



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	20-0003 COVID-19 2020
Date	July 7, 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	July 6 to July 7, 2020
Report Number	110

Regions Affected	
Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	DDC's 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24 & Capitol

Current Situation: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is currently reporting a total of [200,557](#) cases of COVID-19 in the State of Texas which includes an estimated [94,120](#) active cases, [103,782](#) individuals have recovered from the virus and [2,655](#) confirmed COVID-19 related fatalities.

Across Texas, a total of [2,431,861](#) COVID-19 tests have been completed, which accounts for [2,163,729](#) viral tests and [207,980](#) antibody tests conducted.

Visit the [TDEM](#) and [DSHS](#) Testing Site Maps to find a testing site near you.

View the Governor's Executive Orders issued:

<https://lrl.texas.gov/legeLeaders/governors/displayDocs.cfm?govdoctypeID=5&governorID=45>

Websites to help Texans during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

The Governor's Report to Open Texas.

<https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Report.pdf>

Texas Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Page. <https://www.texas.gov/covid19/>

The Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas and a list of guidelines, openings, and relevant dates. <https://open.texas.gov/>

Texas Health and Human Services Family Violence Program.

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/safety/family-violence-program>

Texas Health and Human Services Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-information-texans/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt-due-covid-19>

Texas Health and Human Services Mental Health and Substance Use Resources.
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use/mental-health-substance-use-resources>

One Star Foundation, Texas COVID Relief Fund. <http://onestarfoundation.org/txcovidfund/>

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Help for Texans.
<https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texans.htm>

Essential Services. <https://tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices/>

Help essential workers in Texas locate child care and support child care centers.
<https://frontlinechildcare.texas.gov/>

Special WIC Food Updates. <https://texaswic.org/about-wic/special-wic-food-updates>

Comfort Food Care Packages (CFCP). <https://www.txrestaurant.org/news/comfort-food-care-packages-feed-youth-and-families-need-and-stay-open>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. <https://www.cms.gov/>

Texas Health and Human Services. <https://hhs.texas.gov/>

On July 2, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases, with few exceptions. The Governor also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of over 10 people, and making it mandatory that, with certain exceptions, people cannot be in groups larger than ten and must maintain six feet of social distancing from others.

On July 2, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$182 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of July.

On July 2, Governor Abbott and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced that \$2.67 billion in federal funding has been approved to support Texas hospitals that provide care for people receiving Medicaid.

On June 30, Governor Abbott and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced \$9 million in federal funding for nursing facilities to implement infection control.

On June 30, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending elective surgeries at hospitals in Cameron, Hidalgo, Nueces, and Webb counties to help ensure hospital bed availability for COVID-19 patients in these communities. This proclamation amends the Governor's previous

Executive Order to include these four counties in addition to Bexar, Dallas, Harris, and Travis counties.

On June 29, Governor Greg Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) extended the application deadline for the federal Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer program (P-EBT) to July 31. It is a one-time benefit of \$285 per eligible child for those who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to school closures.

On June 26, Governor Abbott issued an executive order limiting certain businesses and services as part of the state's effort to contain the spread of COVID-19. This decision comes as the number of people testing positive for COVID-19, the number of hospitalizations have increased, and the positivity rate in Texas increased above 10%.

On June 26, Governor Abbott announced that the federal government has granted his request to extend operations of Community Based Testing Sites across Texas.

On June 25, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission enacted new emergency rules related to health and safety standards for child day care operations. These emergency rules include many of the guidelines from the Open Texas Child Care Checklist.

On June 25, Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas will pause any further phases to open Texas as the state responds to the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

On June 25, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order to ensure hospital bed availability for COVID-19 patients as Texas faces an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. The Governor's order suspends elective surgeries at hospitals in Bexar, Dallas, Harris, and Travis counties.

On June 24, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), in partnership with the Texas Military Department (TMD), will begin distributing 3-ply surgical masks to every Texan who undergoes COVID-19 testing at state-run mobile test collection sites.

On June 23, As COVID-19 cases rise in Texas, Governor Abbott has expanded the ability of mayors and county judges to impose restrictions on outdoor gatherings of over 100 people.

On June 22, Governor Abbot provided an update on Texas' continued response to COVID-19.

On June 16, Governor Abbott and Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the University of Texas (UT) System John Zerwas, MD, provided an update on Texas' hospital capacity. The Governor noted that despite an uptick in positive cases, there continues to be abundant hospital capacity.

On June 11, Governor Abbott extended the Disaster Declaration for all counties in the State of Texas amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 9, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is distributing additional cases of the antiviral drug Remdesivir to 85 hospitals across 34

counties in Texas.

On June 8, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) is coordinating with local officials, public health officials, and emergency management offices in cities across the state to identify and rapidly expand COVID-19 testing in underserved and minority communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the virus.

On June 4, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$177 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of June in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 3, Governor Abbott announced the third phase of the State of Texas' plan to safely open the economy while containing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase III, effective immediately, all businesses in Texas will be able to operate at up to 50% capacity, with very limited exceptions.

On May 27, Governor Abbott and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced \$3.6 million in funding for nursing facilities to purchase tablets, webcams, and headphones to connect residents with their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 21, Governor Greg Abbott directed HHSC to expand COVID-19 testing to all patients, residents, and staff at the 23 state-operated inpatient psychiatric hospitals and living centers throughout Texas.

On May 15, Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announced that local fire departments in Texas are partnering with local public health authorities to provide testing in nursing homes throughout the state.

On May 14, Governor Abbott announced HHSC has received more than \$3 million in federal funding to provide shelter and services to survivors of family and domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Governor Abbott also announced that the Texas National Guard has activated Facilities Disinfection Teams to support Texans in nursing homes and to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

On May 13, Governor Abbott waived license renewal late fees that accrued between March 13 and June 15, 2020 for occupational licenses issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

On May 12, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide more than \$1 billion in food benefits through the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program to families with children who have temporarily lost access to free or discounted school meals due to COVID-19-related school closures.

Families with children aged 5 to 18 who received SNAP food benefits for the month of March, when school campuses first closed, will automatically receive P-EBT on their current Lone Star Card by May 22.

On May 11, Governor Abbott directed HHSC, TDEM, and DSHS to test 100% of residents and staff in Texas nursing homes.

On May 8, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) assistance funding to provide financial support to Texas' network of food banks.

On May 6, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has received \$5.8 million in federal funding to provide crisis counseling services to Texans who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

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.

On April 24, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM and DSHS have launched an online COVID-19 test collection map to help Texans locate test collection sites within their community.

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.

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.

On April 23, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC will receive nearly \$54 million in federal funds to support older Texans and people with disabilities during the COVID-19 response.

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.

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).

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 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.

On April 9, Governor Abbott announced that 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.

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 SNAP food benefits to help Texans during the COVID-19 response.

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.

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. Texas has increased by over 140% since March 18.

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.

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 HHSC on March 26, 2020.

On March 28, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations allowing for an expedited licensing reactivation process for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) in Texas. The Governor also 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 25, Governor Abbott released a statement thanking President Trump for issuing a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4485) for the State of 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.

Chief Nim Kidd has been designated 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.

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.

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

Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections.

Governor Abbott and TEA announced a collaboration with Local Education Agencies (LEA) on the Texas Students Meal Finder Map which will allow Texas parents to locate LEA facilities serving meals in their communities.

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.

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

Texas COVID-19 Cases, [July 6, 2020](#).

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Anderson	1,082	Garza	12	Moore	897
Andrews	103	Gillespie	45	Morris	43
Angelina	541	Glasscock	5	Motley	1
Aransas	43	Goliad	14	Nacogdoches	444
Archer	8	Gonzales	307	Navarro	283
Armstrong	3	Gray	121	Newton	12
Atascosa	135	Grayson	633	Nolan	46
Austin	92	Gregg	417	Nueces	3,796
Bailey	102	Grimes	558	Ochiltree	53
Bandera	27	Guadalupe	858	Oldham	4
Bastrop	522	Hale	500	Orange	303
Baylor	1	Hall	2	Palo Pinto	38
Bee	85	Hamilton	22	Panola	215
Bell	1,523	Hansford	31	Parker	344
Bexar	14,751	Hardeman	5	Parmer	215
Blanco	31	Hardin	260	Pecos	131
Bosque	18	Harris	36,597	Polk	170
Bowie	461	Harrison	363	Potter	2,937
Brazoria	2,829	Hartley	36	Presidio	19
Brazos	2,484	Haskell	5	Rains	14
Brewster	143	Hays	3,088	Randall	918
Briscoe	7	Hemphill	15	Reagan	14
Brooks	10	Henderson	168	Real	4
Brown	99	Hidalgo	5,345	Red River	117
Burleson	93	Hill	82	Reeves	48
Burnet	181	Hockley	68	Refugio	31
Caldwell	449	Hood	120	Roberts	4
Calhoun	97	Hopkins	70	Robertson	61
Callahan	19	Houston	171	Rockwall	395
Cameron	2,779	Howard	43	Runnels	17
Camp	123	Hudspeth	16	Rusk	283
Carson	7	Hunt	533	Sabine	27

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Cass	49	Hutchinson	70	San Augustine	114
Castro	99	Irion	2	San Jacinto	63
Chambers	352	Jack	12	San Patricio	187
Cherokee	212	Jackson	53	San Saba	5
Childress	7	Jasper	61	Schleicher	21
Clay	9	Jeff Davis	4	Scurry	59
Cochran	1	Jefferson	2,727	Shackelford	4
Coke	5	Jim Hogg	22	Shelby	287
Coleman	3	Jim Wells	208	Sherman	30
Collin	3,521	Johnson	553	Smith	771
Collingsworth	6	Jones	610	Somervell	11
Colorado	108	Karnes	53	Starr	804
Comal	690	Kaufman	758	Stephens	8
Comanche	21	Kendall	89	Sterling	1
Concho	11	Kenedy	1	Sutton	11
Cooke	61	Kerr	110	Swisher	38
Coryell	336	Kimble	6	Tarrant	14,008
Cottle	4	Kinney	2	Taylor	526
Crane	60	Kleberg	87	Terrell	2
Crockett	13	Knox	3	Terry	36
Crosby	26	La Salle	21	Throckmorton	1
Culberson	3	Lamar	332	Titus	742
Dallam	91	Lamb	50	Tom Green	510
Dallas	25,840	Lampasas	20	Travis	11,679
Dawson	70	Lavaca	184	Trinity	48
DeWitt	96	Lee	85	Tyler	27
Deaf Smith	355	Leon	43	Upshur	71
Delta	7	Liberty	410	Upton	6
Denton	3,338	Limestone	62	Uvalde	161
Dickens	2	Lipscomb	11	Val Verde	285
Dimmit	13	Live Oak	42	Van Zandt	112
Donley	27	Llano	11	Victoria	1,063
Duval	62	Lubbock	2,620	Walker	2,095
Eastland	11	Lynn	39	Waller	186
Ector	718	Madison	45	Ward	24
Edwards	2	Marion	29	Washington	309
El Paso	7,461	Martin	18	Webb	1,868
Ellis	1,046	Mason	34	Wharton	236
Erath	146	Matagorda	266	Wheeler	19
Falls	35	Maverick	519	Wichita	442

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Fannin	112	McCulloch	20	Wilbarger	12
Fayette	104	McLennan	1,684	Willacy	233
Fisher	11	Medina	295	Williamson	2,469
Floyd	36	Menard	8	Wilson	132
Fort Bend	4,120	Midland	772	Winkler	29
Franklin	50	Milam	92	Wise	135
Freestone	39	Mills	1	Wood	98
Frio	233	Mitchell	12	Yoakum	38
Gaines	28	Montague	21	Young	34
Galveston	3,990	Montgomery	2,353	Zapata	58
				Zavala	25
				Total	200,557

DSHS will update the state case count each day by 4:00 PM Central Time.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Protect vulnerable populations.
3. Support rapid & effective response.
4. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
5. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
6. Expand and maximize bed capacity.
7. Develop alternative care sites to support local governments and the health care systems.
8. Acquire supplies/equipment to support health care and testing.
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 4A – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties)

Tarrant County:

City of Fort Worth: 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.

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

2-1-1 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: people 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.

Smith County:

City of Tyler: The City’s phased re-open plan for services and facilities is active. A complete list of open/closed services is on the City website: <https://www.cityoftyler.org/>.

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

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)

Harris County:

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

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

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

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

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>).

Article about COVID-19 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.

Thirteen disaster strike teams of Extension Agents have been activated to assist at the Panhandle, Coastal Bend, Border, CATRAC, SETRAC, STRAC, Piney Woods and NCTTRAC RACs. Teams are collaborating with TEEX and the military to support distribution.

Pony Express Team members made the following deliveries/retrievals yesterday:

- 1 bundles or pallets prepared at Armories
- 5 Pick-ups or deliveries of test specimen kits
- 1 Deliveries to MTT or QRF sites
- 14 Deliveries of Remdesivir to Hospitals

Ten DAR agents received specimens at armories/airports from QRF collection sites after closing and transferred them to airports or reefer trucks to be taken to Austin for distribution to laboratories. Curative samples were delivered to Fed Ex by testing teams. Six DAR agents are coordinating with test sites to ensure deliveries of kits to the Courier. One agent delivered samples to DSHS laboratory.

Eleven DAR Agents worked alongside TEEX at RAC's assisting with receiving and distribution of Remdesivir to 157 hospitals in 45 counties over the holiday weekend. [Fourteen deliveries were made by AgriLife Agents Sunday to Health Care providers.](#)

[Six DAR Agents picked up and delivered 230 ventilators to RSA's across the state on Sunday, to be distributed as needed to Hospitals.](#)

AgriLife Extension Agents at County Extension Offices across the state will be receiving PPE shipments from the TDEM Warehouse and will coordinate/assist with distribution of PPE for 3,168 Child Care Providers this week.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): TEEX continues to coordinate operations from the SOC and the 8 IST Resource Staging Areas (RSA) throughout Texas in 10 distribution locations. TEEX currently has 41 personnel deployed to support ongoing response activities throughout the state in support of the COVID-19 response.

Current support includes:

- One (1) person to the Remote State Operations Center (RSOC) in Austin to serve as a liaison TDEM SOC Operation Section and coordinate TEEX activities at RSAs (Armories).
- Two (2) personnel of TEEX senior leadership to augment State Operations Center and allow rotation time for TDEM senior leadership.
- Eight (8) IST is ranging from 3 to 8 staff per location based on current workloads.
- Located RSA (Armory) within the Regional Advisory Councils (RAC) areas to support the Department of State Health Services (DHS)/ESF-8 distribution of medical commodities to local organizations.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) currently has 78 personnel committed to Covid-19 Response and is providing planning and logistical support to the Texas Division of Emergency Management and Texas Department of State Health Services. Response activities include Situation Reports, STAR Processing, logistical support for shipping and receiving medical supplies, incident management support, and Contact Tracing.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): The TAHC is activated to support the state response to the outbreak of COVID-19. While official guidance maintains that animals are of very low risk for contraction or transmission of COVID-19, the TAHC is working closely with animal response partners to manage consistent public information messaging for how to deal with animals in context of potential COVID-19 exposure. TAHC has activated virtually to the SOC.

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 Criminal Justice (TDCJ):

Strike Team Status:

- 12 Strike Teams consisting of 84 TDCJ staff from multiple divisions.
- 5 Strike Teams are currently on standby to support county mass testing efforts.

TDCJ Command Center – Strike Team Statistics			
	Tests Completed	Testing Target	Percent
Staff	32,008	25,544	125%
Offenders	119,408	106,081	113%
Totals	151,416	131,625	115%

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):

TDLR extended their agency’s current work from home initiative through July 31, 2020. Division directors have begun developing plans for some employees (up to 25% of the workforce) to return to the office. As plans are finalized, some divisions may be allowed to have some employees return to the office earlier.

TDLR reminds their 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.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS Texas Highway Patrol (THP) is currently providing:

- DPS CCG Command Trailer has been made available to TDEM Daily Operations for off-site COOP. One THP Liaison is assigned to the SOC, One Sergeant, three Troopers are assigned to assist with the COVID-19 testing site in Dallas. Eight THP Troopers assigned to assist with the COVID-19 testing sites in Harris County. One DPS HSOC GIS Specialist

assigned to assist with GIS efforts in support of COVID-19. DPS Troopers continue providing security to the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) location in Dallas.

- THP continues to have a liaison at the State Operations Center currently assisting with “Pony Express” Rural COVID-19 Testing Sites by coordinating ground transportation of the collected samples for THP/CID to transport to the designated labs for processing.
- July 4, DPS Aviation continues to respond daily to numerous requests for the statewide movement of supplies, test kits and collected samples in support of COVID-19 Air Bridge. [DPS Aviation conducted flights from Austin, Tyler, Lubbock, San Antonio and Laredo transporting samples from numerous collection points. Since April 24, DPS Aviation has performed 308 flights, transported 1,417 coolers of samples and have 956 hours of flight time.](#)

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) Activities:

- The SMOC is beginning to receive requests for staffing for hospital facilities due to increases in COVID hospitalizations. The SMOC is working to review and fill requests as appropriate.
- No Attestations were received from County Judges from June 22-29.
- A total of 1,330 LTC facilities have been tested by Rapid Assessment (RA) teams in response to the Governor’s orders to test all Nursing Home staff and residents.
- Due to urgent and immediate assistance requests for medical staffing, DSHS has deployed over 200 medical staff throughout Texas and is pre-staging 100 additional medical staff to fill anticipated immediate needs critical to life safety as COVID-19 case counts continue to rise.

DSHS Call Center Activities:

The Call Center has received [20,444](#) calls and [16,303](#) emails to date. Over the past 24 hours, the Call Center received a total of [43](#) calls and [73](#) emails. The Call Center is operational 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM every day of the week.

Regional Activities:

- Regional EPI Emergency Response Teams have been conducting daily monitoring of PUM/PUI within the Region in collaboration with LHDs.
- Mobile test sites have opened throughout the regions and are operating one day testing by appointment only. Status of mobile test sites can be viewed [here](#).
- All RHMOCs are at Full Activation.
- All eight HPP Providers have activated Medical Operations Centers and are distributing PPE to healthcare entities in the region.
- A total of 1,715 facilities have registered to use the Battelle system. A total of 26,453 N95 masks have been processed to date.

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 Emergency Medical Task Force (TX-EMTF): TX-EMTF currently has all eight EMTF Regions activated in support of the COVID-19 Response and continues to support the statewide testing initiative. EMTF is providing MISTs to the State Operations Center and within each region as part of a unified effort to provide mobile testing, test sample collection for all nursing

homes, outbreak test sample collection missions in high risk settings (nursing homes, assisted living centers, large processing plants, etc.), testing site call center operations, and facilitating statewide laboratory capacity augmentation and result sharing platform.

July 5, TX-EMTF conducted 33 missions which included:

- 28 MTT Sites
- 4 QRF

TX-EMTF currently has 31 Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) members activated supporting Mobile Test Collection Teams, Rapid Assessment – QRFs, TX EMTF State Coordinating Office (SCO) SOC LNO and NCTTRAC EMCC. Additionally, 1 Task Force Leader and 4 ambulance strike teams (ASTs) are supporting 9-1-1 EMS response in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties.

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

Texas Military Department (TMD): Texas Military Department (TMD) currently has 3,401 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 and have distributed 6,935 pallets. 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 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, West Texas Food Bank and the El Paso Food Bank with distribution and have distributed more than 96.2 million pounds of food. TMD is supporting Community Based Testing site operations in El Paso, Hidalgo, Harris, Cameron, Kleberg, Gregg, Zapata, Willacy, Kaufman, Tarrant, Erath, Lamar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Polk, Travis, Williamson, Milam, Medina, Gonzales, Bexar and Brewster Counties. TMD has received more than 472,388 calls at the TMD COVID-19 call center, and assisted with testing 277,159 people. TMD is supporting the disinfection of nursing homes. TMD has disinfected a total 5,351,475 square feet. 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. TPWD LE has assigned personnel to the Caldwell County EOC as a PIO. TPWD continues to have personnel assigned to the SOC to serve as liaison officers.

Texas Wing - Civil Air Patrol (CAP): Texas Wing CAP continues to use aircraft, on a nightly basis, flying samples to Austin from around the state for analysis. Ground teams continue to provide intake services for a USDA Farm Food Distribution POD in Greenville TX and site security in Harris County.

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC):Unemployment Insurance:

- Call centers are open 7 days a week 7:00 AM-7:00 PM.
- TWC Website, Information for COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Expanded the number of people doing pin and password resets with most of external relations working on them.
- 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, TAMUS	Specialists/Admin	22		Activated	College Station
AgriLife, TAMUS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
AgriLife, TAMUS	DAR Extension Agents	13	13	Assigned	Statewide
AgriLife, TAMUS	Strike Teams	100		Assigned	Statewide
Agrilife, TAMUS	Incident Support Teams	16	16	Assigned	Regional Advisory Council Areas
Agrilife, TAMUS	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	15	15	Assigned	Border
Agrilife, TAMUS	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	10	10	Assigned	Panhandle
Agrilife, TAMUS	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	Coastal Bend
Agrilife, TAMUS	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	CATRAC
Agrilife, TAMUS	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	NCTTRAC
Agrilife, TAMUS	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	SETRAC
Agrilife, TAMUS	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	STRAC
Agrilife, TAMUS	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	Piney Woods
DPS-THP	Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin

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DPS-THP	Personnel	4	4	Assigned	Dallas 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 Aviation	Aviation			Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	State Coordinating Office (SCO)	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DSHS	Fatality Management Trailer (FMT) (HPP)		2	Assigned	PHR 2/3, & 7
DSHS	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	3		Assigned	NCCTRAC
DSHS	MIST	5		Assigned	San Antonio Mobile Collection Team Call Center
DSHS	MIST Mobile Testing Teams (MTT) & Vulnerable Populations - Rapid Assessment (RA)/QRF	24		Assigned	All DSHS Regions
DSHS	Angel Staffing	115		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	BCFS	38		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Case Investigators	12		Assigned	PHR 1 Lubbock
DSHS	Infection Control Practitioner (ICP)	16		Assigned	DSHS PHRs
DSHS	Epidemiologists	67		Assigned	PHRs Statewide
DSHS SMOC	SMOC Staff	77		Assigned	Telework
HHSC	SOC Liaison	4		Assigned	SOC/Austin
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC (Remote)
TAHC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	AROCC Operations	6		Assigned	Virtual
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TDLR	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote

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TDCJ	Testing Strike Teams	84		Assigned	Statewide
TEA	SOC Liaison	2		Assigned	Remote
TEEX, TAMUS	SOC Liaisons	1		Assigned	Remote SOC - Austin
TEEX, TAMUS	Safety Officer	1		Assigned	Remote SOC - Austin
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	5		Assigned	El Paso/Midland
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	3		Assigned	Dallas
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	5		Assigned	Austin
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Corpus Christi/Weslaco
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	3		Assigned	Lubbock
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	3		Assigned	Tyler
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	6		Assigned	Houston
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	San Antonio
TFS	ESB/ESF 4 Representative	1		Assigned	SOC
TFS	Logistics Support	0		Assigned	SOC
TFS	EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
TFS	Logistical Support	9		Assigned	San Antonio
TFS	Logistical Support	5	5	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TFS	Logistical Support	8	8	Assigned	Fort Worth
TFS	All-Hazards Planning Module	2		Assigned	Garland
TFS	Contact Tracing Support	50		Assigned	Statewide (Remote)
TMD	SOC Military Desk	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Food Unit	2		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	5		Assigned	Garland
TMD	GSU 08	4		Assigned	Kingsville

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TMD	GSU 10-1	24		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	J6 Support	3		Assigned	Austin
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	10		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	12		Assigned	Houston
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	19		Assigned	Austin
TMD	General Support Unit	32		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	General Support Unit	32		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	General Support Unit	32		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	General Support Unit	34		Assigned	Austin
TMD	General Support Unit	22		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	General Support Unit	32		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	General Support Unit	34		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	General Support Unit	16		Assigned	Houston
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	29		Assigned	New Braunfels
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	21		Assigned	Houston
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	34		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Pierce
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Houston
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

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TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Conroe
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Bryan
TMD	EMCC Staff Aug	6		Assigned	Arlington
TMD	NTFB Food Distribution	188		Assigned	Plano
TMD	ABS MRP	39		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TDEM Warehouse Support	2		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Del Rio
TMD	SOC Theater Support	4		Assigned	Garland
TMD	SOC Theater Support	5		Assigned	San Antonio TDEM
TMD	SOC Theater Support	9		Assigned	DFW
TMD	SOC Theater Support	17		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	SOC Theater Support	34		Assigned	Houston
TMD	El Paso Food Distribution	95		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	South Texas Food Distribution	42		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	GSU	30		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	East Texas Food Bank	34		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	Medical Support Team	1		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TMD	TMD Medical Support	12		Assigned	Camp Swift
TMD	CBTS Test	35		Assigned	Butler Stadium - Houston
TMD	CBTS Test	42		Assigned	Delmar - Houston
TMD	TDEM Commodities	58		Assigned	San Antonio/Killeen
TMD	CBRAC Logs	4		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RGV Food Bank	29		Assigned	Pharr

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TMD	DSHS TMD Support	2		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Harris County Food Bank	290		Assigned	Harris County
TMD	Tarrant County Food Bank	94		Assigned	Tarrant County
TMD	TMD Medical Testing MRP	1,306		Assigned	Various
TMD	TMD Building Rack Shelves	12		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TMD Logs SMOC	1		Assigned	Austin ALT SOC
TMD	Walgreens Test Site	6		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Food Bank San Antonio	32		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	TMD Inspection Team	8		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	West Texas Food Bank	30		Activated	Odessa
TMD	Entry Control Point La Posada	2		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Disinfection Team	46		Assigned	Various Nursing Facilities
TMD	GSU's for JTF & MTCC	100		Assigned	Austin, Houston & Ft. Worth
TMD	TMD Medical PAX for MTCC	70		Assigned	Austin
TMD	2 GSU's HQ & 2 GSUs	24		Assigned	Austin Call Center
TMD	8 GSU's for Disinfection Teams	194		Assigned	Various
TMD	Walgreens Test Site #2	22		Assigned	Houston
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	TPWD Aviation			Assigned	Statewide

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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