



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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<b>Event Name</b>	20-0003 COVID-19 2020
<b>Date</b>	March 23, 2020
<b>Time</b>	0900
<b>Operational Period</b>	March 22 to March 23, 2020
<b>Report Number</b>	4

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	ALL DDCs are activated

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

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 global pandemic as a national emergency.

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas Greg 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.

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

The Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, issued a Public Health Disaster Declaration in Texas.

Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order effective March 20 through April 3 which bans gatherings of 10 or more persons, orders closures of bar/restaurant dining areas and gyms, restricts access to nursing homes and long-term care facilities, and closes all schools in Texas.

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

The CDC and [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) (DSHS) coronavirus webpages are reliable sources of information. DSHS is monitoring the Texas situation seven days a week. They are working closely with emergency response agencies, local health departments and the CDC. The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> website. The Coronavirus Task Force continues holding frequent national briefings. DSHS COVID-19 Call Center 1-877-570-9779 Hours 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

### Texas People Tested

<b>Total</b>	<b>8,756</b>
<b>Public Labs</b>	1,518
<b>Private Labs</b>	7,238*

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

### Texas COVID-19 Cases (1)

<b>Total Statewide Cases</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>5</b>

To see county totals, scroll table below.

<b>County of Residence (2)</b>	<b>Number of Cases (3)</b>
<b>Bell</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bexar</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Bowie</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Brazoria</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>Brazos</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Brown</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Cameron</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Castro</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Chambers</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Collin</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Comal</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Crane</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Dallas</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Deaf Smith</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Denton</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>DeWitt</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>El Paso</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Ellis</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Fannin</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fort Bend</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Galveston</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Gregg</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Harris</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Hays</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Hockley</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Johnson</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Lavaca</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Lubbock</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Matagorda</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>McLennan</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Medina</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Midland</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Montgomery</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Nueces</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Oldham</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Potter</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Rusk</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Smith</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Tarrant</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>Travis</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Webb</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Wichita</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Williamson</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Pending County Assignment</b>	<b>69</b>

(1) DSHS will update the state case count each day by noon Central Time.  
(2) Patient may be undergoing treatment in facilities in other counties.  
(3) Does not include repatriation cases.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an alert for a malicious fake online coronavirus map. A malicious website pretending to be the live map for Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by Johns Hopkins University is circulating on the internet waiting for unaware internet users to visit the website. Visiting the website (corona-virus-map.com) infects the user with the AZORult Trojan, an information stealing program which can exfiltrate a variety of sensitive data. It is likely being spread via infected email attachments, malicious online advertisements, and social engineering. Furthermore, anyone searching the internet for a Coronavirus map could unwittingly navigate to this malicious website.

The President's Nationwide Emergency Declaration, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services' (HHS) declaration of a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 establish that exigent and emergency circumstances currently exist. For the duration of the Public Health Emergency, which began on January 27, 2020 as determined by HHS, local governments, nonprofits, and other non-state entities may proceed with new and existing noncompetitively procured contracts in order to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threats created by emergency situations for 1) Emergency protective measures under FEMA's Public Assistance Program and 2) Use of FEMA non-disaster grant funds by non-state recipients and sub-recipients to respond to or address COVID-19.

Health and Human Services (HHS) banned non-essential guests at all nursing homes in the State of Texas.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner 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.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> Governor Greg 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.

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

On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a statement conveying the following information:

- Granting a temporary extension to obtain initial registration, renewal of registration, vehicle titling, and renewal of a permanent disabled parking placard
- Granting a temporary extension for an individual with an expired 30-day temporary permit to obtain another permit or Texas registration.
- Issuing a proclamation setting the special election for Texas State Senate District 14 on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. The special election will fill the seat being vacated by Senator Kirk Watson. The special election would ordinarily be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, but the Governor utilized his powers under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code to suspend provisions of the Texas Election Code and allow the election to be held at the later date due to COVID-19

The Governor also took the following actions.

- On March 17, held a call with hospital CEOs and representatives across Texas to provide an update on care capacities as COVID-19 response continues. On the call, the Governor and hospital representatives discussed the supply, staffing, and bed capacities of hospitals to ensure care providers have the support they need to assist patients. They also discussed strategies to further increase these capacities. The Governor provided an update on Texas' testing capabilities, and announced a survey on capacity needs for hospital networks so that state agencies can ensure adequate resources are continuously provided.
- The Governor also announced that Texas this week will receive an initial 15,000 testing kits from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that will be disbursed throughout the state to public and private entities providing testing. By Friday, the state estimates that Texas will be able to perform 10,000 COVID-19 tests per week.
- Issued 4 executive orders to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Texas. Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people. People shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order. People shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance schools shall temporarily close.
- Temporarily suspending certain regulations to ensure that Texans will have continued access to their pharmacists as the state responds to COVID-19. The Governor's actions will allow pharmacists to conduct telephonic consultations, and remove regulatory barriers so that pharmacies can operate at full strength.

The Office of the Attorney General's Child Support Division advised that, effective immediately, local child support offices are in the process of transitioning to providing virtual child support establishment and enforcement services. During this time, while physical child support offices will be closed to customers and visitors, services will continue to be provided over the telephone and internet.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) suspended all UIL sanctioned contests, rehearsals, practices and workouts due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Texas. Effective March 16, all UIL interscholastic activities are suspended through March 29.

On March 21, the US and Canada will temporarily restrict all non-essential travel across the US-Canada land border. The measure will be in place for 30 days, at which point it will be reviewed by both parties.

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

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

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

By order of Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on March 23, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020 all individuals currently living within Dallas County are ordered to shelter at their place of residence, All businesses operating within Dallas County are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County and All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited

There are diminished visitation at hospitals across the board. Parkland Hospital has submitted a STAR for a MMU to increase hospital capacity. Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has enhanced cleaning protocols and is looking at reducing service levels.

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

State runoff primary election has been postponed until July 14, early voting begins on July 6.

**Hopkins County:** Hopkins County and Sulphur Springs Emergency Management have consolidated into one EOC, Level III. All churches in Hopkins County have been closed. All events at the Hopkins County Civic Center have been canceled. All nursing homes are under visitation suspensions.

**Titus County:** All courts have been canceled or scaled back with appropriate spacing between people. Visitation to prison/justice facility has been suspended.

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

State runoff primary election has been postponed until July 14, early voting begins on July 6.

**Anderson County:** The municipal court in the City of Palestine has been postponed until May 6. There is limited public access at the Palestine Police Department.

**Harrison County:** Limited access to the courthouse and annex.

**Smith County:** The City of Tyler and Smith County will continue to hold both the County Commissioner's Court meetings and Tyler City Council meetings, will move to an online format to maintain gathering and social distancing regulations set by Governor Abbott. Smith County Commissioner's Court and City of Tyler Council meetings will be streamed live on their respective Facebook pages for public viewing. More details will be forthcoming next week.

CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System & UT Health East Texas joint statement declares all elective procedures and "non-essential" procedures will be individually evaluated on a case by case basis. Longview Regional Medical Center is screening all patients for COVID-19 and limiting visitation and access.

There was an extension of modified facility operations until April 17 in the City of Tyler. All events city-operated or in a City facility have been suspended through April 17.

**Upshur County:** Visitation has been canceled at the Upshur County Jail.

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

**Cooke County:** Cooke County Consolidated Testing Site located in the parking lot at North Texas Medical Center; Community testing site is in the planning phase.

**Fannin County:** Fannin County hospitals are limiting access. Texoma Medical Center and Wilson N. Jones Medical Center are restricting visitation, Wilson N. Jones has also closed its dining facility.

Bonham Fire is implementing a mandatory decontamination of ambulances and medics returning from service calls.

**Grayson County:** Grayson County Community testing site planned and ready and waiting on materials from the State to support.

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

**DDC 13–Bryan** (Includes: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties)

**Brazos County:** Brazos County Health District is still conducting contact investigations until further notice. Drive-thru testing is occurring at local hospitals for high risk individuals only. Emergency Management will be assisting Brazos County Health District with the internal entity notification of cases.

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

**Newton County:** A 24-hour curfew remains in place throughout the county for all unaccompanied person(s) under 18 years of age.

**DDC 16 – Houston** (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties)

**Harris County:** Harris County Public Health, along with the City of Houston and community partners are working to establish COVID-19 testing sites.

East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA) is closely monitoring information from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) as well as federal, state and local officials in response to the COVID-19 (“coronavirus”) outbreak. A public web page was created to provide information and updates. EHCMA staff are working remotely.

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

**Walker County:**

By order of Walker County Judge Danny Pierce a curfew for Walker County has been established from 11:59 P.M until 05:00 A.M, all Walker County residents are ordered to remain in their homes and avoid traveling on any public road or highway during the curfew.

Huntsville State Park has reduced operations. The office headquarters, park store, nature center, and day-use area are closed. The park is not accepting day-use visitors or reservations until further notice. The park are still accepting camping reservations and walk- up campers when sites are available.

**DDC16D – Rosenberg** (includes Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, and Wharton Counties)

There is diminished visitation at hospitals across the area.

**Fort Bend County:** Fort Bend County Health and Human Services (FBCHHS) is conducting contact investigations until further notice. They are supporting drive-through testing at screening locations across District 16A for high-risk individuals only. Emergency management will be assisting with the internal entity notification of cases.

**Walker County:** Walker County has a curfew of 12 am to 5 am starting Monday, March 23.

**Wharton County:** Region 5/6 South is conducting contact investigations for Wharton County until further notice.

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

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



**Starr County:** All indoor public and private gatherings within and enclosed spaces of 10 persons or more is prohibited anywhere in Starr County.

**City of Roma:** Public or private gatherings of no more than 10 people in a single enclosed space including businesses where people are present.

**City of La Grulla:** Public or private gatherings of no more than 10 people in a single enclosed space including businesses where people are present.

**Rio Grande City:** Public or private gatherings of no more than 10 people in a single enclosed space including businesses where people are present.

**Webb County:** Lake Casa Blanca State Park in Laredo is closed

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

**Aransas County:** Aransas County is monitoring daily Facebook feeds by the Chamber with community leaders and the public, coordinating with local doctors to confirm they are aware of DSHS public referrals, and monitoring and patrolling major food chain stores for crowd control. Public service employees were briefed on the best practices, and elected offices are working on plans to limit access of the public but still provide service.

**Bee County:** Bee County received 60 N-95 Masks for Local Law Enforcement from the RAC: 30 for PD and 30 for SO. Bee County/City of Beeville EMC submitted 2 STAR requests: one for N-95 Masks and one for COVID-19 Test kits. Test Kits are for the drive-thru testing sight, which could not be setup due to the lack of test kits.

**Brooks County:** The Brooks County EOC was activated on Tuesday, March 17, to Level II, with daily hours 8am-5pm. Brooks County Offices remain open. City of Falfurrias has gone to a skeleton/flex schedule taking payments online or by phone. The BCISD is having curbside food services located at the Jr. High School for breakfast and lunch, and are also making deliveries. BCISD will continue the services. BCISD is having online learning sessions, passing out computers, laptops, and tablets to students. Brooks County has 16 voluntary self-quarantined individuals, and three have been tested for the COVID19 with results pending at present time.

**Duval County:** City of San Diego and Duval County are enforcing the 4 executive orders from the governor. Grocery stores are limiting 10 people at a time in the store and checking IDs to allow for locals only. Stores are closing earlier.

**Jim Wells County:** The Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for Jim Wells County regarding COVID-19 for another 30-days was passed by the Commissioners Court on Friday, March 20, 2020. This extension falls right in line with the Governor's Executive Order. Jim Wells County and City of Alice held a joint news conference

**Kenedy County:** Adhering to best management practicing and informing public based on Governor Abbott's Executive Orders, DSHS and CDC Guidelines.

**Kleberg County:** Kleberg County has officially opened a Regional Testing facility as of Saturday, March 21, 2020. The primary counties that it will be serving are residents from Kleberg, Brooks, Jim Wells, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kennedy and any other Counties in need of testing. They are in desperate need of supplies for this testing site.

**Nueces County:** The Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District will begin providing drive-through testing for individuals who demonstrate symptoms linked to COVID-19, or the Coronavirus, on Wednesday, March 25.

Nueces County plans to activate their EOC to a Level 1. A press conference is scheduled for 3/23/20, Monday morning. There are PPE needs for Juvenile Probation Department/Juvenile Detention Center/Robert Barnes Regional Facility. The county is looking at a COVID-19 drive through testing center in Robstown. The Medical Society has sent out requests to physicians for any available PPE for our first responders. Nueces County is working with the food bank to provide food for 211 Texas individuals. Homeless Shelters were provided instructions. The Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District is providing a drive-through testing center later this week for individuals who demonstrate symptoms linked to COVID-19. Nueces County Health Department has added additional phone banks. Food inspectors are calling food establishments with drive-thrus and giving establishment guidelines. Health department is starting a fever center to protect employees at the front door, using a questionnaire and thermometers.

**City of Corpus Christi:** The EOC is at Level 1 beginning Sunday, March 22. Staff will be working virtually at this time. The EOC will be manned with the EMC and staff during the day. City and County will hold their daily meeting on Monday, March 23 at 8:00am. The City and County will hold their press briefing for the public via Facebook and local city channel. The Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District is providing drive through testing this Wednesday for individuals who demonstrate symptoms linked to COVID-19, or the Coronavirus. The City continues following the Governor's Executive Order. The EOC continues to facilitate the meetings with all entities involved with drive-thru operations with the Health Department. The Health Department has establish phone banks at their facility to take calls from the public. The City continues to educate the public using social media. The EOC has conference calls with HEB and Walmart weekly, if not daily, for any updates. The EOC is in communications with the Regional Transit Authority on any transportation issues within the City.

City of Corpus Christi is following the Governor's Executive Order. The OEM is facilitating meetings with all the entities involved with the drive-thru operations with the Health Department City/County. The Health Department has established phone banks at their facility to take calls from the public. The OEM is supporting the phone bank operation with resources and the City continues to educate the public using social media.

**San Patricio County:** The District Courts have canceled jury duty through the end of March. They are limiting court actions to only those that are absolutely necessary. The County Court of Law has implemented an Infectious Disease Protocol. They are asking persons with a scheduled appearance, who are experiencing symptoms to make alternative arrangements, rescheduling all bond returnable, and encouraging everyone to make alternative arrangements to avoid in person hearings whenever possible. Emergency Management is working with Department of Building and Yards to address the needs of any departments and facilities for cleaning related requests. Many local grocers have altered hours and are reporting large

product shortages county-wide. Schools remain closed on an extended Spring Break, many districts are making arrangements for in-home instruction for longer duration closures. OEM has received several calls of concern from small businesses about remaining open. New restrictions on social gatherings may begin to impact small businesses in the area. Childcare facilities within the county remain in operation, following guidelines instituted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Refugio County:** Adult Probation, free access is limited, conducting business via email, phone, online and fax. Refugio County District Clerk's Office, free access is limited, conducting business via email, phone, online and fax. Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, free access is limited, conducting business via email, phone, online, fax and drop box. Refugio County Clerk's Office, free access is limited, conducting business via email, phone, online and fax. Refugio County Tax Collector is open but restricted to two customers at a time in the office. Refugio County Sheriff's Administration Office, free access is limited, conducting business via email, phone, online and fax. Refugio County Jail is closed to family visitation. Elderly Services advised that the lunches served at the Williamson Center were suspended. Transportation services to appointments has been restricted to necessity only. Meals on Wheels program is not affected. Refugio County Library, open to the public with the restriction of 10 people in the building at a time and distancing occurring. Public Library remains open to the public, as this is the sole means for some in the public to receive emails and other information, using county computers. Refugio County Appraisal District, free access is limited, conducting business via email, phone, online and fax.

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

U.S. Port of Entries (International Bridges) within Cameron County and Hidalgo County will restrict non-essential travel for 30 days.

Rio Grande Valley Catholic Church masses have been suspended as ordered by the Diocese of Brownsville within Cameron County, Hidalgo County, and Willacy County.

**Cameron County:** Cameron County implemented a county wide overnight travel restriction at midnight, March 22 from the hours of midnight to 5:00AM. This restriction will be enforced until March 27.

**Hidalgo County:** All tax offices in Hidalgo County are currently open, with the limit of 10 customers allowed in the building.

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

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

**El Paso County:** Two private testing agencies are assisting with private testing in El Paso County. A hotline is being created to assist individuals with COVID-19 related questions.

Malls are closed until March 29. All city and county sponsored activities have been suspended until further notice. All city and county offices remain open except for staff for support activities.

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

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

**Potter County:** A drive thru clinic for COVID-19 testing opened in Amarillo. It will be opened for 10 hours a day and handle approximately 600 patients per day. An ambulance will be on scene. No additional personal protective equipment (PPE) is needed from the state but test kits will be needed.

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

**Lubbock County:** 2-1-1 Texas South Plains has been activated to respond to COVID-19 inquiries.

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

**Wichita County:** City of Wichita Falls has closed various city buildings or limited to necessary appointments.

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

Additional checks and balances were initiated to track resource requests. Shortages of medical PPE continue to be of most concern. HAM radio operators have a plan for supporting operations, if needed. Equipment has been tested and updated to ensure successful operations. DDC members remain unassembled and continue to perform support from remote locations.

**Brown County:** Brown County continues self-quarantine and medical monitoring of infected patients.

**Shackelford County:** The Shackelford County EMC reported that Shackelford County Health Clinic is no longer able to receive patients due to being out of PPE. PPE is currently on backorder and the local RAC is unable to assist.

Difficulty in obtaining medical PPE for nursing homes, first responders, and rural clinics continues to be a major issue. Local DSHS, NCTTRAC, and Emergency Management are working to fill the most critical needs for PPE and other support.

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

The DPS Region 6 office is closed for cleaning due to a possible exposure to COVID-19.

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

**McLennan County:** McLennan County has submitted a STAR requesting Medical PPE.

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

**Bastrop County:** Bastrop State Park is open with the exception of the cabins which are closed until April 30th. Buescher State Park will be closed until further notice.

**Fayette County:** Fayette County advised they need medical personnel to staff a central testing facility. The medical staff is already stretched thin. St. Marks Medical Center is running out of critical supplies such as surgical masks and hand sanitizer. Meals on Wheels is available for shut-in citizens.

**Hays County:** Hays County Judge issued an executive order to close all daycare centers. Waste Connections of Texas announced they will begin temporary suspension of residential bulk and brush services and will limit their Residential Recycle and Trash Services to collection of only contents within the carts beginning March 23. City of Dripping Springs Maintenance personnel completed fencing off all city parks playground equipment.

**Llano County:** Commissioners Court Of Llano County are addressing Employee Absences resulting from COVID 19.

Llano County established a Social Media Team on March 18. This six member team is made up of County employees and one member from the City of Llano This team is monitoring their Facebook page and posting information from the CDC website including non-pharmaceutical interventions; history of pandemics, and the current stage they are in, as a county for public information. Advised of global surveillance tools the public can watch the virus as it travels around the world.

Local church leaders at the Methodist Church to serve the elderly and special needs community making a list of elderly and special needs people identified. If there is a future need for food and supplies. Volunteers are needed to assist the local grocery store in stocking the food and supplies.

City Officials of Llano will notify restaurants to gear up for take-home food. Restaurants are needed to help feed the community.

City Officials of Horseshoe Bay will discuss events and inform the public about approved gatherings. People still want to have their weddings and parties. The City is notifying citizens about County Offices restricting entry but still serving the public through emails and phone calls.

Gearing up to establish an EOC on Monday, March 23, 2020 with working hours of 9-12pm, set up planning until we meet the trigger point for the Corona Virus in Llano County for full operations.

Llano County Sherriff's Operations are in an effort to limit the frequency of bringing new and possibly infected people to the Llano County Jail, a temporary arrest policy is to be implemented at this time.

In need of PPE (Gloves, Mask, Eyewear, Gowns) for 8 Volunteer Fire Departments responding without PPE (160) volunteer members total. STAR request submitted.

**Travis County:** A Regional Medical Ops Call Center at 5200 Ben White Blvd. began 24/7 operations for the Counties of Travis County, Williamson County, and Hays County Friday evening 3/20/2020. The Travis County Medical Society will assist in staffing with volunteers.

Implementing business continuity measures. Employees are encouraged to telework. Tax Assessor-Collector's Office suspended lobby operations and only accepts visitors at drive-up windows. Civil and Family Courts suspended in-person, non-emergency hearings effective Monday March 16th through Friday April 10th. All non-emergency hearings currently scheduled for the next four weeks have been postponed and will be rescheduled by Court Administration to another date. Hamilton Pool Park is closed while other parks remain open.

All seven Travis County Community Centers ran out of food to provide to the public Friday March 20. They expect to get more deliveries this week, and will move to an appointment-only system of providing pantries. The public should call the community centers to see whether they have food available, and to make an appointment if they do.

Austin/Travis County is working with TDEM to address and implement the US Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration process.

**City of Austin:** City of Austin is encouraging employees to work remotely. There will be no changes to essential city services including public safety, trash, recycling, and compost pick up, Austin Water service, Austin Energy service, and transportation services.

City of Austin (COA) Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) had a total of 58 registrations for the City of Austin child care (youth age 5 and older). Current capacity is 200. Plans exist to expand capacity if needed.

COA PARD offered Controlled Access to showers for individuals experiencing homelessness at five locations (3 outdoor and 2 indoor).

Austin Watershed Protection Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) is monitoring incoming weather conditions.

Austin Transportation provided assisting with traffic control at PODs. Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources closed Hamilton Pool Park and various playscapes. Rangers are enforcing social distancing in parks that have remained open.

City and county department operations centers are operational. Employee health awareness remains in the forefront for the departments, and monitoring of available resources has been consistent.

Austin Energy has activated its Incident Command staff of approximately 60 members. Dell Medical School is coordinating a public donation at local bicycle shops today for medical and support supplies (target PPE). Storage and redistribution out of Austin area warehouse.



**City of Bee Cave:** The City of Bee Cave has closed public access to City Hall, the Bee Cave Library, and the Municipal Court. Day to day operations are being conducted on-line or by phone. Those who can work from home are doing so. Restaurants and bars are closed, with drive-through and carry-out available. Central Park is closed. St. David's Emergency Care Center in the Hill Country Galleria is anticipating being a drive-through test site. Starting Monday, Lake Travis Independent School District will provide free breakfast and lunch for students up to 18 years old at three school locations.

**City of Jonestown:** All public facilities are closed. All public meetings are cancelled. The city is working with local restaurants and bars to comply with closure orders.

**City of Lakeway:** City of Lakeway is following Centers for Disease Control and Austin Public Health Guidelines. The city has a daily COVID-19 Update Call for local government stakeholders.

**City of Pflugerville:** The City of Pflugerville has reduced services to essential personnel only and has initiated work from home and reduced staffing operations.

City of Pflugerville employees are encouraged to work from home and practice social distancing. Animal Welfare Services (PAWS), Rec Center, Library, Municipal Court and Recycle Center are closed through March 31st. Parks and Recreation activities and city-wide scheduled events have been canceled through May 1st. City staff continuing to bring more services online.

**City of Volente:** City has set up a program for neighbors to provide assistance to each other.

**Village of The Hills** and Hurst Creek Municipal Utility District are still on remote operations since Tuesday, March 17. No disruption in municipal services or utilities is anticipated. All contact information, including the office phone number, will remain the same while staff works remotely.

**Williamson County:** The City of Cedar Park closed all lobby space at City Hall Complex. The Cedar Park Police Department is providing security staffing at Costco.

**DDC 17 – Victoria** (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties)

**Calhoun County:** All restaurants, YMCA, and Anytime Fitness are closed. Iguana Fest has been canceled. Seadrift Chamber of Commerce Garage Sale Bayfront Pavilion and Easter Sunday Egg Hunt Bayfront Pavilion have been canceled. Easter Sunday Bayside services at the Seadrift First United Methodist Church is canceled.

**Goliad County:** Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is closed. It's a Small World Daycare and Juju Beauty Salon are closed.

**DDC 18 – San Antonio** (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties)

**Bandera County:**

Lost Maples State Natural Area closed on March 20, 2020 and will remain closed until further notice.

**Gillespie County:** Pedernales Falls State Park will be closed until further notice.

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

**Coryell County:** Ft. Hood Army Base has established direct communications link with proper representatives to share daily SITREPS, maintaining awareness between Ft. Hood, state agencies, and local officials.

**San Saba County:** The local Lowes Grocery Store was destroyed overnight – the structure is a total loss and not operable. This store is currently the only means for supplying food to the general area – the only other option is a Dollar Tree in San Saba proper. Closest grocery stores in the area are the Cities of Goldthwaite and Lampasas. Currently looking for short term solutions to minimize stress on the other local area food supplies. The County is currently looking at solutions for the Lowes Grocery store fire loss. Lowe’s representatives have not reached out to the Senior Elected Officials (SEO) with plans to rectify opening a temporary store location at this point. The County Judge may seek assistance from the State through a STAR request for emergency assistance. The County will continue to work with the SEO as this moves along.

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Remote
AgriLife	Specialists/Admin	6	0	Activated	College Station
DPS-THP	Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS-THP	Personnel	4	4	Assigned	Dallas County
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TDLR	Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TEA	Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TFS	Logistical Support	9		Assigned	San Antonio
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	TDEM Region 1
TFS	Planning Support	2		Assigned	DDC 7
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 3
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 17
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 20
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 6
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 15
TFS	ESF 4 Representative	1		Assigned	Remote
TFS	Type III IMT	5		Assigned	DDC 4B
TMD	SOC Military Desk	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin



TMD	SOC Food Unit	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Logs Veters	4		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	6 CST Support Team	7		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Garland
TMD	J6 Support	1		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Activated	Hurst
TPWD	Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Remote

**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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