



**Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report**

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Event Name	20-0003 COVID-19 2020
Date	May 1, 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	April 30 to May 1, 2020
Report Number	43

Regions Affected	
Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	ALL DDCs are activated

Current Situation:

Texas People Tested

Total	330,300
Public Labs	12,012
Private Labs	318,288

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

Texas COVID-19 Cases (1)

Total Statewide Cases	28,087
Texas Counties	209
Deaths	782

On April 30, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has issued new guidance to unemployment claimants concerning their eligibility for unemployment benefits should they choose not to return to work at this time due to COVID-19. Under this guidance, Texans can continue to receive unemployment benefits throughout the COVID-19 response if they choose not to return to work for certain reasons as specified by TWC.

"As the Lone Star State begins the process of safely and strategically opening the economy, our top priority is protecting the health and safety of all Texans—especially those who are most vulnerable to COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "This flexibility in the unemployment benefit process will help ensure that Texans with certain health and safety concerns will not be penalized for choosing not to return to work."

Each unemployment insurance claim is currently evaluated on an individual basis. However,

because of the COVID-19 emergency, the following are reasons benefits would be granted if the individual refused suitable work.

Reason for refusal:

- At High Risk: People 65 years or older are at a higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.
- Household member at high risk: People 65 years or older are at a higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19.
- Diagnosed with COVID: The individual has tested positive for COVID-19 by a source authorized by the State of Texas and is not recovered.
- Family member with COVID: Anybody in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 by a source authorized by the State of Texas and is not recovered and 14 days have not yet passed.
- Quarantined: Individual is currently in 14-day quarantine due to close contact exposure to COVID-19.
- Child care: Child's school or daycare closed and no alternatives are available.

Any other situation will be subject to a case by case review by TWC based on individual circumstances.

On April 27, Governor Abbott announced the first phase of the State of Texas' ongoing plan to safely and strategically open Texas while minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase I, certain services and activities are allowed to open with limited occupancy, and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is issuing minimum standard health protocols for all businesses and individuals to follow. The Governor also outlined special guidance for Texans over 65 and detailed a comprehensive mitigation plan for nursing homes in Texas. The Governor also announced a statewide testing and tracing program developed by DSHS that will help public health officials quickly identify and test Texans who contract COVID-19 and mitigate further spread of the virus.

The Governor's announcement is accompanied by *Texans Helping Texans: The Governor's Report to Open Texas*. This detailed report, available on the strike force website, helps Texans understand phase one by outlining the new protocols, guidance, and recommendations. The report also includes a series of Open Texas Checklists that outline DSHS' minimum standard health protocols for all Texans.

By way of Executive Order (GA-18), all retail stores, restaurants, movie theaters, and malls are permitted to reopen on Friday, May 1. These services must limit their capacity to 25% of their listed occupancy. Within shopping malls, the food-court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed.

All museums and libraries may open under the same 25% occupancy limitation, but interactive areas of museums must remain closed. State libraries and museums will open by May 1, and local public museums and libraries may reopen only if permitted by the local government. Single-person offices may reopen as well.

Churches and places of worship remain open. Outdoor sports are allowed to resume so long as no more than four participants are playing together at one time. Certain social distancing practices must also be followed. Local government operations, including county and municipal

government operations relating to permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, may reopen as determined by the local government.

DSHS has recommended minimum standard health protocols for all individuals, all employers and employees, as well as industry-specific protocols for retailers, retail customers, restaurants, restaurant patrons, movie theaters, movie theater customers, museums and libraries, museum and library visitors, outdoor sports participants, single-person offices, and low COVID-19 counties. These protocols are outlined in the Open Texas Checklists within the Governor's report beginning on page 20.

Essential services such as farmers and ranchers, grocery and drug stores, banks, and gas stations will continue to operate. Public swimming pools, bars, gyms, cosmetology salons, massage establishments, interactive amusement venues, such as bowling alleys and video arcades, and tattoo and piercing studios will remain closed through Phase I. Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities must remain closed to visitors unless to provide critical assistance.

The Governor also established increased occupancy protocols for certain counties with five or fewer laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19. Those counties may, on an individualized basis, increase occupancy limits to up to 50% for restaurants, retail, shopping malls, museums and libraries, and movie theaters if they meet certain criteria. The county judge must certify and affirm to DSHS that the following standards have been investigated and confirmed to be met:

1. The county had five or fewer COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases on April 30, 2020 or, at a later date, five or fewer active COVID-19 cases as verified by DSHS.
2. The county has created a list of testing opportunities in the county or the area.
3. The county has been in contact with its designated regional advisory council to ensure the community is prepared for any needed health care transfers.
4. The county has provided public notice to the residents of the county, including: Signs and symptoms of COVID-19; Recommended health and safety protocols in line with CDC guidance; Information regarding how residents can get tested in the area; A link to the DSHS website where residents can go to learn about community spread in nearby communities, in order to help county residents understand their risk to exposure if they travel regularly outside of the county.
5. The county has contacted each of the following types of facilities located in the county to ensure they are complying with Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines regarding COVID-19: Nursing homes; assisted living facilities; Industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant number of employees; and City or county jails.
6. The county is equipped and prepared to protect vulnerable populations, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
7. The county has documented procedures to be activated if a resident becomes COVID-19 positive, including procedures to take appropriate measures as necessary in line with the plan to open Texas.
8. The county has contacted DSHS in order to create a plan to ensure contact tracing will occur within 48 hours of a positive test reported to DSHS.

Phase I will begin Friday May 1 and continue until at least May 18. The Governor will continue to evaluate next steps for the state.

The Governor's Report to Open Texas also outlines a long-term comprehensive mitigation plan for nursing homes in Texas. Eight recommendations have been developed by HHSC to help mitigate the further spread of COVID-19 and decrease the risk of infection in these facilities. A summary of the recommendations is below, and full recommendations are in the Governor's report beginning on page 9:

1. Quantify the extent of infection immediately
2. Establish a comprehensive mitigation plan
3. Re-evaluate current COVID-19 positive facilities
4. Appropriate isolation and placement of COVID-19 patients
5. Implement enhanced access controls
6. Enhance control of staff access
7. Effective notifications
8. Continue containment efforts

Additionally, the Governor issued an Executive Order (GA-20) to eliminate the mandatory 14-day quarantine period for individuals traveling from Louisiana. Under GA-20, the mandated 14-day quarantine for travelers from the following areas remains in place: California; Connecticut; New York; New Jersey; Washington; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan, and Miami, Florida.

View the Governor's Executive Orders issued:

- GA-18: Relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.
- GA-19: Relating to hospital capacity during the COVID-19 disaster.
- GA-20: Relating to expanding travel without restrictions as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

Governor Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton issued updated joint guidance regarding the effect of Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-18 on religious services conducted by congregations and houses of worship. It recommends health protocols for houses of worship to guard the health and safety of their attendees while serving their respective communities of faith.

On April 24, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) have launched an online COVID-19 test collection map to help Texans locate test collection sites within their community.

View the COVID-19 test collection map. The test collection map is also accessible through the Texas.gov COVID-19 resource page.

On April 24, Governor Abbott and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) announced that Texas will provide HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to Texans experiencing housing challenges due to COVID-19. Individuals needing assistance

should visit [Help for Texans](#) to search for rental assistance providers in their area. Simply click Long Term Rent Payment Help, enter the city or county, and click on the Find Help button.

On April 23, Governor Abbott announced that Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will provide a series of free online trainings to help local officials understand, acquire, and administer federal assistance available to the state of Texas and municipalities through the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The first online training, [Federal Relief: An overview for local governments](#), is available now. [The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#) is a unique education agency that provides programs, tools, and resources on a local and statewide level that teach people improved agriculture and food production, advanced health practices, environmental protection, economic, and youth programs.

On April 23, Governor Abbott announced that Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will receive nearly \$54 million in federal funds to support older Texans and people with disabilities during the COVID-19 response. The funding will be used to support programs and services administered by the state's 28 Area Agencies on Aging such as home delivered meals, help with household chores, assistance with groceries, and respite care or other services for family caregivers.

On April 22, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain restrictions to allow Texas higher education institutions to transfer all unexpended student financial aid funds from the Texas College Work-Study (TCWS) program to other financial aid programs that do not have a work-study requirement to ensure students will continue receiving financial assistance. Those programs include the TEXAS Grant program, the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant program, and the Tuition Equalization Grant program.

On April 22, Governor Abbott waived certain testing requirements for Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) as part of the state's response to COVID-19. As a result of this waiver, new APRN graduates who have applied for APRN licensure with the Board of Nursing and have met all licensure requirements except national certification may begin practicing under direct physician supervision. This graduate approval does not include prescriptive authority.

On April 21, Governor Abbott provided an update on job openings in the Lone Star State and outlined resources for Texans seeking employment due to the economic effects of COVID-19.

On April 20, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas National Guard will be mobilizing more than 1,200 personnel as part of COVID-19 mobile testing teams (MTT). The 45 member teams will be mobilized in various parts of the state providing greater access to medical testing.

The teams will have 11 medical professionals and support staff, as well as 34 soldiers. Currently, the Texas National Guard has the capacity to test 150 people per day at each mobile testing team location.

The Texas Military Department was activated by Governor Abbott in March to assist communities across Texas in the COVID-19 response. Currently, over 3,086 Guardsmen are serving in various capacities in response to this activation.

“Essential services” shall consist of everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0 or any subsequent version, plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship.

Requests for additions should be directed to TDEM at EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov or by visiting www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices.

With reports of elevated scams and fraudulent activity preying on the public and consumers disguised as COVID-19 relief and assistance, local, state and federal response includes guidance, investigation, and prosecution. See links below:

- Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus>
- Federal Bureau of Investigation: <https://www.fbi.gov/coronavirus>
- Texas Attorney General: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov>
- US Attorney’s Office: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/report-covid-19-fraud>
- Federal Communications Commission: <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-scams>

On April 17, Governor Abbott held a press conference where he issued three new Executive Orders (EO-GA-15, EO-GA-16, and EO-GA-17) to begin the process of reopening the State of Texas while revising hospital capacity and certain social distancing guidelines.

On April 13, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a motion to intervene into a federal lawsuit seeking to stop the release of inmates from the Dallas County Jail, including killers, rapists, arsonists and armed robbers. The Texas Supreme Court stopped an unlawful decision by a state district court in Travis County which would have blocked Governor Abbott’s Executive Order GA 13 and allowed the release of inmates en masse.

On April 12, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation extending his Disaster Declaration for all Texas counties in response to COVID-19. Originally issued on March 13th, the Disaster Declaration provides the state a number of resources to effectively serve Texans as the Lone Star State continues to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

On April 11, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations related to restrictions on physicians-in-training (PIT) permit holders in order to increase health care capacity through the state’s response to COVID-19.

On April 10, Governor Abbott held a press conference where he provided an update on the state’s response to COVID-19. The Governor discussed numbers related to COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and fatalities in Texas counties.

In addition, the Governor announced a new online [Frontline Child Care Website](https://frontlinechildcare.texas.gov) to help essential workers in Texas locate child care and support child care centers who are caring for children during the outbreak. <https://frontlinechildcare.texas.gov>

On April 9, Governor Abbott temporarily waived a series of regulations to lift certain telehealth

restrictions and expand telehealth options as Texas responds to COVID-19.

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.

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.

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.

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. [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.

On April 7, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain regulatory requirements to increase the job capacities of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns.

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.

On April 6, Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution throughout the state of Texas.

Governor Abbott announced that Care.com is increasing in-home child care access for frontline workers responding to the COVID-19 emergency.

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. WIC participants can find detailed information on the [Texas WIC website.](#)

On April 5, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain regulations to expand the health care workforce to assist with Texas' COVID-19 response.

On April 3, Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on Texas hospital capacity. 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. 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.

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.

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.

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. [Texas Restaurant Association website](#).

On March 30, Governor Abbott 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.

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.

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 do not need 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 NHSN 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 28, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations allowing for an expedited licensing reactivation process for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) in Texas.

On March 28, Governor Abbott waived certain licensing renewal regulations for Texas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees.

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.

On March 27, Governor Abbott waived certain Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) regulations to preserve and extend child care capacity for front line workers.

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.

On March 25, Governor Abbott released a statement thanking President Trump for issuing a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4485) for the State of Texas.

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.

Governor Abbott has waived certain regulations from the Texas Board of Nursing regarding licensing renewal and subsequent fees for nurses in Texas.

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.

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).

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.

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.

March 20, The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) released an announcement that warns consumers about unauthorized fraudulent coronavirus tests. Reports may be sent via email to: FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov.

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.

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.

On March 18, Governor Abbott, announced that Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Driver License Offices across the state are closing immediately.

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.

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.

Governor Abbott has announced that Texas is waiving certain rules relating to parking placards for persons with disabilities.

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.

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 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 Governor also issued an Executive Order to better track both hospital bed capacity and COVID-19 test results across the state. 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, relating to telemedicine care for patients with state-regulated insurance plans.

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.

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.

DSHS is reporting active cases of COVID-19. [Texas COVID-19 Cases.](#)

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Anderson County	29	Johnson County	69
Andrews County	19	Jones County	37
Angelina County	53	Karnes County	3
Aransas County	2	Kaufman County	86

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Armstrong County	2	Kendall County	16
Atascosa County	19	Kerr County	5
Austin County	13	Kleberg County	8
Bandera County	6	Knox County	1
Bastrop County	73	La Salle County	1
Bee County	6	Lamar County	51
Bell County	189	Lamb County	3
Bexar County	1326	Lampasas County	3
Blanco County	6	Lavaca County	6
Bosque County	4	Lee County	2
Bowie County	70	Leon County	5
Brazoria County	485	Liberty County	42
Brazos County	193	Limestone County	12
Brooks County	1	Lipscomb County	2
Brown County	36	Live Oak County	5
Burleson County	12	Llano County	3
Burnet County	19	Lubbock County	516
Caldwell County	14	Lynn County	5
Calhoun County	30	Madison County	1
Callahan County	2	Marion County	13
Cameron County	401	Martin County	2
Camp County	6	Mason County	15
Carson County	2	Matagorda County	60
Cass County	13	Maverick County	16
Castro County	13	McCulloch County	3
Chambers County	41	McLennan County	88
Cherokee County	14	Medina County	20
Childress County	1	Midland County	76
Clay County	3	Milam County	16
Cochran County	1	Mitchell County	1
Collin County	710	Montague County	6
Colorado County	10	Montgomery County	582
Comal County	54	Moore County	327
Comanche County	3	Morris County	5
Concho County	1	Motley County	1
Cooke County	7	Nacogdoches County	157
Coryell County	155	Navarro County	30
Cottle County	2	Newton County	2
Crane County	2	Nolan County	1

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Crosby County	2	Nueces County	99
Dallam County	10	Ochiltree County	25
Dallas County	3352	Oldham County	3
Dawson County	24	Orange County	70
De Witt County	15	Palo Pinto County	7
Deaf Smith County	31	Panola County	107
Delta County	1	Parker County	30
Denton County	748	Parmer County	6
Dickens County	1	Pecos County	9
Dimmit County	1	Polk County	19
Donley County	24	Potter County	499
Duval County	2	Rains County	2
Eastland County	3	Randall County	213
Ector County	81	Red River County	1
El Paso County	887	Roberts County	2
Ellis County	148	Robertson County	3
Erath County	12	Rockwall County	75
Falls County	4	Runnels County	1
Fannin County	18	Rusk County	35
Fayette County	14	Sabine County	1
Floyd County	3	San Augustine County	16
Fort Bend County	1018	San Jacinto County	9
Franklin County	1	San Patricio County	12
Freestone County	3	Scurry County	2
Frio County	7	Shelby County	106
Gaines County	2	Sherman County	15
Galveston County	572	Smith County	142
Garza County	1	Starr County	9
Gillespie County	1	Stephens County	1
Glasscock County	1	Swisher County	9
Goliad County	7	Tarrant County	2149
Gonzales County	20	Taylor County	291
Gray County	47	Terry County	11
Grayson County	31	Titus County	16
Gregg County	73	Tom Green County	49
Grimes County	19	Travis County	1591
Guadalupe County	80	Trinity County	8
Hale County	25	Tyler County	6
Hamilton County	5	Upshur County	14

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Hansford County	6	Uvalde County	6
Hardin County	99	Val Verde County	12
Harris County	6161	Van Zandt County	14
Harrison County	102	Victoria County	132
Hartley County	4	Walker County	245
Hays County	165	Waller County	32
Hemphill County	1	Washington County	142
Henderson County	25	Webb County	358
Hidalgo County	324	Wharton County	37
Hill County	16	Wheeler County	7
Hockley County	20	Wichita County	65
Hood County	18	Wilbarger County	1
Hopkins County	4	Willacy County	13
Houston County	5	Williamson County	293
Howard County	4	Wilson County	32
Hunt County	44	Winkler County	3
Hutchinson County	14	Wise County	17
Jack County	4	Wood County	8
Jackson County	6	Yoakum County	1
Jasper County	16	Young County	4
Jefferson County	305	Zapata County	7
Jim Hogg County	3	Zavala County	1
Jim Wells 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)

From April 24 – May 13, Mobile Testing Teams (MTTs) will travel through the districts specified by DSHS/Public Health Region.

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

Tarrant County: Fort Worth Fire Department 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 Joint Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the City of Fort Worth at 817-714-9709. This number is answered from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

City of Hurst: The City Council has canceled summer programs and events, including aquatics season and Hurst Stars and Stripes.

Wise County: The COVID testing site is utilizing the parking lot of the Bridgeport hospital. Bridgeport tests by appointment only for now and the site will be run by Wise Health Systems. Open daily from 9:00 AM -5:00 PM.

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

Kaufman County: TMD Mobile Testing Teams will begin their circuits starting Thursday April 23 in Kaufman County.

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

Delta County: Drive-thru testing site has been changed from the First Baptist Church in Cooper to the Cooper Elementary School's west parking lot area. This change was made after discussion with the testing coordinator.

Titus County:

RETAIL & RESTAURANTS

- All retail stores and all restaurants providing curbside or delivery services must require all employees to wear masks at all times while working.
- All retail stores and all restaurants providing curbside or delivery services must require customers to wear masks before entering the store and while shopping in the store.
- All retail stores must require all customers to sanitize their hands with alcohol-based sanitizer before entering the store.
- Retail stores include: grocery stores, super markets, warehouse stores, bodegas, liquor stores, convenience stores.

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

211 is open to the public 24/7 to answer questions about COVID-19 symptoms, and related resources are online at <http://www.211.org/services/covid19>. There are two additional ways to connect: help seekers can text "211Help" to 484848, or visit www.211texas.org to web chat with a Community Resource Specialist. This is a local United Way initiative.

On April 29, 211 ET211 handled 390 calls. The top unmet needs were homeless shelters, water payment assistance, gas money, housing rehabilitation, and housing authorities. The top calls were for electric service payment assistance, undesignated temporary financial assistance, housing authorities, rent payment assistance, and homeless shelters.

EMTF-4 has returned to normal operations; 2 MIST teams are still assigned.

Elective procedures are starting to resume at multiple medical facilities.

Anderson County: A mobile testing site will be open on May 3 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Anderson County Annex in Palestine. The testing site is being done region wide and is appointment based.

A juvenile curfew in the City of Palestine is in effect seven days a week from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

Due to CDC recommendation, CHRISTUS System is asking all patients, visitors and employees to wear a mask while visiting their facilities. Homemade cloth masks are appropriate for visitors. Providers and health care workers will continue to use appropriate medical masks (PPE) when working.

Camp County:

City of Pittsburg: applied for a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for the COVID-19 incident and was approved by FEMA.

City of Pittsburg's Economic Development Corporation is conducting a locally funded 'COVID-19 Business Grant' project, authorized by the City of Pittsburg, which will provide up to \$4,500 per eligible business for approved expenses.

Gregg County:

City of White Oak: City Hall re-opened on April 27 at 7:30 AM, and the city with return to full staffing.

Van Zandt County: Canton First Monday Trade Days canceled the May event scheduled for April 30-May 4.

Henderson County:

City of Tatum: The nutrition center has suspended Thursday lunches for at least two weeks.

Smith County:

Jury duty continues to be suspended through June 1.

City of Tyler: The City of Tyler will extend modified facility operations until Monday, May 4. All events City-operated or in a City facility have been suspended through May 4.

DDC 22 – Sherman (Includes: Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

On April 29, 211 handled 157 calls. Top needs requested at 211 were: food pantries, rent payment assistance, electric service payment assistance, aging and disability resource centers, county clerk of the courts offices, COVID-19 control, food stamps/SNAP applications, gas service payment assistance, and in-home attendants for people with disabilities.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

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

Test site information is being confirmed for the testing being conducted by EMTF 4 & 6 and the Texas National Guard Teams. Sites for EMTF-4 and EMTF-6 have been selected.

Angelina County: Working through local partnerships to secure grants in order to provide Utility and Rent assistance as well as Emergency Food Boxes. Zoom bible studies weekly, plus Facebook and online option for services. Working with Meals on Wheels for referrals of more than 200 people on a waiting list, and utilizing a collaboration with Heart to Heart Hospice to deliver food boxes to seniors, who are shut ins. Pastoral care and food boxes given to all Corps families and youth.

Polk County: The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe is requesting assistance in obtaining a COVID-19 testing site and requesting tests for antibodies with results for the tribal citizens and employees.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)

The Southeast Texas Regional Emergency Operations Center has launched a website summarizing and consolidating all information related to COVID-19 activities in Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, and Tyler counties. <https://covid-19-jeffco.hub.arcgis.com/>

DDC 16 – Houston (Includes Chambers and Harris Counties)

South East Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) - Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC): With the spread of COVID-19 in our nation reaching a point where identification of COVID-19 patients in the greater Houston area has been reached, the CMOC has activated Level 1 and is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future, to support regional healthcare organizations in response to the COVID-19 incident, with the aim of maintaining the regional healthcare infrastructure.

Harris County: On April 28, the Houston Health Department will begin offering free COVID-19 testing through its mobile unit at strategic multi-service centers.

People do not need to have symptoms or appointments to be tested. The mobile unit has a daily capacity of 100 tests and is available as a drive-thru or walk-up option.

Mobile testing will occur Tuesdays-Fridays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, or until capacity is reached, as follows:

- April 28-May 2: Kashmere Multi-Service Center, 4802 Lockwood Dr, Houston, TX 77026
- May 5-9: Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 W Fuqua St, Houston, TX 77045
- May 12-16: Third Ward Multi-Service Center, 3611 Ennis St, Houston, TX 77004

People with questions about mobile testing can call the health department's COVID-19 call center at 832-393-4220.

United Memorial Medical Center on Monday opened a free COVID-19 drive-through testing site at Barnett Sports Complex in Southeast Houston.

The site does not require people to have symptoms or appointments to be tested. The site has capacity to test approximately 250 people daily and is open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, or until daily capacity is reached.

UMMC worked with the Houston Health Department to identify a strategic location for the new testing site and will do the same for future UMMC sites.

People with questions about UMMC testing sites can call 1-866-333-COVID or visit ummcscreening.com.

The Houston Health Department is partnering with four Federally Qualified Health Centers to expand their COVID-19 testing capacity by providing test kits, lab access and equipment.

FQHC patients pay what they can afford, based on income, and are not denied services due to inability to pay or lack of insurance.

The Houston Health Department continues operating two free drive-through COVID-19 community-based testing sites. The sites are open to anyone, regardless of symptoms.

People must call 832-393-4220 to receive an access code and instructions on where to go for testing. The two sites each have capacity for 500 tests per day and are open daily until capacity is reached.

Houstonians should visit HoustonEmergency.org/covid19 for the latest local information about COVID-19 and ways to protect their family and community.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo signed an Executive Order requiring the use of face coverings in public spaces for all persons over the age of 10. This order is effective Monday, April 27, 2020 at 12:01 AM and extends until May 26, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

Per the order, face coverings shall be worn except when:

- Exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside;

- Alone in a separate single space, whether indoors or outdoors;
- In the presence only of other members of one’s residence, whether inside or outside the residence;
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety or security risk; or
- When eating or drinking.

DDC 16 – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

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.

Galveston County: This week, the health district will offer free COVID-19 testing in Texas City Monday-Friday, in League City Monday-Wednesday, and in Galveston on Thursday and Friday.

DDC 16C – Conroe (Includes: Liberty, Montgomery and Walker Counties)

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

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

Austin County:

Testing Screening Site(s): 1

*Belleville Medical Center
44 North Cummings St
Belleville, TX 77418
979-413-7400*

LHA Dr. Bosse 267-620-1100
Chief Morris EMS

Colorado County:

Testing Screening Site(s): 3

1. *OakBend Sandhill
4911 Sandhill Drive
Sugar Land, Texas
281-238-7870*
2. *Smart Financial Center
18111 Lexington Blvd
Sugar Land, TX 77479*
3. *Fort Bend County Fairgrounds
4310 TX-36
Rosenberg, TX 77471*

Fort Bend County: A second testing site is now open in Sugar Land. Citizens must contact @FortBendHealth to get an ID code before going.

Matagorda County:

Testing Screening Site(s): 1
Matagorda Regional Medical Center
104 7th St,
Bay City, TX 77414

Wharton County:

Testing Screening Site(s): 1
Mid Coast Medical Clinic
305 Sandy Corner Rd.
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-5510

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

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata, Counties)

Webb County:

City of Laredo: Beginning at 12:01 AM on April 30, 2020, landlords shall be prohibited from evicting a residential tenant for non-payment of rent during throughout the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency.

The City of Laredo shall pay a maximum of fourteen days of emergency paid sick leave to any City employee who has tested positive, or who has a spouse or child that has tested positive, for COVID-19. This leave is available from April 1 through December 31, 2020.

The City of Laredo shall allocate \$1,500,000 through monies “COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds” acquired from the Utilities Department Water Availability Fund, Solid Waste Department, and/or Environmental Services Department, for purposes of covering the cost of a maximum of three months of residents utility fees for qualifying individuals who are unable to pay their bills due to a layoff that is a direct result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Zapata County: The following mandatory conditions must be met:

- Face coverings must be present at all times when launching boat or fishing from the banks
- A distance of six feet should be maintained at all times
- Groups should be limited to no more than five individuals

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

On May 1-3 Testing is scheduled in Kleberg County (Kingsville) and May 3 in Brooks County (Falfurrias).

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. <https://www.211texas.org/add-or-edit-your-2-1-1-listing/coastal-bend/>

Total Call Volume April 29: 70 calls with an average of 5.86 minutes

April 28: Top 5 call request for Coastal Bend region:

- Electric Service Payment Assistance
- Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance
- Rent Payment Assistance
- Food Pantries
- Food Stamps/SNAP Application

Coastal Bend Council of Governments: Assisting in distribution of information regarding the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program.

Live Oak County: The County will be going to the 25% rule from the Governors Open Texas Guide. The Live Oak County Health department is monitoring the situation through their local Health Clinics and the recent Military Supplied Testing. The local fire departments have stopped the program to decon the carts after the stores close.

Nueces County: [The COVID-19 drive thru testing was held on April 30, 131 out of the 136 that were scheduled showed up for the test.](#) . All city beaches in the City of Corpus Christi continue to be closed from 8:00 PM -8:00 AM.

Port of Corpus Christi: One vessel, M/V BBC Sapphire, has been placed under a USCG Captain of the Port order to remain at anchor offshore due to positive test for COVID-19 of a crewman. Crewman has been evacuated to Spohn Shoreline Hospital. Completed fulfillment of a second facemask request through CBRAC, 2000 additional masks received to support an upcoming multi-agency operation. Coordinated a delivery of a 35-gallon drum of hand sanitizer to the Ronald McDonald House continue to support hand sanitizer distribution and pick up of empty drums, 19 drums returned. Received two 275-gallon totes of sanitizer from Hye Rum, transportation of totes coordinated with HEB.

Distributed goggles to the Port Police and Maintenance ground crews along with two cases of disinfectant wipes, Tyvek coveralls, and four cases of disinfectant spray. Coordinated the fulfillment of facemask requests through CBRAC, for an upcoming multi agency mission. All business travel and non-essential events have been postponed indefinitely.

[The Port Authority has extended their "work at home" order for vital employees through May 18.](#) No in-person visitors, contractors, or vendors shall be allowed at the administration or annex buildings. The Port will also close the East and West fishing areas located off the Joe Fulton International Corridor.

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

Food Bank RGV: Due to the rise in demand, families will only be allowed to visit the food bank once every 30 days. Pickup is every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, or until capacity is

reached. Emergency pantry services for seniors 60 and older is on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Cameron County: Cameron County will terminate the county wide curfew order on May 1.

City of Harlingen residents wanted to test in the City of Brownsville, and city commissioners have reached an agreement with Harlingen officials for more testing. The agreement allows Brownsville to recoup costs from Harlingen residents. For insured patients, tests cost around \$58. An additional \$110 for uninsured patients.

As of 12:01 AM Saturday, Cameron County parks, beaches and boat ramps are open again, though with restrictions. Parking lots at pedestrian-only beach parks such as Isla Blanca or E.K. Atwood will be limited to 50 percent capacity, while drive-on beaches will require at least 20 feet between vehicles, Treviño said. Social distancing must be practiced and everyone at the beach must wear a mask or facial covering, though they are not required in the water, he said. Watercraft for fishing may have a maximum of two occupants, or four occupants if members of the same household, and everyone has to wear a mask or facial covering. Charter fishing boats 18 feet or smaller may contain a guide and one client. Boats 22-26 feet in length may contain a guide and two clients. All parks will close at 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM.

Cameron County will be implementing a special task force with local business leaders for plans to reopen Rio Grande Valley businesses.

The University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley School will open a fourth drive thru testing site in Harlingen on Tuesday, April 28. Testing will be by appointment only with a mandatory screening by phone.

Hidalgo County: Drive-thru coronavirus testing started in the City of Donna on Monday, April 27. The drive-thru testing center will be open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on weekdays and from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

The University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine has opened a coronavirus drive-thru testing site in Mercedes. Testing is free to the public who qualify after a mandatory screening over the phone.

The City of Elsa, in collaboration with other entities, has established a drive thru testing site in the Delta area. The City of Elsa and Emergency Diagnostic Solutions opened two new COVID-19 drive thru testing site on Monday, April 27.

Willacy County: Willacy County has issued an order allowing residents to shop at reopened retail businesses. The order also reopens the Raymondville Municipal Golf Course, mandating it operate following DSHS guidelines.

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

Maverick County: [Maverick and the City of Eagle Pass MTT Testing Site, May 9, 2020. Test Site may be moved from the EPISD Student Activity Center to the International Center for Trade, 3295 Bob Rogers Dr., Eagle Pass, TX](#)

STX Food Bank Distribution was a success we had final numbers of 1,000 families, 2,114 adults 1,122 children served totaling 3,236 individuals served.

With the distribution, they had several volunteers, agencies, leadership who assisted, i.e. Evenings Lions Club, County Census Coalition, TxDOT, TX National Guard, among others.

Thursday's April 30, arrival of COVID test kits (100) confirmed and sent to the health care facility to prep for in-house mobile testing. Testing to begin Friday May 1.

Uvalde County: PPE resupply is underway for Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

Val Verde County: Val Verde and the City of Del Rio have begun advertising for an additional MTT Testing Site for May 10. Test Site will be at the Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX

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:

The City of El Paso amended their ordinance which states anyone outside of home must wear a mask. They also opened walking and jogging paths, but not parks or playgrounds.

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

Midland County: Serving 3 daily meals, while abiding by the recommended CDC guidance on social distancing and sanitation.

Andrews County: Andrews testing site opens May 1 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 105 Commerce Drive in the fire station.

Ector County: Odessa testing site opens May 2 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 4201 Andrews Hwy at the Coliseum, Barn C.

Howard County: Big Spring testing site opens May 3 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 1701 E FM 700 in the Trinity Baptist Church.

Midland County: Greenwood testing site opens May 3 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 3701 FM 1379 in the fire station.

Winkler County: Wink testing site opens April 29 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 303 E Hendricks in the fire station.

DDC 9B – Fort Stockton (Includes: Crane, Loving, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton and Ward Counties)

Crane County: Crane test site opens on Tuesday April 28 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the

Exposition building 900 W 6th Street.

Loving County: Mentone testing site at 200 Bell Street (Annex Building) opens Tuesday April 28 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Upton County: McCamey testing site opens Thursday April 30 at 108 W Fifth Street (Annex building) from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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

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

Gowns and thermometers remain the greatest need districtwide.

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)

Brown County: Currently the Senior Citizens Center in the City of Brownwood is open serving 130 meals per day in a drive through facility and is delivering an additional 180 meals per day to homebound clients.

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

DDC 11 – Waco (Includes: Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan Counties)

Bosque County: On May 1, TMD MTT scheduled for Bosque County in the City of Meridian from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Meridian Civic Center, 309 West River Street, Meridian, TX 76645

Limestone County: On April 30, TMD MTT operation completed in Limestone County / City of Groesbeck from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM in Groesbeck at Fire Station #1, 209 Whitt Street, Groesbeck

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

Burnet County: A request was submitted to the State for a second Texas Military Forces testing site in Marble Falls.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Other testing sites in the district have been selected in Milam, Coryell, Lampasas, and Hamilton counties.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas A&M University System (TDEM): The State of Texas State Operations Center remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as severe weather messages, preparing Snapshots and the state SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners and various members of the public health community to assist with unmet needs and resources.

Visit the TDEM and DSHS Testing Site Maps to find a facility near you.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is leading an education effort to help with understand the CARES Act. AgriLife Extension will serve as an information conduit to ensure everyone who is eligible understands how to apply for federal relief funding. This educational initiative will focus on the following areas of relief: Treasury, Small Business, Homeland Security, Justice/Police, HUD, HHS, Health, Labor/Arts, Education, Agriculture, Food Programs, and Rural Development. The first training is available at AgriLife Learn (<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=TAEX-001>).

Disaster Strike Team members are making multiple PPE deliveries from RAC's and armories to fulfill STAR's and for Mobile Specimen Collection Sites. Eight DAR agents and Strike Team members delivered by Pony Express 800 specimen collection kits to re-supply MTT sites in Katy, Austin and San Antonio. Four DAR agents received specimens at armories from collection sites after closing and are transporting them to airports to be flown to UTMB for analysis. 200 specimen collection kits were flown by CAP to Dallas and were delivered by AgriLife Pony Express to Brentwood Long Term Care Facility. Pony Express also delivered 25 Antigen kits from the STRAC to Pineywoods RAC for TMD.

Article about COVID19 relief for Ag Producers <https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/04/21/covid-19-relief-for-farmers-ranchers/>. In the article, a briefing paper is referenced that has been developed by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University. AgriLife activated one Regional Program Leader to assist TDEM DDC 6.

Eight Strike teams (90 total personnel) are delivering PPE and medical supplies from HPP RAC sites to assist with medical supply distribution.

Ten DAR personnel and Strike Team members delivered specimen collection kits and antigen kits to re-supply mobile testing sites on April 29.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): TEEX continues to support COVID-19 response across Texas.

Incident Support Team (IST) at San Antonio Armory has been issuing initial PPE packages to the deploying Mobile Testing Team (MTT). SOC staff is working on plans to support the MTT operations.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 39 personnel committed to COVID-19 Response and is providing planning support, logistical support, and other functional areas as

needed throughout the state. TFS resources are assisting the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of State Health Services, and local jurisdictions. Assistance activities include Incident Action Plan development, Situation Reports, STAR Processing, Personal Protective Equipment hauling, logistical support for shipping and receiving materials, incident management support, and training.

Disaster Task Force (DTF): DTF remote activity includes: donation processing (nine new donation inquiries through Texas.gov as of April 29), medical volunteer coordination, and volunteer hour tracking (documented 61 volunteer hours).

Public Utilities Commission (PUC): PUC has created a link specific for COVID-19 on our public webpage. <http://www.puc.texas.gov/covid-19/>

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has created a link specific for COVID-19 on our public webpage. <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/covid-19/tceq-preparedness-responsibilities-covid-19>

Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS):

Regional Activities:

All eight HPP Providers have activated Regional Operations Centers and are distributing PPE to healthcare entities in the region.

SMOC will receive six Battelle decontamination systems from FEMA that will be able to clean 80,000 N95 masks a day. [Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Austin received Battelle systems for the mass decontamination of N95 masks.](#)

[A vulnerable population facility task force \(VPFTS\) was created to focus on providing state support to vulnerable population outbreaks. Local public health and medical entities can send questions or request support to help contain facility outbreaks by emailing \[vpfts@dshs.texas.gov\]\(mailto:vpfts@dshs.texas.gov\).](#)

DSHS Call Center Activities:

[The Call Center received 13,584 calls and 8,973 emails to date. Over the past 24 hours, the Call Center received a total of 93 calls and 181 emails.](#) The Call Center is operational 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM every day of the week.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):

TDLR's Industrialized Housing and Buildings (IHB) Program has developed procedures for "Remote Video Inspections" (RVI) that may be used in lieu of the regular procedures for the in-plant inspections required by the rules governing the IHB Program.

TDLR is extending their agency's current work from home initiative through May 31, 2020. As that date approaches, they will evaluate the current guidance from public health officials and state leaders to determine whether an additional extension is warranted.

TDLR reminds licensees, particularly those in the medical and health professions that they must continue to observe sanitary requirements. Anyone seeking guidance about whether to continue providing services should contact their local health departments or county judges, who are authorized to make that decision.

TDLR reminds all cosmetology salons (including nail salons, estheticians, and mini-salons), barbershops, laser hair removal establishments, and massage establishments that, in accordance with Executive Order GA-18 issued on April 27, they shall continue to remain closed.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):

DPS Aviation responded to multiple requests for the statewide movement of supplies, test kits and collected samples. They flew to 6 airports to complete the transport mission of 750+ samples to Galveston. THP Region II personnel assisted with ground transportation of the collected samples from Scholes Airport to the UTMB lab for processing. THP personnel from Amarillo assisted TDEM with the Viral Transport Medium (VTM) standby request at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center-Amarillo.

Texas Education Agency (TEA):

To view TEA support and guidance for school districts regarding COVID-19 please visit <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): Texas HHSC temporarily suspended non-essential visits to State Hospitals and State Supported Living Centers.

Texas Military Department (TMD): Governor Abbott activated the Texas National Guard on Tuesday, March 17 to help with the state's response to coronavirus. TMD currently has 3,069 personnel in support of the COVID-19 Response. Two TMD General Support Units are operating in support of testing sites in Kingsville and Houston. Eight TMD GSUs are staging in Dallas, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Lubbock, Austin, Houston, El Paso, Weslaco and Tyler to implement the TDEM distribution plan to the RACs. TMD MDCs are supporting DDCs in 2, 04A, 04B, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16A, 16C, 16D, 18B, 19, DDC 20 and 21 and DDC 24. TMD is supporting the manufacture of n95 masks. TMD is assisting TDEM with warehouse distribution of PPE. TMD is supporting the North Texas Food Bank, the South Texas Food Bank, the East Texas Food bank, the Rio Grande Valley Food Bank, Harris County Food Bank, Tarrant County Food Bank, and the El Paso Food Bank with distribution. TMD is supporting the State Operations Center. TMD Engineering Facility Assessment teams are actively evaluating alternate care medical facilities for COVID 19 patient overflow potential. The TMD Engineering team is working with the Army Corp of Engineers. TMD is supporting Community Based Testing site operations in Garza, Duval, Jim Hogg, Parker, Wilbarger, Franklin, Titus, San Jacinto, Orange, Caldwell, Llano, Zavala, Bandera, Loving and Crane County. TMD has assisted with screening more than 7000 people. TMD is supporting TDEM Critical Information Systems with data compilation and STAR repositioning. TDEM is supporting the Department of State Health Services by tracking PPE distribution to health care facilities.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and making agency adjustments based on the DSHS and CDC guidelines to ensure the health and safety of employees, volunteers, and the public visiting TPWD facilities. Texas Game Wardens are currently assisting with "Pony Express" Rural COVID-19 Testing sites by providing ground transportation.

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC): TWC has 88.11% of its staff in Texas teleworking.

- Affected COVID-19 TWC Offices:
- 48 offices across the state have been closed for deep cleaning due to potential exposure to COVID-19 due to public access, staff exposure or staff relative exposure.
- Unemployment Insurance:
 - Call centers are open 7 days a week 7:00 AM-7:00 PM.
 - TWC has taken 111 weeks or 26 months of claims in 26 days.
 - Claims by county and by industry have been added to the UI by number website <https://twc.texas.gov/files/jobseekers/unemployment-claims-by-week-large.png>
 - Expanded the number of people doing pin and password resets with most of external relations working on them.
 - A press release will be coming out with detailed instructions for self-employed/contract and gig workers.
 - Three media updates a week M, W, F at 2:00 PM.
 - Facebook lives are being held with a Tele-Center coordinator to answer questions.
 - TWC is promoting the reallocating funding from last week's commission meetings.
 - TWC has the 8th call center coming on line this week.
 - TWC has expanded call center hours: 7:00 AM -7:00 PM and 7 days a week.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife	Specialists/Admin	22		Activated	College Station
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
AgriLife	DAR Extension Agents	10	10	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	Strike Teams	100		Activated	Statewide
Agrilife	Incident Support Teams	16	16	Assigned	Regional Advisory Council Areas
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	15	15	Assigned	Border
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	10	10	Assigned	Panhandle
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	Coastal Bend
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	CATRAC
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	NCTTRAC
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	SETRAC
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	STRAC
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	Pineywoods

DPS-THP	Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS-THP	Personnel	4	4	Assigned	Dallas County
DPS-THP	HSOC GIS Specialist	1	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS THP	Troopers			Assigned	Statewide
DPS COMMS	Command Trailer		1	Assigned	Austin
DPS THP	Aviation			Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Ambulances	2	1	Assigned	Denton State School
DSHS	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	1		Assigned	DDC 4B Garland
DSHS	State Coordinating Officer (SCO)	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DSHS	Fatality Management Trailer (FMT) (HPP)		3	Assigned	PHR 2/3, 4/5N, 7
DSHS	AST	2	1	Assigned	San Antonio Riverview
DSHS	Rapid Assessment / QRF	2		Assigned	Dallas Brentwood
DSHS	MIST	1		Assigned	San Antonio Mobile Collection Team Call Center
DSHS	MIST	2		Assigned	EMTF 1
DSHS	MIST	5		Assigned	EMTF 2
DSHS	MIST	2		Assigned	EMTF4
DSHS	MIST	8		Assigned	EMTF8
DSHS	MIST	2		Assigned	EMTF11
DSHS	Epidemiologists	41		Assigned	PHRs Statewide
DSHS SMOC	SMOC Staff	77		Assigned	Telework
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC (Remote)
TAHC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	AROCC Operations	6		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	Logistics	1		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	Transportation Assistance	1	1	Available	Laredo
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TDLR	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TEA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote

TEEX, TAMUS	SOC Liaisons	4		Assigned	Remote SOC - Austin
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	9		Assigned	El Paso
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Dallas
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	9		Assigned	De Valle
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	8		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	8		Assigned	Lubbock
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Tyler
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Houston
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	San Antonio
TEEX, TAMUS	CBTS Data Support	1		Assigned	
TEEX, TAMUS	CBTS Data Support	1		Assigned	
TEEX, TAMUS	CBTS Data Support	1		Assigned	
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TEEX, TAMUS	CBTS Data Support	1		Assigned	
TEEX, TAMUS	CBTS Data Support	1		Assigned	
TFS	ESB/ESF 4 Representative	1		Assigned	SOC
TFS	EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
TFS	All Hazards planning Module (on-site)	3		Assigned	DDC 4B
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 3 (remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 4A (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 5 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 6 (Remote)

TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 7 (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	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DSHS Region 1 (On-site)
TFS	Logistical Support	21		Assigned	San Antonio
TFS	Operational Support	1		Assigned	DSHS Region 1
TFS	Liaison Officer	1		Assigned	DDC 7/Eastland Co. (Remote)
TTI	Traffic Counters	7		Assigned	TX/LA Border
TMD	SOC Military Desk	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Food Unit	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Logs Veters	14		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	30		Assigned	Kingsville
TMD	GSU 10-1	30		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	J6 Support	7		Assigned	Austin
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	17		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	12		Assigned	Houston
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	19		Assigned	Austin
TMD	JTF LNO (3 BDE CMD)	3		Assigned	Austin, Houston, Fort Worth
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	General Support Unit	34		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	General Support Unit	34		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	Austin
TMD	General Support Unit	30		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	General Support Unit	31		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	General Support Unit	28		Assigned	Houston
TMD	GSU & HQ	10		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	0		Released	Huntsville
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	30		Assigned	Houston
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	34		Assigned	Austin

TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Pierce
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Engineering Assistance	1		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	LNO FST	4		Assigned	Houston (Virtual)
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Conroe
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Bryan
TMD	Traffic Control ECPT	0		Released	Huntsville
TMD	EMCC Staff Aug	6		Assigned	Arlington
TMD	NTFB Food Distribution	280		Assigned	Plano
TMD	GSU Set Up FMS	0		Released	Dallas
TMD	ABS MRP	37		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TDEM Warehouse Support	2		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	PAX Making N95 Masks	94		Assigned	N Richland Hills
TMD	Military District Coordinator	2		Assigned	Del Rio
TMD	SOC Theater Support	16		Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC Theater Support	7		Assigned	San Antonio TDEM
TMD	SOC Theater Support	48		Assigned	DFW
TMD	SOC Theater Support	33		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	SOC Theater Support	0		Released	Houston
TMD	El Paso Food Distribution	103		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	South Texas Food Distribution	49		Assigned	Laredo

TMD	LNOFST	4		Assigned	Pierce
TMD	GSU	30		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	East Texas Food Bank	31		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	Medical Support Team	4		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TMD	TMD Medical Support	17		Assigned	Camp Swift
TMD	CBTS Test	20		Assigned	Butler Stadium - Houston
TMD	CBTS Test	19		Assigned	Delmar - Houston
TMD	TDEM Commodities	61		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	CBRAC Logs	8		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RGV Food Bank	30		Assigned	Pharr
TMD	DSHS TMD Support	2		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Harris County Food Bank	297		Assigned	Harris County
TMD	Tarrant County Food Bank	60		Assigned	Tarrant County
TMD	TMD Medical Testing MRP	1,231		Assigned	Various
TMD	TMD Building Rack Shelves	31		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TMD Logs SMOC	1		Assigned	Austin ALT SOC
TMD	Walgreens Test Site	6		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Food Bank San Antonio	33		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	TMD Inspection Team	0		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Lufkin
TMD	Traffic Control Point	5		Activated	Palmview
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
TPWD	Texas Game Wardens	20	20	Assigned	Statewide

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)

Feeding Texas: Feeding Texas is a statewide network of food banks leading a unified effort to end hunger in Texas. Together with their 21-member food banks, they reach over 3 million Texans annually with food and resources and engage the state in the fight against hunger.

More than 9,500 volunteers have provided over 33,009 volunteer man hours.

Mission Information and Details

Distribution numbers from 14 food banks around the state is listed below. The remaining food banks data will be added as it is reported.

Food Bank	Prepared Meals	Pounds of Water Distributed	Pounds of Food Distributed	Non-food Items Distributed
Brazos Valley Food Bank (Bryan)			461,035	1,500
Central Texas Food Bank (Austin)		25,735	1,223,766	
Coastal Bend Food Bank (Corpus Christi)		7,056	804,203	
Concho Valley Regional Food Bank (San Angelo)			188,373	
East Texas Food Bank (Tyler)			724,407	
Food Bank of West Central Texas (Abilene)	2,897		182,780	
Galveston County Food Bank (Texas City)			18,850	
High Plains Food Bank (Amarillo)	17,178		7,064	
Houston Food Bank (Houston)		174,406	2,267,632	6,618
North Texas Food Bank (Dallas)		41,999	4,964,923	83,130
South Texas Food Bank (Laredo)	15,222	34,594	2,553,364	
Southeast Texas Food Bank (Beaumont)			243,123	
Tarrant Area Food Bank (Ft. Worth)		58,867	2,072,329	
West Texas Food Bank (Odessa)		40,134	699,163	1,264
Wichita Falls Area Food Bank (Wichita Falls)	472	6,530	137,385	
TOTAL REPORTED	35,769	389,321	16,548,397	92,512

The Salvation Army (TSA): TSA is currently monitoring statewide operations at each Salvation Army local Corps and Shelter, providing guidance through Divisional Social Services for shelter operations. Most locations have increased shelter capacity and have gone to 24/7 operations due to the community need. Current feeding operations are local with grab and go type services, food box/pantry distribution. No statewide feeding plan is operational at this time. The

Salvation Army has entered into an agreement with TDEM and The National Guard providing logistics to distribute PPE to various regions. The Salvation Army Emotional & Spiritual Care hotline, has been up and running for 1 month. Anyone needing someone to talk to can call 1-844-458-HOPE (4673). Hours of operation are 9:00 AM EST to 1:00 AM EST.

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)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: <https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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