



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

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Event Name	20-0003 COVID-19 2020
Date	July 19, 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	July 18 to July 19 2020
Report Number	122

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 317,730 cases of COVID-19 in the State of Texas which includes an estimated 144,284 active cases, 169,581 individuals have recovered from the virus and 3,865 confirmed COVID-19 related fatalities.

Across Texas, a total of 3,153,623 COVID-19 tests have been completed, which accounts for 2,842,685 viral tests and 224,935 antibody tests conducted.

Visit the [Testing Sites Map](#) online for testing locations 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 17, Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick, House Speaker Bonnen, Senate Finance Committee Chair Nelson, Vice Chair Hinojosa, and House Appropriations Committee Chair Capriglione and Vice Chair Longoria announced that the State of Texas will allocate \$200 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the purchase of eLearning devices and home internet solutions to enable remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic for Texas students that lack connectivity.

On July 15, Governor Abbott announced that the Department of Defense (DOD) will surge resources to the Rio Grande Valley to help combat COVID-19. The DOD will send a U.S. Army Urban Augmentation Medical Task Force (UAMTF) to provide medical and support professionals needed in Rio Grande Valley hospitals.

On July 15, Governor Abbott announced that his Public Safety Office (PSO) will provide \$41 million in federal funds to assist cities and counties throughout the COVID-19 response.

On July 13, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Defense has activated additional U.S. Army Urban Augmentation Medical Task Forces (UAMTF) to assist the state's efforts to combat COVID-19.

On July 12, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended federal support of Community Based Testing Sites in Dallas and Houston through July 31, 2020.

On July 10, Governor Abbott extended the [COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation](#) to further mitigate the spread of the virus. He also announced that Omnicare, a CVS Health company, is partnering with the State of Texas to provide COVID-19 point-of-care testing for assisted living facilities and nursing homes throughout the state

On July 9, Governor Abbott issued a [Proclamation](#) suspending elective surgeries in hospitals in all counties located within 11 [Trauma Service Areas \(TSAs\)](#) in Texas.

Texas is divided into twenty-two trauma service areas (TSAs), provided for the formation of a regional advisory council (RAC) in each region. For more information about TSAs, visit [the Texas Department of State Health Services website](#).

On July 8, Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas will invest \$57 million in federal funds to maintain the state's need-based financial aid programs and keep more students enrolled at their colleges and universities.

On July 4, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is distributing 448 cases of the antiviral drug Remdesivir to 157 hospitals across Texas.

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.

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. Also, 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.

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 18, 2020](#)

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Anderson	2,017	Garza	60	Montgomery	4,721
Andrews	187	Gillespie	120	Moore	940
Angelina	1,000	Glasscock	6	Morris	63
Aransas	85	Goliad	31	Motley	2
Archer	12	Gonzales	432	Nacogdoches	663
Armstrong	3	Gray	139	Navarro	562
Atascosa	355	Grayson	844	Newton	28
Austin	155	Gregg	1,008	Nolan	86
Bailey	120	Grimes	702	Nueces	8,171
Bandera	47	Guadalupe	1,281	Ochiltree	62

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Bastrop	952	Hale	886	Oldham	7
Baylor	1	Hall	2	Orange	720
Bee	218	Hamilton	41	Palo Pinto	84
Bell	2,640	Hansford	43	Panola	238
Bexar	23,639	Hardeman	6	Parker	697
Blanco	68	Hardin	524	Parmer	257
Bosque	56	Harris	53,555	Pecos	166
Bowie	596	Harrison	504	Polk	414
Brazoria	4,545	Hartley	67	Potter	3,159
Brazos	3,313	Haskell	24	Presidio	28
Brewster	161	Hays	3,865	Rains	25
Briscoe	9	Hemphill	23	Randall	1,260
Brooks	55	Henderson	380	Reagan	47
Brown	273	Hidalgo	10,492	Real	8
Burleson	182	Hill	194	Red River	129
Burnet	320	Hockley	128	Reeves	89
Caldwell	820	Hood	246	Refugio	76
Calhoun	212	Hopkins	124	Roberts	6
Callahan	32	Houston	203	Robertson	143
Cameron	5,565	Howard	90	Rockwall	537
Camp	163	Hudspeth	18	Runnels	35
Carson	10	Hunt	823	Rusk	270
Cass	84	Hutchinson	91	Sabine	35
Castro	142	Irion	4	San Augustine	139
Chambers	698	Jack	14	San Jacinto	128
Cherokee	489	Jackson	174	San Patricio	402
Childress	9	Jasper	92	San Saba	10
Clay	19	Jeff Davis	6	Schleicher	30
Cochran	9	Jefferson	4,255	Scurry	367
Coke	9	Jim Hogg	42	Shackelford	13
Coleman	7	Jim Wells	399	Shelby	321
Collin	5,154	Johnson	973	Sherman	34
Collingsworth	6	Jones	641	Smith	1,762
Colorado	189	Karnes	152	Somervell	35
Comal	1,300	Kaufman	1,222	Starr	1,247
Comanche	44	Kendall	115	Stephens	16
Concho	17	Kenedy	3	Stonewall	4
Cooke	120	Kent	2	Sutton	39
Coryell	426	Kerr	242	Swisher	64
Cottle	6	Kimble	11	Tarrant	20,907

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Crane	65	Kinney	4	Taylor	879
Crockett	96	Kleberg	263	Terrell	2
Crosby	36	Knox	17	Terry	64
Culberson	13	La Salle	311	Throckmorton	2
Dallam	146	Lamar	455	Titus	971
Dallas	39,191	Lamb	118	Tom Green	1,135
Dawson	106	Lampasas	45	Travis	17,215
DeWitt	306	Lavaca	464	Trinity	97
Deaf Smith	439	Lee	117	Tyler	48
Delta	9	Leon	116	Upshur	121
Denton	4,765	Liberty	627	Upton	11
Dickens	4	Limestone	114	Uvalde	308
Dimmit	55	Lipscomb	12	Val Verde	657
Donley	35	Live Oak	101	Van Zandt	244
Duval	97	Llano	57	Victoria	2,188
Eastland	29	Lubbock	4,309	Walker	2,568
Ector	1,575	Lynn	55	Waller	286
Edwards	13	Madison	175	Ward	67
El Paso	11,132	Marion	71	Washington	379
Ellis	1,972	Martin	32	Webb	3,677
Erath	286	Mason	38	Wharton	395
Falls	66	Matagorda	452	Wheeler	26
Fannin	165	Maverick	1,061	Wichita	709
Fayette	206	McCulloch	30	Wilbarger	23
Fisher	22	McLennan	3,210	Willacy	471
Floyd	61	McMullen	1	Williamson	4,490
Foard	1	Medina	492	Wilson	344
Fort Bend	5,689	Menard	15	Winkler	55
Franklin	66	Midland	1,387	Wise	219
Freestone	93	Milam	217	Wood	174
Frio	349	Mills	7	Yoakum	56
Gaines	57	Mitchell	27	Young	71
Galveston	6,911	Montague	35	Zapata	113
				Zavala	90
				Total	317,730

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.

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.

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.

The agency deployed 13 Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Agents and 8 Central Leadership Team members as Incident Support Teams to support TEEEX at the 8 RAC armories across Texas. Two DAR agents are stationed at Weslaco and Midland to assist with PPE distribution for MTT's and Nursing Home Testing. Eight disaster strike teams of Extension Agents have been activated to assist at the Panhandle, Coastal Bend, Border, CATRAC, SETRAC, STRAC, Pineywoods and NCTTRAC RAC's to assist TDEM with medical supply delivery. Teams are collaborating with TEEEX and the military to support distribution.

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

- 1 bundles or pallets prepared at Armories
- 8 PPE deliveries to schools, county/governmental facilities
- 4 PPE deliveries to Skilled Nursing Facilities & Medical offices
- 4 Deliveries of equipment
- 18 Pick-ups or deliveries of test specimen kits
- 4 Deliveries of tests to MTT or QRF sites
- 6 Coolers picked-up from Labs
- 6 Coolers transported to Armory or TDEM Warehouse
- 152 Pallets moved from Armory to RAC or HPP

Three DAR agents received specimens at armories/airports from five 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. **Nine DAR agents are coordinating with test sites to ensure deliveries of kits to the Courier. One agent delivered samples to DSHS laboratory.**

17,617 face masks have been distributed as of July 17 to persons at high risk of contracting COVID-19 through the AgriLife Extension statewide Face Mask project. Masks are being made

by 4-H youth, Texas Extension Education and Healthy Texas volunteers. This equates to an economic value of \$135,489.

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 49 personnel deployed to support ongoing response activities throughout the state in support of the COVID-19 response.

TEEX assisted in working with H-E-B to get 700 climate controlled pallet spaces, and 2,700 pallet spaces non climate controlled to store supplies.

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).
- Safety Officer: (1) person to work on Safety Issues to help our workforce stay safe.
- Two (2) personnel of TEEX senior leadership to augment State Operations Center and allow rotation time for TDEM senior leadership.
- 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): TFS currently has 82 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.
- 7 Strike Teams are currently on standby for redeployment.

TDCJ Command Center – Strike Team Statistics			
	Tests Completed	Testing Target	Percent
Staff	36, 581	25,544	143%

Offenders	137,148	106,081	129%
Totals	173, 729	131,625	132%

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):

- TDLR continues to update their website’s COVID-19 page (<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/covid19.htm>) with the latest developments affecting their licensees and the public.
- 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 is suspending the Instructor teaching and continuing education requirements for Offender Education Provider Instructors license renewals. License renewals for OEP Instructors who meet all other requirements will be approved. This suspension is in effect until terminated by our Executive Director.

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 17, DPS Aviation made a flight from Austin and Sugarland transporting samples from numerous collection points.](#)
- [Since April 24, DPS Aviation has performed 318 flights, transported 1,460 coolers of samples and have 982 hours of flight time.](#)

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) Activities:

- Numerous requests for staffing for hospital facilities has been received due to increases in COVID hospitalizations. The SMOC is working to review and fill requests as appropriate.
- A total of 1,387 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.

DSHS Call Center Activities:

The Call Center has received 22,272 calls and 18,349 emails to date. Over the past 24 hours, the Call Center received a total of 113 calls and 203 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 1,752 facilities have registered to use the Battelle system including 96 Nursing Homes. A total of 41,393 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.

July 18, TX-EMTF conducted 27 missions which included:

- 22 MTT Sites
- 5 QRF Missions

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, Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center, the TFL with EMTF 11 AST regional coordination, Lake Worth NH resident transfers, Additionally, 1 Task Force Leader and 5 ambulance strike teams (ASTs) are supporting 9-1-1 EMS response in Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr 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): TMD currently has 2,821 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 7,305 pallets. TMD MDCs are supporting the DDC's in 21 and 04B. TMD is assisting TDEM with warehouse distribution of PPE. TMD is supporting the North Texas Food Bank, the South 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 130.1 million pounds of food. TMD is supporting the State Operations Center. TMD is supporting Community Based Testing site operations in Fort Bend, Harris, Hidalgo, El Paso, Dallas, Cameron, Lubbock, Bexar, Starr, Tarrant, Dallas, Bee, Knox, Collin, Anderson, Grimes, Brazos, Jackson, Atascosa, Brewster, and Galveston Counties. TMD has received more than 472,388 calls at the TMD COVID-19 call center and assisted with testing 366,868 people. TMD has disinfected a total 6,265,575 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. TPWD is working with the City of Weslaco in order use State Parks as temporary lodging space for local first responders during their off duty time.

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.

U.S. Army North (ARNORTH): The Defense Coordinating Element (DCE) is established and operating in the RSOC. JTF Texas should be fully operational capable on Monday and will be conducting RIPTOA with TF-51 on Tuesday. Three UAMTF's are fully integrated and providing care in San Antonio, Houston and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The Navy ACT and 4xRRRTs are on station and providing care in Cameron County, Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Starr County. Three additional UAMTFs will arrive JBSA on the 25th. Decision on where these will be employed is set for Monday the 20th. The 62nd Medical Brigade has established a command and control element at JBSA. The DSC Staff is being filled in with LNOs from TF-46, 62nd MED Brigade and the Title 10 Deputy/Staff.

Mission Information and Details

- UAMTF-627th in San Antonio is providing providers and nurses to University Hospital, Baptist Medical Center, Methodist-Metropolitan, Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center, Christus Westover Hills Medical Center
- UAMTF- MEDCOM in Houston is providing support to United Memorial Medical Center
- UAMTF-16th in McAllen is providing support to McAllen Memorial Medical Center
- Navy ACT is providing support to Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen
- Navy RRRT#1 is providing support at Val Verde Medical Center, Del Rio
- Navy RRRT#2 is providing support at Ft. Duncan Regional Medical Center, Eagle Pass
- Navy RRT#3&4 are providing support at Starr County Hospital, Rio Grande City

US Department of Health & Human Services/ASPR (US DHHS): Three DMAT Teams were rostered in support of RRF 2651-361143 requesting 7 DMATS to support Texas. Teams are currently deployed to McAllen, Laredo, San Antonio, and Corpus Christi supporting regional advisory councils.

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
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	Ambulance Strike Team	22	2	Assigned	Cameron County

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DSHS	Ambulance Strike Team	22	2	Assigned	Hidalgo County
DSHS	Strike Team Leader	1		Assigned	Hidalgo County
DSHS	State Coordinating Office (SCO)	4		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DSHS	Fatality Management Trailer (FMT) (HPP)		1	Assigned	PHR 7
DSHS	1 Ambulance Strike Team	5		Assigned	Starr County
DSHS	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	2		Assigned	Hidalgo County
DSHS	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	3		Assigned	Nueces County
DSHS	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	5		Assigned	San Antonio Mobile Collection Team Call Center
DSHS	MIST Mobile Testing Teams (MTT) & Vulnerable Populations – Rapid Assessment (RA)/QRF	22		Assigned	All DSHS Regions
DSHS	Angel Med Surge Staffing	322		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Maxim Med Surge Staffing	108		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	BCFS	1,591		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Case Investigators	12		Assigned	PHR 1 Lubbock
DSHS	Infection Control Practitioner (ICP)	16		Assigned	DSHS PHRs
DSHS	Epidemiologists	99		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

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDLR	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
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)	7		Assigned	El Paso/Midland
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	3		Assigned	Dallas
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Austin
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	9		Assigned	Corpus Christi/Weslaco
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	4		Assigned	Lubbock
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	5		Assigned	Tyler
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	6		Assigned	Houston
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	6		Assigned	San Antonio
TFS	ESB/ESF 4 Representative	1		Assigned	SOC
TFS	EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
TFS	Logistical Support	11		Assigned	San Antonio
TFS	Logistical Support	8	8	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TFS	Logistical Support	8	8	Assigned	Fort Worth
TFS	All-Hazards Planning Module	1		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	ETN Support	5		Assigned	Garland
TMD	GSU 08	4		Assigned	Kingsville
TMD	GSU 10-1	24		Assigned	Houston
TMD	J6 Support	3		Assigned	Austin
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	10		Assigned	Fort Worth

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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	6		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	EMCC Staff Aug	6		Assigned	Arlington
TMD	NTFB Food Distribution	67		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	4		Assigned	DFW
TMD	SOC Theater Support	22		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	El Paso Food Distribution	95		Assigned	El Paso

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TMD	South Texas Food Distribution	42		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	GSU	30		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	Medical Support Team	1		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TMD	CBTS Test	35		Assigned	Butler Stadium - Houston
TMD	CBTS Test	41		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
TMD	Harris County Food Bank	290		Assigned	Harris County
TMD	Tarrant County Food Bank	94		Assigned	Tarrant County
TMD	TMD Medical Testing MRP	1,143		Assigned	Various
TMD	TMD Building Rack Shelves	12		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Walgreens Test Site	6		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Food Bank San Antonio	32		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	TMD Inspection Team	8		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	West Texas Food Bank	30		Activated	Odessa
TMD	Disinfection Team	46		Assigned	Various Nursing Facilities
TMD	GSU's for JTF & MTCC	43		Assigned	Austin, Houston & Ft. Worth
TMD	8 GSU's for Disinfection Teams	189		Assigned	Various
TMD	Walgreens Test Site #2	22		Assigned	Houston
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	TPWD Aviation			Assigned	Statewide
TDLR	Liaison to SOC Ops	1		Assigned	Remote/Working From Home
ARNORTH	627 th UAMTF	88		Assigned	San Antonio
ARNORTH	UAMTF	84		Assigned	Houston

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
ARNORTH	16 th EUAMTF	85		Assigned	Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV)
ARNORTH	ACT	44		En Route	Cameron County
ARNORTH	RRRT	7		En Route	Del Rio
ARNORTH	RRRT	7		En Route	Eagle Pass
ARNORTH	2xRRRT	14		En Route	Starr County
US DHHS	DMAT McAllen	35	30	Assigned	McAllen LRGV Area
US DHHS	DMAT Laredo/PHS RN Strike Team	40	39	Assigned	Laredo
US DHHS	DMAT Corpus Christi	34	25	Assigned	Corpus Christi

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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