has made some great partnerships with the City of Dallas and Dallas ISD for delivering care packages and food. The department is in the process of contacting other cities and investigating options for providing innovative support across the service area.

Ellis County: Ellis County received 48 new test kits, to make a total of 60 available test kits for the county. Ellis County plans to use local CERT team to assist with preparing the 4th floor of Navarro Regional Hospital for a potential AMS, if needed.

The County Judge extended the Stay At home Order until April 30.

Rockwall County: All churches have been ordered to use televised services. All nursing homes have been ordered to suspend visits. All non-essential gatherings were canceled. Cities of Heath, Fate, Royse City, and McLendon-Chisolm have canceled all public meetings.

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus Counties)

Bowie County: The Berry Telford Unit (TDCJ) has shut down due to six inmates having tested positive for COVID-19. The Telford Unit is not reporting numbers to Bowie County per the Bowie County EOC.

Hopkins County: Hopkins County Commissioners Court reaffirmed County Judge Newsom's Disaster Deceleration that was issued April 6. The addition was following Governor Abbott's Deceleration New Safe at Home Order April 1, 2020.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

Caddo Lake and Neches River National Wildlife Refuges continue to be open for the public, but events are canceled, and the headquarters and visitor centers remain closed.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):
Checkpoints (ground travel) –DPS Texas Highway Patrol (THP) is operating checkpoints for COVID-19 screening for traffic inbound from Louisiana. TxDOT is providing signage and barricades for traffic control and routing.

Checkpoints (air travel) - Tyler Pounds Field and Longview Regional: DPS THP is meeting incoming aircraft with report of travel from identified locations and completing monitoring paperwork, per Governor Abbott's order.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service:
Harrison County: CEA ANR seeking input from volunteers about continuing Farm City Week Voice of Agriculture speech contest via some type of web submission. CEA ANR Coordination Water Drop off and pickup points for soil and water samples to be delivered and tested since our office is closed

Panola County: Agents participated in a video call with DEA admin and District 4-H specialist about Panola County Virtual Roundup and steps put in place to conduct the event in support of Covid-19**.**

Upshur: CEA-FCH communicated with those in our county making facemasks. Currently, up to 279 delivered with 74 hours of work completed with more on the way.

Anderson County:
City of Palestine: City of Palestine EMC visited some of the larger stores in Palestine Friday to explain the newest "one person per family" order. Walmart, Kroger, and Brookshire hired security to help with the entrances. They have all locked down to one entrance only and have staff at the door to help with flow.

Palestine ISD is feeding two meals a day that are either picked up at a distribution point or being delivered by bus with no great increase over the past week. School work is online or packets, and most staff are working from home during this time.

Camp County: City of Pittsburg applied for a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for the COVID-19 incident and was approved by FEMA. Also, a minimal amount of surgical masks were donated to the City, which were distributed to city employees.

Approximately 1,900 meals are being furnished daily (includes breakfast & lunch items) to about three-fourths of the entire student population. These meals are served on weekdays only, with some meals and instructional packets delivered to students who are without transportation. If school starts back in May 2020, City of Pittsburg reports that school district has identified a critical shortage of about 2,000 surgical masks for students and faculty (includes pediatric and adult masks), along with 100 N95 masks.

City of Kilgore: Kilgore Emergency Management and Texas Military Department personnel performed a site survey of a vacant medical facility as part of a feasibility study to re-open the facility.

City of Longview: Additional mandatory orders from Mayor Andy Mack as of April 7:

- Businesses are required to have an assigned safety monitor who is tasked with ensuring social distancing and best-hygiene practices are in place and followed.
- Businesses must establish hours for vulnerable populations, and implement purchase limits on high demand items.

- Businesses must also limit occupancy within their stores to 5 persons per 1000 square feet, with a maximum of 450 people.
- Households should limit the number of people going to retail stores.
- Playgrounds will be closed at City parks but green space at parks remains open.
- Residents are strongly encouraged to wear non-medical grade masks or cloth face coverings when outside their residences.
- Residents are encouraged to maintain a voluntary curfew from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

City-operated health clinic is closed. Employees have been encouraged to use Teledoc for telemedicine. City of Longview is encouraging their citizens to contact the CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Health System hotline at 1-800-458-4559 through the City of Longview / Gregg County COVID-19 hotline at (903) 237-1215. Fewer riders requiring alteration/reduction of Bus Transportation routes as needed.

Henderson County: City of Seven Points EDC has canceled meetings for the month of April 2020.

City of Tool has amended its shelter in place order, removing the condition to shelter in home per Henderson County EMC.

Rusk County:
City of Kilgore - Kilgore Police Department has received personal COVID-19 blood test kits that have rapid results within 10 min. These tests also test IgG and IgM, meaning they can tell if the patient has the antibodies and what stage they are in. They are to be used for KPD only at this time due to short supply.

City of Tatum nutrition center has suspended Thursday lunches for at least two weeks. The Pecan Pie Festival scheduled for April 24 has been canceled.

Smith County: Smith County and NDMJ Transportation are teaming up to use the County's Voucher Program to deliver food, water, medication and other necessities to elderly and disabled citizens who do not have transportation. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Texas Department of Transportation has approved Smith County and NDMJ Transportation to use their 5310 grant funds already awarded by the state to deliver essential items at no charge to those who live in rural areas of the county and do not have the means to travel.

The Northeast Texas Public Health District, in partnership with the local government, hospital systems and colleges, has established an additional call center to assist with novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pre-screening for individuals without primary care physicians. All fishing tournaments at Lake Tyler are suspended until further notice.

In the City of Tyler, the Planning and Zoning meeting on April 7 has been moved to virtual. PHLET - Lab resumed testing with remaining materials, effective April 6.

The Smith County Tax Office is closed to the public until further notice, but is still working to assist Smith County residents and businesses.

Tyler ISD opened its 9th campus (Dixie Elementary) for food distribution. All distribution sites will be open on Good Friday. Meals Distributed: Approximately 31,500.

City of Tyler: East Texas Food Bank – ETFB is providing free emergency food boxes (16 meals worth) 4/3/20 at the drive-thru distribution site at the East Texas State Fairgrounds in Tyler. The City of Tyler will extend modified facility operations until Friday, May 1. All events City-operated or in a City facility have been suspended through May 1.
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Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

Ten counties received mask and glove supplies from Houston and Tyler TMD units.

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

Canopies were ordered for DPS border check stations in six locations for Troopers to get out of inclement weather. Port-o-Potties and hand wash stations are also being delivered at the locations.
Logistics are in the works to set up COVID-19 Testing Stations with canopies/tents with ventilation capability. STARs forthcoming.

Excess PPE is being scheduled for pickup at the Army National Guard Armory in Houston for several of the 12 counties within the DETCOG district.

DDC 16 – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)
Brazoria County: City of Richwood has closed Richwood City Hall to public access.

City playground equipment and public restrooms will also be closed, while walking trails will remain open.

Essential services will continue as normal. Public works and the Police Department are still working and performing their daily duties. Office staff can be reached at their regular numbers and no city services are being discontinued. The city will have office staff working remotely and here within the building, though all our contact with the public will be limited to appointment only.

Utility Payments may still be made using the drop box located outside of City Hall, online at www.Xpressbillpay.com , or over the phone. There will be no late fees nor disconnects during this time.

DDC 16 – Rosenberg (Includes: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton Counties)

Fort Bend County: Fort Bend County Health and Human Services (FBCHHS) are now operationally supporting their own drive-thru testing at screening locations in the Cities of Richmond, Rosenberg, and Sugar Land for high-risk individuals only. The Office of Emergency Management is assisting with the internal entity notification of cases.

City of Richmond: Oak Bend Medical Center has opened a private supported testing site at its Sandhill location. Private insurance or a form of payment are required. The charge is $100.00 without insurance.

City of Belleville: Drive-thru testing is available at Belleville Medical Center from 0900-1300 by physician order by appointment only.

City of Rosenberg: Fort Bend County has opened a public supported testing site at Fort Bend County Fairgrounds drive thru testing 0900-1500. There is no charge for services.

City of Sugar Land: United Memorial Medical Center has opened a supported testing site at Smart Financial Center Drive., The site supports drive thru testing Tuesday 1000-1600, and Wed-Friday 0900-1600. There is no charge for services.

DDC 16C – Conroe

Liberty County: Liberty County Executive Order issued by County Judge "Stay Safe" Emergency Measures on March 24, 2020 Executive Order 032420-000613**.**

Montgomery County: Montgomery County awaiting test kits and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to start test site. County Judge Keough ordered a curfew to be in place at 11:59 PM till 6 AM throughout the county. Residents of Montgomery County may leave their residence for "Essential Activities". Essential Activities are defined in the Order of Curfew. These are infection control precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19. Montgomery County confirmed a hot spot infection cluster with 12 positive patients and one hospitalized. MCSO Deputies monitoring for 14 day isolation. Shelter in Place, if you leave, you are ordered by County Judge to isolate, only food service and caregivers being giving access to complex.

Walker County: Walker County, 04/09/2020. Walker County Judge Ordered "Stay at Home Order." All individuals currently living in Walker County, are ordered to Stay Home, which aligns with Governor Abbott GA-14 Executive Order.

Waller County: City of Prairie View Mayor ordered "Stay at Home" for Prairie View, Waller County.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata, Counties)
Laredo passed an order that parents and guardians are prohibited from taking minor children to any grocery store, convenience store, or big box store, unless doing so is necessary because of a lack of alternate childcare.

Disaster Declarations: Webb County, City of Laredo, Zapata County, Starr County, City of La Grulla, Jim Hogg County, City of Rio Bravo, City of Roma, City of Escobares, Rio Grande City, and City of El Cenizo.

Webb County: The City of Laredo has set-up their drive thru test site at the Park and Ride located at 1819 E. Hillside Rd.

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

2-1-1 Texas/United Way HELPLINE:
Coastal Bend Region Service area: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio counties.

Call data represents all data except Kenedy County.
Between March 14 & April 8: 2-1-1 received 1,939 calls with an average length of 5.79 minutes
Total Call Volume April 8: 111 calls with an average of 4.73 minutes
April 8, Top 5 call request for Coastal Bend region:

- Electronic Bill Payment Assistance
- COVID-19 Diagnostic Test
- Rent Payment Assistance
- Food Pantries
- Disaster Food Stamps

Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council (CBRAC) EMTF-11: Continuing information sharing and working PPE supply and distribution. Coordinating on Alternate Care Site surge plan.

City of Corpus Christi: The water utilities department is ceasing rentals of campsite and RV sites at Sunrise Beach until April 30. The Sunrise Beach campground and waterfront will be closed effective today. The park will remain closed through April 30 and includes Easter weekend.

The following city parks will be closed to vehicular access for Easter weekend: Bill Witt, Cole, Labonte, Lakeview, Manuel Q. Salinas, Parker, The Water's Edge, and West Guth Parks. These parks will remain closed from Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12 and reopen on April 13.

Port of Corpus Christi: PCCA's Operation Hand Sanitizer, assisted by Coastal Bend Council of Governments provided 950 gallons of sanitizer to area emergency/law enforcement personnel and critical Port industry workers. They also provided meals to area emergency/law enforcement personnel and N95 particulate respirator to Corpus Christi-Aransas Pilots. No in-person visitors, contractors, or vendors shall be allowed at the administration or annex buildings through Friday, April 10.

Refugio County: The following offices have limited free access and are conducting business via email, phone, online, fax, and drop box: Adult Probation, County District Clerk, Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, County Clerk and Tax Collector, County Appraisal District, and AgriLife Extension Service. The following municipal offices have limited free access in place: Austwell City Hall, Bayside City Hall, Refugio City Hall, Woodsboro City Hall.

Free access Limited means: doors are locked, customers are screened prior to being allowed into offices.

Refugio County Sheriff's Administration Office is closed to the public. 911 service and emergency

response are not affected. Refugio County Jail is closed to family visitation. Refugio County Library is closed to the public. Elderly Services advised the lunches served at the Williamson Center at noon are suspended. All four Road and Bridge Precincts report normal operation with Social Distancing in effect.

San Patricio County: A county wide curfew is in effect from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM for persons not performing essential jobs. A new centralized email is available for the Emergency Operations Center (eoc@co.san-patricio.tx.us). In addition, the county has set up a COVID-19 phone bank that is in operation from 8-5 Monday thru Friday. (361-201-0551). A new community information website is available at http://www.sanpatem.com .

Care.com is increasing in-home child care for frontline workers. Workers looking for child care as well as prospective caregivers can enroll at https://texasfrontline.care.com/. Childcare facilities within the county remain in operation, following guidelines instituted by the Department of Health and Human Services, but at a reduced operating capacity. The Costal Bend Regional Advisory Council has two (2) days' worth of medical supplies and will be providing San Patricio County with 150 N95 masks, 150 surgical masks and 1000 gloves for distribution.

Schools remain closed thru May 4th and many districts are planning for and conducting in-home instruction. Courts are limiting actions to only those that are absolutely necessary. The County Court of Law has implemented an Infection Disease Protocol. They are asking persons with a scheduled appearance, who are experiencing symptoms to make alternative arrangement, rescheduling all bond returnable, and encouraging everyone to make alternative arrangements to avoid in person hearings whenever possible.

Emergency Management is working with Department of Building and Yards to address the needs of any departments and facilities for cleaning related requests. All employees are encouraged to clean workspaces, frequency clean surfaces the regularly contact the public, and practice good hygiene. All cities report they are following county and state guidance regarding COVID-19 precautions.

City of Aransas Pass: All city lobbies and all libraries except PD are closed. Business being conducted by phone or online. All city parks are open. Modified procedures for PD & FD responses with emphasis on social distancing. Has cancelled all staff travel and all events organized by the city.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties)

Cameron County: The Cameron County Sheriff's Office implemented a special task force to enforce the Stay-at-Home order.

On April 3 the City of South Padre Island began using vehicle checkpoints to enforce the County stay at home orders.

Hidalgo County: In addition to the existing Shelter-At-Home mandate, Hidalgo County has amended a new 24-hour curfew for persons under age 17, unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or engaged in an essential service or emergency. The existing Shelter-At-Home mandate will also become a curfew for everyone ages 18 and older between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM. Only people engaged in essential services or emergencies may be out on the streets between these hours. Community childcare services may only be provided to children of essential workers. Childcare may only be provided in groups of ten or less in separate rooms. All essential businesses in unincorporated areas of Hidalgo County must adopt Work Safe Measures including six-foot physical distancing for employees and the public, and washing hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. Work Safe Plans that have developed for incorporated cities may be used for the county. If someone tests positive for COVID-19, the entire household is ordered to isolate at home. If a healthcare provider orders a patient to isolate at home pending the results of a COVID-19 test then all family members must isolate at home as well. To the extent possible, vehicle travel should be limited to two occupants for essential business and to four occupants per vehicle for healthcare functions, government functions, retail services and critical infrastructure. Facial coverings will be required for all persons three years old and older while outdoors, including but not limited to: entering any building open to the public, on business parking lots, when using public transportation, and when pumping gas. Restaurant workers must wear a facial covering when providing take-out, drive-through or delivery of food. The facial coverings include homemade masks, scarves, bandanas, and handkerchiefs. Medical grade masks are not required and are discouraged so as not to interrupt the supply of these masks to healthcare professionals. Exceptions to the face covering mandate include: people exercising and keeping six feet of physical distance, people driving in personal vehicles while engaged in essential activities, and people at home or alone in an office. Judge Cortez added these measures.

The City of Mission, City of Weslaco, City of Palmview, City of Edinburg and City of Elsa have mandated that residents comply with CDC recommendations and wear face coverings in public settings.

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office is enforcing the Stay-at-Home orders. Individuals not in compliance will receive a citation or be arrested for violating the order.

City of Weslaco will begin to enforce no more than two (2) individuals per group may enter any business at any given time. Enforcement of the order commenced on April 2.

The City of Edcouch implemented checkpoints within their jurisdiction to enforce Hidalgo County Shelter at Home Order.

Willacy County: The Willacy County Judge reminded residents of the importance of the Stay-at-Home Order and the enforcement of the order.

City of Raymondville Police Department began the enforcement of the Willacy Countywide State-at Home order.

DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties)

Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC):
211 Call Center: MRGDC thru April 6 Referrals to Resources.

1. COVID-19 Unemployment Benefits Information
2. Social Services, Social and Financial Services
3. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
4. DSHS COVID-19 Helpline
5. COVID-19 Drive-Thru Screening Locations

Resource Management: Top Needs thru April 6.

1. Rent Payment Assistance
2. Electric Service Payment Assistance
3. COVID-19 Control
4. Food Pantries
5. COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests

Four individuals arrived from areas designated for mandatory self-quarantine. A mandatory self-quarantine letter was issued.

Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas (KTTT): Currently, there is a Tribal Government shut down in place. An emergency declaration was issued on the evening of March 13 to scale down on-site operations to only essential personnel.

On March 23, the Tribal Council declared a State of Emergency on the reservation that directed (a) senior staff to seek federal assistance and (b) Tribal members to shelter-in-place. Starting March 24, all on-site operations were discontinued; senior government staff continue to work from home. Only the Tribal Police Department and the Clinic are operating on-site at this time.

The Tribe's casino and hotel closed on March 19 and will remain closed until it is deemed safe to open for the community. At this time, casino and hotel employees (excluding a small group working security) are on paid administrative leave. All Tribal government employees continue to be paid as well.

KITT continues to adhere to the mandates, recommendations, and safety precautions provided by the Governor's office and monitor those promulgated by the City of Eagle Pass and Maverick County.

Dimmit County: There are currently zero (0) confirmed COVID-19 cases. Currently, one female college student, who is under the supervision of the Dimmit Regional Health Department tested positive for COVID-19 in San Antonio. Family is home and self-quarantine for 14 days.

April 7, Special City Council Meeting – Restrictions set in place for 30 days unless extended by City Council

a. All residents who have traveled to an area where the virus has been reported to be spreading are required to:
    1. Stay home or self-quarantine for 14 days
    2. Monitor health and practice social distancing
b. No public/private gatherings (indoor & outdoor of 10 people or more
c. No more than 2 persons in a vehicle at one time (exception of essential travel/services

d. 24-hour curfew for children under the age of 18, unless under supervision of adult, parent, grandparent, guardian, close relative Monday through Sunday (exception for those working)

Dimmit Regional Hospital Resources are in limited supply. Have received limited supply of medical equipment. Number of items in inventory not provided.

Kinney County: April 3, City of Brackettville Amended Declaration with public restrictions. Brackett Independent School District will provide lunch for students from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. A student ID is required.

La Salle County: La Salle County does have one person in quarantine after returning from California, their 14-day period will end April 19. La Salle County also received another family that returned from California, and the five (5) of them are in quarantine at home, their 14 day will end on April 21st.

Maverick County: Maverick County had an emergency Commissioners Court meeting to approve a sixth declaration, enhancing public health emergency measures. This includes the authorization of section 6: covering of nose and mouth directives. April 7, Maverick County amended their declaration; exhibit 1, and 2. City of Eagle Pass approved on April 7, resolution 2020-22R updating with Exbibit2 which among other items requires covering of nose and mouth to residents to City of Eagle Pass.

They continue to have challenges getting PPE equipment for their first responders, law enforcement and to help local healthcare agencies and providers.

Added activity by local task force, with business and residents not abiding local declaration. They have issued a total of 34 citations.

An additional meeting held with local health authority and UMC, to review existing test site and standardized distributed test orders and documentation.

An assignment of a task force to assist local health authority to support in monitoring current investigation of cases within County and City of Eagle Pass.

Community Hotline has tripled their call volume, in assisting both medical assistance and general declaration guidance. The EOC Task Force was active, they had closed two non-complying business, and issued two citations, referencing local emergency declarations.

Real County: On April 3, The County extended their declaration for an additional 30 days.

Uvalde County: The newest COVID-19 case is a woman who traveled to Chicago, apparently getting the virus there. The woman has been in quarantine, tested positive and remains in quarantine at her home. There have been no community spread cases noted. April 8, 150 N95 Masks, 1000 Gloves received through TMD at Uvalde EOC. PPE supplies, level 2, isolation gowns, N95 masks, and hand sanitizer were requested through STARs for Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

Val Verde County: Val Verde County issued a second amended Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency; expiring 11:59 April 20.
a. Suspend eviction hearings and writs of possession for at least the next 60 days.
b. If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home.
c. Public and private schools and institutions of higher education are instructed by this order to provide a safety plan to the Val Verde County Emergency Management Office 72 hours before students return to a classroom setting.
d. All business establishments shall require all employees who have face-to-face contact with the public to wear PPE; face masks, and gloves and any other PPE appropriate to prevent spread of coronavirus.
e. Limit shopping to individuals age 65 and over during a specified date and time, the establishment shall give notice of the designated date and time to the County of Val Verde and the City of Del Rio,
Val Verde and the City of Del Rio met with Mexico, (City of Acuna) leadership in attempt to work together to limit/deter traffic of persons over the Easter break.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 8 – El Paso (Includes: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties)

El Paso County: An amended order requires residents returning home from a travel distance of 100 miles or more to self-quarantine for 14 days.

US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) is in contact with local OEM to conduct an assessment of vacant hospital facilities to sanitize and clean if needed to increase hospital bed capacity. The City and County of El Paso is working with homeless shelters and keeping up with overflow and are using recreation centers for this overflow.

City of El Paso: Ysleta ISD is suspending meal pickups at Del Valle Middle School after an employee involved in the program may have been exposed. For now, families that pick up meals at Del Valle Middle School can pick up lunches at Del Valle High School instead.

The first Isolation/Quarantine Site is now operational at an area hotel for: First Responders and general population who are suspected or have tested COVID positive, and do not have a readily available location to isolate or quarantine.

EOC Planning is coordinating with funeral homes, Medical Examiner's Office, and cemetery

services for fatality management and protocols for handling disposition of COVID-19 fatalities and working with homeless shelters to address overflow and quarantine challenges due to health authority orders.

Mexico is allowing full access to cross their borders into Mexico. Entry into the U.S. is limited to U.S. citizens and legal residents for essential business.

Texas Tech is seeing patients at their clinical spaces and are sending those meeting the screening parameters to the testing site at 301 George Perry. They are conducting screenings at all their clinics and have done test swabs in coordination with the Health Department for the negative confirmation testing on their clinic employees prior to returning to work authorization.

There is a separate private entity that is conducting drive thru testing for a cost to the local seeking testing.

The El Paso Food Bank has set up five points of distribution (PODs). Law Enforcement is assisting with traffic flow.

The Food Bank is expecting to receive 109 personnel to assist with the Food Bank and points of distribution. This request was processed thru a STAR.

City of Socorro: Suspending all courts, as well as the programming in the recreation centers.

DDC 9B – Midland (Includes: Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland and Winkler Counties)

Andrews County: Andrews County issued a stay at home order effective April 4 till April 30.

Winkler County: Winkler County submitted a Disaster Declaration.

DDC 10 – San Angelo (Includes: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

Mason County: PPE non-HPP was delivered

Sterling County: Unresolved issue(s) - Supply of PPE to support First Responders. Sent in STAR for PPE.

Tom Green County: PPE non-HPP was delivered

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

TDEM's Region 5 Recovery personnel are reaching out to the local jurisdictions to ensure that they are preparing for and understand the disaster recovery processes.

DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties)

DDC 1 remains at a Level II with all partners virtual and is coordinating with Panhandle RAC to distribute PPE according to STAR requests.

DDC 2 – Lubbock (Includes: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum Counties)

PPE shortages continue to be the main issue impacting most jurisdictions. Covenant Medical Group has opened drive-thru screening/testing clinic at Covenant Medical Group – FM179 and Donald Preston Drive (Wolfforth) 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM (M – F) 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Saturday) Noon – 5:00 PM (Sunday).

Garza County: Garza County Courthouse is closed to the public the week of April 6th .

Hale County:
City of Plainview: Stay at Home Order extended to April 30, 2020.

Lubbock County:
City of Lubbock: Stay at Home Order extended to April 30, 2020.

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young Counties)

DDC beginning to assist with First Responder/Non HPP supply chain. Local medical providers beginning to get requests for PPE partially filled and fully filled. DDC continues to process numerous STARs for PPE.

Baylor County:
City of Seymour: Passed new ordinances to mitigate COVID spread.

Wichita County:
City of Wichita Falls: The City of Wichita Falls amended the Shelter in Place Order. TMD has conducted the site assessment at Kay Yeager Coliseum in Wichita Falls for a potential alternative care site.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Taylor Counties)

Resource requests for medical PPE remain the top unmet need, with hand sanitizer / disinfectant following. SNS shipment has been exhausted and resource orders are filled, as possible, through resource shipments provided from other sources. Additional COVID-19 cases have been reported.

Mitchell County: City of Colorado issued a disaster declaration.

Runnels County: The cities of Miles and Winters issued disaster declarations.

Shackelford County: City of Moran issued a disaster declaration.

Stephens County: City of Breckenridge issued a disaster declaration.

Taylor County: The cities of Abilene and Merkel issued disaster declarations.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties)

After an update in the CDC recommendations, Austin-Travis County announced it is recommending the use of fabric face coverings by the general public when conducting essential activities or essential business outside of their residence.

Burnet County:
City of Marble Falls: In the City of Marble Falls, a social media push was sent regarding CDC's recommendation on wearing cloth masks in public. Their fact sheet on Governor Abbott's Stay at Home order was revised and sent out. There have been an estimated 120 businesses in the City of Marble Falls that have ceased operations.

The Highland Lakes Crisis Network is collecting and distributing food to individuals who cannot/should not get out. Requests can be made online at:
https://www.highlandlakescrisisnetwork.com/

Williamson County:
City of Georgetown: Georgetown Independent School District is serving meals Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Frost and Purl Elementary Schools, and Tippit Middle School. City parks are closed for Easter weekend.

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria Counties)

Calhoun County: County Judge signed an Emergency Order closing beaches, piers and parks.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)
Recovery guidance was provided to the Lampasas County EMC specific to PNP and PA assistance issues. STAR submissions updated with new quantity amounts and resubmitted for processing. Coordinating PPE shipments to local County EMC's for pick-up in Austin possibly later on Tuesday. PPE is specific to those counties with current positive cases. Received word Tuesday morning that PPE will be sent to the local armories around the state for distribution to counties with current positive cases on record. DC's will coordinate with the local armory to coordinate distribution of the items into the possession of the County EMC. At that point the items will be further distributed into local jurisdiction EMC possession. These are limited PPE items at this point – additional PPE is arriving each day but delayed in distribution currently. Working STAR Board issues with locals – having coordination issues with RAC/HPP – County request process being duplicated and or filled at various levels with no check-and-balance throughout process – having to work through each request and run down current status with multiple supporting groups

RAC/HPP/ County – and others. Killeen assisted San Saba County with First Responder temporary shelter.

Coryell County: Concerns with TDCJ Prison population being impacted with positive cases with City of Gatesville Units. Multiple test have been administered with some being positive, several quarantines and several pending results. Several Correction Officers have also been impacted and currently under assessment and observation. Due to the close proximity and contact – the prison population is significantly vulnerable to spread quickly. Coryell County Judge has issued Disaster Declaration Directive #2 specific to residents living in the County and non-residents transiting into and out of the county proper – restricting travel and routine visits to only allow essential business and support operations and infrastructure. Coryell Co. has instituted a Shelter-in-Place Order as of April 9.

San Saba County: The Lowes Grocery has been reopened at a new facility and is operational. Local church and area volunteers were able to offset food needs until the store was reopened.

On April 2, PPE delivered to outlying counties for first responders and healthcare providers.

Shelter-in-Place Orders/Stay-At-Home Orders:

Counties w/orders in place	**115**
Total Population Covered	**26,355,159**
Percent of Total Texas Population	**89.539%**

County Name	Issued	Effective	Population
Anderson	2-Apr	2-Apr	60,160
Andrews	4-Apr	4-Apr	17,417
Angelina	29-Mar	30-Mar	90,822
Aransas	27-Mar	27-Mar	27,567
Armstrong	7-Apr	7-Apr	1,862
Bastrop	30-Mar	1-Apr	90,036
Bee	27-Mar	27-Mar	33,487
Bell	23-Mar	23-Mar	366,853
Bexar	23-Mar	24-Mar	2,005,425
Blanco	6-Apr	6-Apr	11,668
Bowie	27-Mar	27-Mar	96,365
Brazoria	26-Mar	26-Mar	389,943
Brazos	23-Mar	24-Mar	237,067
Brewster	31-Mar	31-Mar	10,257
Briscoe	7-Apr	7-Apr	1,660
Brooks	27-Mar	29-Mar	7,271
Brown	26-Mar	27-Mar	40,153
Caldwell	30-Mar	31-Mar	44,378
Callahan	4-Apr	8-Apr	14,714
Cameron	26-Mar	25-Mar	438,850
Cass	1-Apr	2-Apr	31,271

Castro	24-Mar	24-Mar	7,967
Chambers	24-Mar	24-Mar	45,686
Clay	3-Apr	3-Apr	11,116
Collin	24-Mar	24-Mar	1,052,827
Comal	27-Mar	27-Mar	150,741
Coryell	8-Apr	8-Apr	82,738
Crosby	4-Apr	4-Apr	6,311
Culberson	25-Mar	25-Mar	2,337
Dallas	6-Apr	30-Apr	2,691,264
Deaf Smith	7-Apr	7-Apr	18,546
Denton	24-Mar	25-Mar	890,809
Duval	27-Mar	27-Mar	11,585
Ector	29-Mar	29-Mar	162,583
El Paso	24-Mar	24-Mar	873,710
Ellis	25-Mar	25-Mar	183,406
Erath	25-Mar	25-Mar	44,668
Fort Bend	24-Mar	25-Mar	817,514
Frio	30-Mar	30-Mar	19,879
Galveston	23-Mar	24-Mar	351,130
Gregg	25-Mar	25-Mar	127,868
Guadalupe	3-Apr	3-Apr	169,440
Hale	31-Mar	31-Mar	35,672
Hansford	2-Apr	2-Apr	5,627
Hardin	27-Mar	27-Mar	59,168
Harris	24-Mar	25-Mar	4,758,401
Harrison	31-Mar	31-Mar	68,950
Hays	25-Mar	26-Mar	233,480
Henderson	7-Apr	30-Apr	85,574
Hidalgo	25-Mar	26-Mar	892,240
Hockley	31-Mar	31-Mar	23,704
Hood	25-Mar	25-Mar	60,231
Hopkins	1-Apr	1-Apr	38,289
Hunt	23-Mar	24-Mar	97,332
Jasper	27-Mar	28-Mar	37,626
Jeff Davis	31-Mar	25-Apr	2,274
Jefferson	27-Mar	27-Mar	260,921
Jim Wells	27-Mar	28-Mar	41,562
Johnson	27-Mar	27-Mar	177,807
Kaufman	24-Mar	25-Mar	129,103
Kenedy	31-Mar	31-Mar	413
Kleberg	27-Mar	27-Mar	32,998
Lampasas	31-Mar	1-Apr	22,209

La Salle	3-Apr	3-Apr	7,682
Lee	1-Apr	1-Apr	18,062
Leon	30-Mar	30-Mar	18,037
Liberty	24-Mar	24-Mar	88,365
Limestone	2-Apr	2-Apr	24,016
Live Oak	1-Apr	2-Apr	12,862
Llano	30-Mar	30-Mar	23,824
Madison	30-Mar	30-Mar	14,989
Marion	30-Mar	1-May	10,574
Maverick	30-Mar	30-Mar	60,260
McLennan	24-Mar	24-Mar	261,206
Milam	24-Mar	25-Mar	26,308
Mitchell	3-Apr	3-Apr	8,570
Montgomery	27-Mar	28-Mar	617,800
Nacogdoches	29-Mar	30-Mar	67,771
Navarro	25-Mar	25-Mar	51,510
Newton	30-Mar	30-Mar	14,270
Nueces	25-Mar	26-Mar	372,935
Orange	27-Mar	28-Mar	85,436
Panola	31-Mar	1-Apr	24,184
Pecos	2-Apr	2-Apr	16,101
Polk	25-Mar	27-Mar	52,167
Potter	30-Mar	30-Mar	125,261
Presidio	31-Mar	31-Mar	7,729
Randall	1-Apr	1-Apr	138,742
Refugio	1-Apr	1-Apr	7,393
Robertson	25-Mar	25-Mar	18,215
Rockwall	24-Mar	24-Mar	104,235
Sabine	30-Mar	30-Mar	11,876
San Augustine	30-Mar	30-Mar	8,237
San Jacinto	25-Mar	25-Mar	28,859
San Patricio	27-Mar	30-Mar	66,730
Scurry	26-Mar	27-Mar	17,152
Smith	27-Mar	27-Mar	235,560
Starr	24-Mar	24-Mar	68,280
Stephens	23-Mar	23-Mar	9,769
Stonewall	27-Mar	29-Mar	1,483
Swisher	6-Mar	6-Mar	7,698
Tarrant	23-Mar	23-Mar	2,112,559
Taylor	31-Mar	30-Apr	139,604
Terry	2-Apr	2-Apr	12,943
Travis	24-Mar	25-Mar	1,292,042

Trinity	30-Mar	31-Mar	17,263
Tyler	28-Mar	28-Mar	23,139
Val Verde	23-Mar	24-Mar	49,025
Victoria	1-Apr	2-Apr	95,359
Webb	27-Mar	28-Mar	285,552
Wichita	29-Mar	30-Mar	133,469
Willacy	26-Mar	26-Mar	19,949
Williamson	24-Mar	24-Mar	571,532
Wood	1-Apr	1-Apr	47,020
Young	31-Mar	15-Apr	18,623

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
AgriLife	Specialists/Admin	22		Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Extension Agents	10		Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	Strike Teams	139		Activated	Statewide
DPS-HSCO	GIS Specialist	1	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS-THP	Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS-THP	Personnel	4	4	Assigned	Dallas County
DPS-THP	Personnel	8	8	Assigned	Harris County
DPS-THP	HSOC GIS Specialist	1	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS THP	Troopers			Assigned	Statewide
DPS CID	Special Agents			Assigned	Statewide
DPS COMMS	Command Trailer		1	Assigned	Austin
DPS THP	Troopers (SNS Security)			Assigned	Dallas
DSHS	MIST	3		Assigned	Denton State School
DSHS	AST	4	2	Assigned	Denton State School
DSHS	MIST	1		Assigned	DDC 4B Garland
DSHS	FM Trailer		1	Assigned	Piney Woods RAC
DSHS	FM Trailer		1	Assigned	NCTTRAC

DSHS	SCO	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DSHS	Epidemiologists	21		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Public Health Regions and Regional Health and Medical Operations Center	149		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS SMOC	SMOC Staff	77		Assigned	Telework
TAHC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	AROCC Operations	6		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	Logistics	1		Assigned	Virtual
TDA	SOC Liaision	1		Assigned	Remote
TDLR	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TEA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TEEX	HazMat Safety Officer	1		Assigned	Dallas
TEEX	SOC Liaisons	3		Assigned	Remote SOC - Austin
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	9		Assigned	El Paso
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Dallas
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	9		Assigned	De Valle
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	8		Assigned	Corpus
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	8		Assigned	Lubbock
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Tyler
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Houston
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	San Antonio
TEEX	CBTS Data Support	1		Activated	
TEEX	CBTS Data Support	1		Activated	
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TFS	ESB/ESF 4 Representative(s)	2		Assigned	SOC (Remote)
TFS	Type III IMT	4		Assigned	DDC 4B & Remote
TFS	Type III IMT	7		Assigned	City of Dallas (FMS)

TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 2 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 3 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 4A (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 5 & 6 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	2		Assigned	DDC 7 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 15 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 16D (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 17 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 20 (Remote)
TFS	Operational Support	1		Assigned	DSHS Region 1 (Remote)
TFS	Liaison Officer	1		Assigned	DDC 7/Eastland Co. (Remote)
TFS	Logistical Support	25		Assigned	San Antonio
TFS	Logistical Support	1		Assigned	TMD Armories
TMD	SOC Military Desk	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Food Unit	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Logs Vetters	10		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Garland
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Hurst
TMD	ETN Support	4		Assigned	Garland
TMD	GSU 08	4		Assigned	Kingsville
TMD	GSU 10-1	30		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	J6 Support	2		Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	4		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	4		Assigned	Houston
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	4		Assigned	Austin
TMD	JTF LNO (3 BDE CMD)	3		Assigned	Austin
TMD	General Support Unit	38		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	General Support Unit	38		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	General Support Unit	38		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	General Support Unit	38		Assigned	Austin
TMD	General Support Unit	38		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	General Support Unit	38		Assigned	Tyler

TMD	General Support Unit	38		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	General Support Unit	38		Assigned	Houston
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	0		Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	30		Assigned	Houston
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	34		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	2		Assigned	Pierce
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Engineering Assistance	8		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Abilene
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	McAllen
TMD	LNOFST	4		Assigned	Houston (Virtual)
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Conroe
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Bryan
TMD	Traffic Control ECPT	5		Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	EMCC Staff Aug	6		Assigned	Arlington
TMD	NTFB Food Distribution	282		Assigned	Plano
TMD	GSU Set Up FMS	0		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	ABS MRP	1		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TDEM Warehouse Support	4		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	PAX Making N95 Masks	65		Assigned	N Richland Hills
TMD	Military District Coordinator	2		Assigned	Del Rio
TMD	Warehouse CMD	5		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	ALT SOC Logs CMD	4		Assigned	Austin
TMD	El Paso Food Distribution	104		Activated	El Paso

TMD	South Texas Food Distribution	34		Activated	Laredo
TMD	LNOFST	2		Assigned	Pierce
TMD	GSU	30		Activated	Weslaco
TMD	East Texas Food Bank	30		Activated	Tyler
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	DDC 4B Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Garland
TPWD	Caldwell County EOC PIO	1	1	Assigned	Caldwell County

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)
Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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