



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

**New Information Is In Blue Text**

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| <b>Event Name</b>         | 20-0003 COVID-19 2020 |
| <b>Date</b>               | May 8, 2020           |
| <b>Time</b>               | 0900                  |
| <b>Operational Period</b> | May 7 to May 8, 2020  |
| <b>Report Number</b>      | 50                    |

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

**Current Situation:**

**Texas People Tested**

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>455,162</b> |
| <b>Public Labs</b>  | 14,661         |
| <b>Private Labs</b> | 440,501        |

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

**Texas COVID-19 Cases (1)**

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Statewide Cases</b> | <b>35,390</b> |
| <b>Total Texas Counties</b>  | 217           |
| <b>Total Deaths</b>          | 973           |

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

On May 7, Governor Abbott modified his executive orders related to COVID-19 to eliminate confinement as a punishment for violating these orders. These modifications are being applied retroactively.

On May 6, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (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. The funding is provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Immediate Services Crisis Counseling and Training Program.

The grant allows 31 local mental health and behavioral health authorities (LMHAs/LBHAs) to connect Texans to short-term crisis counseling services that include reducing stress and providing emotional support, assisting survivors in reviewing their disaster recovery options, promoting the use or development of healthy coping strategies, connecting survivors with appropriate people and agencies that can help them, and referrals to other disaster recovery programs.

LMHA/LBHAs also collaborate with schools, shelters, nursing homes, emergency responders, healthcare providers, as well as local, state, and federal partners to reach those in need. Crisis counseling teams will work with individuals, groups, and organizations to provide educational materials, information, crisis counseling services, and referrals to local resources to assist individual needs. The grant is expected to help more than 260,000 people across the state.

For additional resources visit the [Mental Health & Substance Use Resources](#) web page. Texas residents can dial 2-1-1 to learn about programs and services.

Also on May 6, Governor Abbott and the OneStar Foundation announced the Texas COVID Relief Fund, which will provide critical funding and resources to organizations across the state working on the ground to support the economic recovery of local communities. Funds raised will be distributed through grants focused on the areas of community and economic development, healthcare, and education. Funds will also be used to support local priorities and organizations serving the unmet needs of vulnerable populations and underserved communities.

For more information on the Texas COVID Relief Fund or to make a donation, visit the [OneStar Foundation website](#).

OneStar Foundation was created to support the State of Texas by strengthening the nonprofit sector, encouraging civic engagement through service and volunteering, promoting innovative strategies to address local issues and facilitating public-private partnerships to expand the reach of nonprofits. During times of disaster, OneStar Foundation is designated by the Governor to raise and distribute funds to eligible organizations working on the ground to support the economic recovery of Texas communities devastated by disasters.

On May 5, Governor Greg Abbott held a press conference where he announced that he will be issuing an Executive Order to expand openings of certain businesses and activities. The Governor also announced new guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on graduation ceremonies and the creation of Surge Response Teams to combat any COVID-19 flare ups in Texas.

Per the Governor's announcement, wedding venues and services required to conduct weddings may immediately open. Weddings held indoors other than at a church, congregation, or house of worship must limit occupancy to 25%. Wedding reception services may also resume, but facilities must limit their occupancy to 25% of the total listed occupancy. These occupancy limits do not apply to the outdoor areas of a wedding reception or to outdoor wedding receptions. Beginning May 8, cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons and shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade, may open, but all such salons, shops, and establishments must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations. Tanning salons may also reopen under the same limitation. Also starting May 8, swimming pools may open subject to certain limitations, including on their

occupancy or operating levels.

Beginning May 18, office buildings may open with the greater of five or less individuals or 25% of the total office workforce. These individuals must maintain appropriate social distancing. Gyms, exercise facilities, and exercise classes may also open on May 18, but must operate at 25% occupancy. Locker rooms and shower facilities will remain closed, but restrooms may open. Non-essential manufacturing services may also open on May 18 but facilities must limit their occupancy to 25%.

These newly opened services are subject to recommended minimum standard health protocols outlined by DSHS. These protocols will be available on the [Open Texas webpage](#). TEA Commissioner Morath also provided new guidance on class of 2020 graduation ceremonies for Texas school districts. The TEA is providing four different pathways for schools to celebrate their graduating seniors, and each district is at liberty to determine if any of these options best serve the needs and desires of their community:

- Completely virtual ceremonies that take place entirely online, with the use of videoconference or other technologies.
- Hybrid ceremonies, which consist of a compilation of videos of students being recognized in person as they celebrate graduation in small groups.
- Vehicle ceremonies, in which students and their families wait in their cars while other graduates are recognized one at a time with their families alongside them.
- Outdoor in-person ceremonies, which are currently permitted for counties as follows:
  - Between May 15 and May 31, an outdoor ceremony may take place in a rural county that has an attestation as described in the [Governor's Report to Open Texas](#) that remains in effect 7 days prior to the ceremony.
  - An outdoor ceremony may take place in any Texas county on or after June 1

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

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

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

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

The Governor also established increased occupancy protocols for certain counties with five or fewer laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19. Those counties may, on an individualized basis, increase occupancy limits to up to 50% for restaurants, retail, shopping malls, museums and libraries, and movie theaters if they meet certain criteria.

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

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

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

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

View the Governor's Executive Orders issued:

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

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

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

[View the COVID-19 test collection map.](#) The test collection map is also accessible through the [Texas.gov COVID-19 resource page.](#)

On April 24, Governor Abbott and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) announced that Texas will provide HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to Texans experiencing housing challenges due to COVID-19. Individuals needing assistance should visit [Help for Texans](#) to search for rental assistance providers in their area. Simply click Long Term Rent Payment Help, enter the city or county, and click on the Find Help button.

On April 23, Governor Abbott announced that Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will provide a series of free online trainings to help local officials understand, acquire, and administer federal assistance available to the state of Texas and municipalities through the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The first online training, [Federal Relief: An overview for local governments](#), is available now.

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

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 22, Governor Abbott waived certain testing requirements for Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) as part of the state's response to COVID-19.

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

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

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

Requests for additions should be directed to TDEM at [EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov](mailto:EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov) or by visiting [www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices](http://www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices).

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

Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus>

Federal Bureau of Investigation: <https://www.fbi.gov/coronavirus>

Texas Attorney General: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov>

US Attorney's Office: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/report-covid-19-fraud>

Federal Communications Commission: <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-scams>

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

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

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

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

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

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

On April 9, Governor Abbott temporarily waived a series of regulations to lift certain telehealth restrictions and expand telehealth options as Texas responds to COVID-19.



On April 9, Governor Abbott announced that the HHSC has adopted an emergency rule to temporarily allow more nurse aides to serve residents in long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 response.

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

On April 8, Governor Abbott announced that his Public Safety Office (PSO) will provide a one-time emergency waiver of the federally required cash or in-kind match contribution required for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant funds.

On April 8, Governor Abbott announced that Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) will provide more than \$168 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits to help Texans during the COVID-19 response. [More information about SNAP benefits.](#)

On April 8, Governor Abbott held a press conference where he provided an update on the production and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) in Texas. The Governor announced a new partnership between the Texas Military Department (TMD) and Prestige Ameritech to increase the production of face masks for health care workers.

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

On April 7, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has adopted an emergency rule to allow end stage renal disease (ESRD) facilities to treat patients more effectively during the COVID-19 response.

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

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

On April 6, Texas Health and Human Services announces Texas WIC, the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, is expanding the number of food items eligible for purchase through the program. WIC participants can find detailed information on the [Texas WIC website.](#)

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

On April 3, Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on Texas hospital capacity. During the press conference, the Governor and Dr. Zerwas presented an overview of statewide hospital bed capacity, as well as a detailed analysis of bed availability by region. Texas has increased by over 140% since March 18.

On April 2, Governor Abbott suspended regulations to increase the amount of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) workers and first responders in Texas during the state's response to COVID-19.

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

On April 1, Governor Abbott and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) took initial action to provide tenant-based rental assistance for Texans experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

On March 31, Governor Abbott announced the Comfort Food Care Package (CFCP) program to provide meals for at-risk youth and families in communities across Texas as the state responds to COVID-19. [Texas Restaurant Association website](#).

On March 30, Governor Abbott waived certain statutory provisions to ensure public safety employees who contract COVID-19 during the course of their employment will be reimbursed for reasonable medical expenses related to their treatment of COVID-19.

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

On March 29, The Vice President of the United States sent a letter to all Hospital Administrators.

At the President's direction, we are requesting that all hospitals report the following information to HHS:

## 1. COVID-19 Test Result Reporting

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

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

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

i. Due date/time: The spreadsheet is due EVERY day at 4 PM CT.

ii. Data to report: The data elements are outlined in the spreadsheet [emailed separately], but should include all test results that were completed during the previous day with a midnight cutoff.

iii. Where to submit: Submit the spreadsheet via email to [fema-hhs-coviddiagnostics-tf@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-hhs-coviddiagnostics-tf@fema.dhs.gov).



iv. Data elements to report: Included in the attached spreadsheet with definitions.

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

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

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

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

On March 28, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations allowing for an expedited licensing reactivation process for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) in Texas.

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

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

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

On March 26, Governor Abbott announced his request for access to interest-free federal loans (known as Title XII funds) to pay unemployment claims and the accelerated release of funds from the Texas account of the federal Unemployment Trust Fund.

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

Governor Abbott has temporarily waived certain hospital licensing rules and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has adopted an emergency rule to meet Texas' need for additional hospital capacity while the state responds to COVID-19.

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

On March 23, Governor Abbott sent a letter to President Trump requesting a presidential declaration of a major disaster in Texas based on the continued impact of COVID-19.

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

The Governor has also issued multiple waivers of state law to remove barriers limiting the response to this pandemic and activated the Texas National Guard to be prepared to assist with response efforts for COVID-19.

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

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

Governor Abbott also announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has included the entire state of Texas in its Economic Injury Disaster Declaration and granted access to its Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, which will provide long-term, low interest loans to qualifying businesses across the state.

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

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a waiver that will allow restaurants to deliver alcoholic beverages with food purchases to patrons, including beer, wine, and mixed drinks.

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

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

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

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

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

Governor Abbott and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced a collaboration with local education agencies (LEA) on the Texas Students MealFinder Map which will allow Texas parents to locate LEA facilities serving meals in their communities.

Governor Abbott announced that he is temporarily suspending certain regulations to ensure that Texans will have continued access to their pharmacists as the state responds to COVID-19. The Governor also announced the launch of an online portal run by the Supply Chain Strike Force to streamline the process and validation of leads for more supplies. The portal, accessible through [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov), will serve as an intake process for those wanting to provide valid leads on PPE and donations. The Governor also issued an Executive Order to better track both hospital bed capacity and COVID-19 test results across the state. The order also requires every public or private entity utilizing FDA-approved COVID-19 tests to submit daily reports of all results to the local health department and DSHS who will then share this information with the CDC.

On March 17, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations and directed that the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) issue an emergency rule, relating to telemedicine care for patients with state-regulated insurance plans.

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

The Governor suspended State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAR) testing for the state. Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location.

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

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

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

The CDC and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) coronavirus webpages are reliable sources of information. DSHS is monitoring the Texas situation seven days a week.

[DSHS is reporting 15,977 current active cases of COVID-19 in 217 Counties](#)

| County of Residence      | Total Number of Cases | County of Residence       | Total Number of Cases |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <a href="#">Anderson</a> | 40                    | <a href="#">Jim Hogg</a>  | 3                     |
| <a href="#">Andrews</a>  | 21                    | <a href="#">Jim Wells</a> | 5                     |
| <a href="#">Angelina</a> | 93                    | <a href="#">Johnson</a>   | 97                    |

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|---------------|-------|-------------|-----|
| Aransas       | 2     | Jones       | 84  |
| Armstrong     | 2     | Karnes      | 3   |
| Atascosa      | 22    | Kaufman     | 106 |
| Austin        | 14    | Kendall     | 18  |
| Bailey        | 2     | Kerr        | 6   |
| Bandera       | 6     | Kleberg     | 10  |
| Bastrop       | 107   | Knox        | 1   |
| Bee           | 6     | La Salle    | 1   |
| Bell          | 213   | Lamar       | 76  |
| Bexar         | 1,761 | Lamb        | 5   |
| Blanco        | 6     | Lampasas    | 6   |
| Bosque        | 5     | Lavaca      | 6   |
| Bowie         | 76    | Lee         | 2   |
| Brazoria      | 588   | Leon        | 7   |
| Brazos        | 232   | Liberty     | 48  |
| Brewster      | 1     | Limestone   | 13  |
| Briscoe       | 1     | Lipscomb    | 2   |
| Brooks        | 1     | Live Oak    | 5   |
| Brown         | 38    | Llano       | 3   |
| Burleson      | 14    | Lubbock     | 575 |
| Burnet        | 24    | Lynn        | 5   |
| Caldwell      | 25    | Madison     | 2   |
| Calhoun       | 34    | Marion      | 15  |
| Callahan      | 5     | Martin      | 3   |
| Cameron       | 469   | Mason       | 28  |
| Camp          | 7     | Matagorda   | 62  |
| Carson        | 3     | Maverick    | 26  |
| Cass          | 17    | McCulloch   | 3   |
| Castro        | 22    | McLennan    | 92  |
| Chambers      | 47    | Medina      | 21  |
| Cherokee      | 20    | Midland     | 94  |
| Childress     | 1     | Milam       | 18  |
| Clay          | 3     | Mitchell    | 1   |
| Cochran       | 1     | Montague    | 9   |
| Coke          | 1     | Montgomery  | 672 |
| Coleman       | 2     | Moore       | 454 |
| Collin        | 839   | Morris      | 9   |
| Collingsworth | 1     | Motley      | 1   |
| Colorado      | 12    | Nacogdoches | 202 |
| Comal         | 61    | Navarro     | 34  |
| Comanche      | 3     | Newton      | 4   |
| Concho        | 1     | Nolan       | 2   |
| Cooke         | 11    | Nueces      | 117 |

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|------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Coryell    | 201   | Ochiltree     | 28    |
| Cottle     | 3     | Oldham        | 3     |
| Crane      | 2     | Orange        | 81    |
| Crosby     | 2     | Palo Pinto    | 9     |
| Dallam     | 10    | Panola        | 139   |
| Dallas     | 4,869 | Parker        | 43    |
| Dawson     | 30    | Parmer        | 17    |
| DeWitt     | 15    | Pecos         | 14    |
| Deaf Smith | 41    | Polk          | 30    |
| Delta      | 1     | Potter        | 971   |
| Denton     | 846   | Rains         | 2     |
| Dickens    | 1     | Randall       | 333   |
| Dimmit     | 1     | Red River     | 2     |
| Donley     | 25    | Refugio       | 1     |
| Duval      | 3     | Roberts       | 2     |
| Eastland   | 3     | Robertson     | 5     |
| Ector      | 90    | Rockwall      | 96    |
| El Paso    | 1,119 | Runnels       | 2     |
| Ellis      | 188   | Rusk          | 40    |
| Erath      | 15    | Sabine        | 2     |
| Falls      | 6     | San Augustine | 21    |
| Fannin     | 23    | San Jacinto   | 10    |
| Fayette    | 19    | San Patricio  | 16    |
| Floyd      | 4     | Scurry        | 2     |
| Fort Bend  | 1,287 | Shackelford   | 1     |
| Franklin   | 3     | Shelby        | 144   |
| Freestone  | 7     | Sherman       | 19    |
| Frio       | 25    | Smith         | 165   |
| Gaines     | 3     | Starr         | 10    |
| Galveston  | 669   | Stephens      | 1     |
| Garza      | 3     | Swisher       | 11    |
| Gillespie  | 4     | Tarrant       | 2,813 |
| Glasscock  | 1     | Taylor        | 206   |
| Goliad     | 7     | Terry         | 12    |
| Gonzales   | 31    | Titus         | 27    |
| Gray       | 73    | Tom Green     | 58    |
| Grayson    | 60    | Travis        | 1,946 |
| Gregg      | 109   | Trinity       | 10    |
| Grimes     | 25    | Tyler         | 7     |
| Guadalupe  | 90    | Upshur        | 16    |
| Hale       | 37    | Uvalde        | 6     |
| Hamilton   | 5     | Val Verde     | 13    |
| Hansford   | 11    | Van Zandt     | 18    |

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|------------|-------|------------|-----|
| Hardin     | 113   | Victoria   | 146 |
| Harris     | 7,244 | Walker     | 315 |
| Harrison   | 167   | Waller     | 37  |
| Hartley    | 7     | Washington | 153 |
| Hays       | 176   | Webb       | 410 |
| Hemphill   | 1     | Wharton    | 40  |
| Henderson  | 34    | Wheeler    | 12  |
| Hidalgo    | 359   | Wichita    | 70  |
| Hill       | 18    | Wilbarger  | 2   |
| Hockley    | 19    | Willacy    | 14  |
| Hood       | 19    | Williamson | 341 |
| Hopkins    | 7     | Wilson     | 34  |
| Houston    | 10    | Winkler    | 3   |
| Howard     | 6     | Wise       | 28  |
| Hunt       | 54    | Wood       | 11  |
| Hutchinson | 19    | Yoakum     | 2   |
| Jack       | 4     | Young      | 4   |
| Jackson    | 14    | Zapata     | 7   |
| Jasper     | 18    | Zavala     | 1   |
| Jefferson  | 336   |            |     |

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

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

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

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

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

#### **Denton County:**

City of Lewisville is cancelling all city-sponsored public events, including an Independence Day fireworks show, through late September due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Other events that are cancelled is KTA Jam Session, St. Paddy's Texas Style, Fiesta



Charra, Sounds of Lewisville Concert Series, Sounds or Red, White and Lewisville Concert and Old Town Fireworks Show.

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

**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: help seekers can text “211Help” to 484848, or visit [www.211texas.org](http://www.211texas.org) to web chat with a Community Resource Specialist. This is a local United Way initiative.

Yesterday, 2-1-1 East Texas Region handled 383 calls. The top unmet needs were; bathroom modification, gas service payment assistance, group residences for adults with disabilities, rental deposit assistance, and room/boardings houses. The top calls were; undesignated temporary financial assistance, electric service payment assistance, rent payment assistance, and COVID-19 control.

**Anderson County:**

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

**Camp County:**

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

**Gregg County:**

**City of Longview:** Environmental Health officials are coaching restaurants on sanitary requirements as they reopen in compliance with GA-19. Some City of Longview offices and services reopened on May 1 as noted in this release - <https://www.longviewtexas.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2616>

**Rusk County:** Monday, May 4, the Rusk County courthouse opened for business by appointment only. In order to be admitted, citizens will need to call ahead. The office that a person needs access to will have to contact security to ensure entry. Check the Rusk County website for additional information. As per CDC guidelines, individuals are encouraged to wear a mask.

**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/>.

**DDC 22 – Sherman:** Yesterday, 2-1-1 handled 204 calls. Top needs requested were; public clinics, homeless shelter, rent payment assistance, discount internet service, electric service payment assistance, emergency road service, general assessment for substance use disorders, in-patient drug detoxification, job search/placement, and undesignated temporary financial assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**City of La Porte:** The City held a mask distribution event Thursday May 7 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Pecan Park (3600 Canada Rd). Masks were distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies lasted. This was a drive-thru distribution only.

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

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

**Webb County:** On April 30, County Judge Ibarra extended the Stay at Home Order through May 15. Evictions will be suspended during this order.

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

As of May 5, Aransas, Duval, Jim Wells and Refugio counties are currently eligible to apply for a rural attestation to allow for increased capacity for restaurants, retail, and/or movie theaters (capped at 50%). DSHS approved 71 requests for rural county attestation (73 have applied). Please visit the DSHS Open Texas page for more information or visit this link for an updated list of counties that may operate at 50% capacity per the attestation process.

**2-1-1 Texas/United Way HELPLINE:**

Coastal Bend Region Service area: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio counties. <https://www.211texas.org/add-or-edit-your-2-1-1-listing/coastal-bend/>

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

**Live Oak County:** The County will be going to the 25% rule from the Governors Open Texas Guide. The Live Oak County Health department is monitoring the situation through their local Health Clinics and the recent Military Supplied Testing. The local fire departments have stopped the program to decon the carts after the stores close. The County is utilizing the local Mass Alerting System (Hyper-Reach) to disseminate health notices.

**Nueces County:**

**Port of Corpus Christi:** Initial coordination activities for M/V Catillo De Navia, inbound vessel reports possible ill crewmember. Vessel is scheduled to arrive PCCA anchorage May 8. CC/NC PHD advised no testing expectation from their perspective. USCG will continue to review and advise if another call is warranted.

The PCCA CEO has extended the “work at home” order for all vital employees thru Friday May 15. No in-person visitors, contractors or vendors shall be allowed at the Administration and Annex Building thru Friday May 15.

Port of Corpus Christi is coordinating with tug companies and vessel agents that operate within the Port to provide visibility on crew changes taking place with crew members coming from outside of Texas. Participating on weekly Port Coordination Team conference calls with maritime representatives and vessel agents to share incident summaries, guidance amendments and best practices. U.S. Customs Border and Protection (CBP): Implemented Public Information Notice 20-002 remanding all crew members to their vessel until further notice. Continued close monitoring of medical paroles for crewmen seeking medical evaluation while in Port.

The Port of Corpus Christi continues to maintain uninterrupted business operations as it works in close cooperation with federal, state and local governments as well as industry in the implementation of its COVID-19 response measures. The Port of Corpus Christi Incident Management Team (IMT) was activated on February 13 and will remain active for the duration of this pandemic. With the preventative measures outlined by the USCG and CBP, diligent screenings of all vessels and crewmembers will continue for the foreseeable future.

**Refugio County:** County will adhere to the Executive Orders issued by the Governor. Refugio County Memorial Hospital continues to conduct testing according to CDC guidelines.

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

**Food Bank RGV:** Due to the rise in demand, families will only be allowed to visit the food bank once every 30 days. Pickup is every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, or until capacity is reached. Emergency pantry services for seniors 60 and older is on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

**Cameron County:**

**City of Harlingen:** On May 5, the City of Harlingen, in conjunction with Cameron County Health Department and Cameron County Office of Emergency Management, assisted TMD in providing a site to host a state operated COVID-9 Mobile Testing Site within the northeastern area of Cameron County.

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

DDC 24 Counties are considering, seeking attestation for rural counties with five or fewer laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19.

**Real County:** County Judge announced plans to open the Courthouse on Monday, May 11.

**Uvalde County:** The County Judge has certified the requirement of no active COVID-19 cases as of April 30, in Uvalde County. With certain guidelines to social distancing, masks, etc. certain businesses can open with a 50 percent capacity. This became effective May 1.

**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:**

**City of El Paso:** The City of El Paso is recommending that anyone outside of their home must wear a mask. Some restaurants are now open to 25% capacity.

**DDC 9 – Midland** (Andrews Barden, Dawson, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland, and Winkler Counties)

**Ector County:**

**City of Odessa:** 16 additional TMD personnel will arrive this weekend (Saturday May 9) to help with Food Bank operations.

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

**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)

West Central 2-1-1 has received 193 calls for assistance covering; Callahan, Eastland, Jones, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry and Taylor counties.

## RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

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

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

AgriLife activated one Regional Program Leader to assist TDEM DDC 6.

Pony Express Team members made the following on [May 6](#):

- 208 PPE deliveries
- 16 Pickups/Deliveries of Clean and Dirty Test Kits
- 211 Long Term Care/Nursing Home Deliveries
- 4 deliveries to MTTs

Five DAR agents received specimens at airports from 13 collection sites after closing and are transferring them to be flown to UTMB or taken to DSHS and Baylor Scott and White for analysis. Three DAR agents received specimen collections from 3 nursing home test sites in Floresville, Lubbock, and the Dallas area. The Lubbock area specimens and the San Antonio specimens were put on the plane for transport to UTMB.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX):** TEEX continues to support COVID-19 response across Texas. Incident Support Team (IST) at San Antonio Armory has been issuing initial PPE packages to the deploying Mobile Testing Team (MTT). SOC staff is working on plans to support the MTT operations.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS currently has 43 personnel committed to COVID-19 response and is providing planning support, logistical support, and other functional areas as needed throughout the state. TFS resources are assisting the TDEM, DSHS and local jurisdictions. Assistance activities include Incident Action Plan development, Situation Reports, STAR Processing, Personal Protective Equipment hauling, logistical support for shipping and receiving materials, incident management support, and training.

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

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

**Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS):**

State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) Activities:

- Each Public Health Region (PHR) is expected to receive 3 Infection Control Practitioners. Currently two regions have ICPs working in the field.
- Texas Health Trace link is now LIVE on the DSHS coronavirus website.
- DSHS has repurposed 1000 staff to serve as contact tracers.
- Vulnerable Population Task Force Teams will be deployed to regions to assist Long Term Care facilities, correctional facilities and VA Homes that currently have outbreaks. These include technical assistance teams, education teams, and response teams.
- DSHS is currently drafting an Isolation and Quarantine Plan that is designed for individuals who cannot be isolated at home.
- The DSHS SITREP will be distributed on a weekly basis starting on May 11.

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.
- All RHMOCs are at Full Activation.
- All eight HPP Providers have activated Regional Operations Centers and are distributing PPE to healthcare entities in the region.
- Battelle face mask decontamination systems in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio are now operational. A total of 326 facilities have registered to use the Battelle system.

DSHS Call Center Activities:

The Call Center has received 14,103 calls and 9,780 emails to date. Over the past 24 hours, the Call Center received a total of 106 calls and 166 emails. The Call Center is operational 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM every day of the week.

**Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):**

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



In response to Governor Abbott's announcement that cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade may reopen on May 8, TDLR has posted guidelines from the Strike Force to Open Texas for those businesses and their customers on TDLR's website's COVID-19 page.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS Aviation continues to assist with statewide specimen transport to designated testing laboratory. [Since April 24, DPS Aviation has performed 82 flights, transported 241 coolers containing samples and have 270 flight hours.](#) THP Region II personnel assisted with ground transport and received 7 coolers of the collected samples from DPS Aviation at Scholes Airport. THP transported samples to the UTMB lab for processing. Region I CID Agents assisted with ground transport and received 5 coolers of collected samples from DPS Aviation at Dallas Love Field Airport. CID transported samples to the UTSW lab for processing.

**Texas Education Agency (TEA):**

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

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

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** Governor Abbott activated the Texas National Guard on Tuesday, March 17 to help with the state's response to coronavirus. TMD currently has [3,083](#) personnel in support of the COVID-19 Response. Two TMD General Support Units are operating in support of testing sites in Kingsville and Houston. Eight TMD GSUs are staging in Dallas, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Lubbock, Austin, Houston, El Paso, Weslaco and Tyler to implement the TDEM distribution plan to the RACs. TMD MDCs are supporting DDCs in 2, 04A, 04B, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16A, 16C, 16D, 18B, 19, DDC 20 and 21 and DDC 24. TMD is supporting the manufacture of n95 masks. TMD is assisting TDEM with warehouse distribution of PPE. TMD is supporting the North Texas Food Bank, the South Texas Food Bank, the East Texas Food bank, the Rio Grande Valley Food Bank, Harris County Food Bank, Tarrant County Food Bank, [West Texas Food Bank](#), and the El Paso Food Bank with distribution. TMD is supporting the State Operations Center. TMD Engineering Facility Assessment teams are actively evaluating alternate care medical facilities for COVID 19 patient overflow potential. The TMD Engineering team is working with the Army Corp of Engineers. TMD is supporting Community Based Testing site operations in Bexar, [Borden, Brazos, Cass, Castro, Crockett, Harris, Haskell, Jackson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Matagorda, Nueces, Panola, Parker, Potter, Reagan, Red River, San Patricio, Sherman, Taylor, Washington, Webb, and Wharton](#) Counties. TMD has received more than 21,000 calls at the TMD COVID-19 call center, and assisted with screening more than [25,000](#) people. TMD is supporting TDEM Critical Information Systems with data compilation and STAR repositioning.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and making agency adjustments based on the DSHS and CDC guidelines to ensure the health and safety of employees, volunteers, and the public visiting TPWD facilities. Texas Game Wardens are currently assisting with "Pony Express" Rural COVID-19 Testing sites by providing ground transportation. Since the start of "Pony Express" Texas Game Wardens have assisted with the delivery of samples from 155 counties.

**Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol (CAP):** CAP is conducting transport flights of critical materials to locations across Texas. CAP flew one transport mission each on May 4 and 5 with one aircraft and crew, and three support personnel. Texas Wing has five aircraft on standby for further assignment. Local personnel have been assigned to Harris County at the Humble Activity Center doing POD and Safety support. The county has requested 15 additional personnel.

**Texas Workforce Commission (TWC):** TWC has 88 personnel supporting COVID-19 with 11% of its staff in Texas teleworking.

Unemployment Insurance:

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

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

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

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| Agrilife     | Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery                                      | 11 | 11 | Assigned | STRAC  |
| Agrilife     | 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         | Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)  | 1  |    | Assigned | DDC 4B Garland                                 |
| DSHS         | State Coordinating Officer (SCO)  | 1  |    | Assigned | SOC/Austin                                     |
| DSHS         | Fatality Management Trailer (FMT) (HPP)   |    | 3  | Assigned | PHR 2/3, 4/5N, 7                               |
| DSHS         | AST   | 2  | 1  | Assigned | San Antonio Riverview                          |
| DSHS         | Vulnerable Populations Emergency Response Team (VPER) - Rapid Assessment (RA)/QRF | 3  |    | Assigned | McKinney - Oxford                              |
| DSHS         | VPER-RA/QRF   | 3  |    | Assigned | Willow Park PHR 2/3                            |
| DSHS         | VPER-RA/QRF   | 3  |    | Assigned | Brownwood PHR 2/3                              |
| DSHS         | VPER-RA/QRF   | 3  |    | Assigned | Ft. Worth                                      |
| DSHS         | VPER-RA/QRF   | 3  |    | Assigned | San Antonio (Pecan) PHR 8                      |
| DSHS         | MIST  | 1  |    | Assigned | San Antonio Mobile Collection Team Call Center |
| DSHS         | MIST  | 5  |    | Assigned | EMTF 1   |
| DSHS         | MIST  | 7  |    | Assigned | EMTF 2   |
| DSHS         | MIST  | 2  |    | Assigned | EMTF4  |
| DSHS         | MIST  | 7  |    | Assigned | EMTF6  |
| DSHS         | MIST  | 1  |    | Assigned | EMTF7  |
| DSHS         | MIST  | 9  |    | Assigned | EMTF8  |

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| DSHS           | MIST                                 | 2  |   | Assigned  | EMTF9               |
| DSHS           | MIST                                 | 3  |   | Assigned  | EMTF11              |
| DSHS           | Infection Control Practitioner (IPC) | 1  |   | Assigned  | PHR 2/3             |
| DSHS           | IPC                                  | 1  |   | Assigned  | PHR 6/5S            |
| DSHS           | Epidemiologists                      | 47 |   | Assigned  | PHRs Statewide      |
| DSHS<br>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             |
| TAHC           | Logistics                            | 1  |   | Assigned  | Virtual             |
| TAHC           | Transportation Assistance            | 1  | 1 | Available | Laredo              |
| TDA            | SOC Liaison                          | 1  |   | Assigned  | Remote              |
| TDLR           | SOC Liaison                          | 1  |   | Assigned  | Remote              |
| TEA            | SOC Liaison                          | 1  |   | Assigned  | Remote              |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | SOC Liaisons                         | 4  |   | Assigned  | Remote SOC - Austin |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | Incident Support Team (IST)          | 9  |   | Assigned  | El Paso             |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | Incident Support Team (IST)          | 7  |   | Assigned  | Dallas              |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | Incident Support Team (IST)          | 9  |   | Assigned  | De Valle            |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | Incident Support Team (IST)          | 8  |   | Assigned  | Corpus Christi      |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | Incident Support Team (IST)          | 8  |   | Assigned  | Lubbock             |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | Incident Support Team (IST)          | 7  |   | Assigned  | Tyler               |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | Incident Support Team (IST)          | 7  |   | Assigned  | Houston             |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | Incident Support Team (IST)          | 7  |   | Assigned  | San Antonio         |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | CBTS Data Support                    | 1  |   | Assigned  |                     |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | CBTS Data Support                    | 1  |   | Assigned  |                     |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | CBTS Data Support                    | 1  |   | Assigned  |                     |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | CBTS Data Support                    | 1  |   | Assigned  |                     |
| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | CBTS Data Support                    | 1  |   | Assigned  |                     |

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| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | CBTS Data Support                | 1  |  | Assigned |                                   |
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| TEEX,<br>TAMUS | CBTS Data Support                | 1  |  | Assigned |                                   |
| TFS            | ESB/ESF 4<br>Representative      | 1  |  | Assigned | SOC                               |
| TFS            | EOC Support                      | 3  |  | Assigned | College Station                   |
| TFS            | Planning Support                 | 1  |  | Assigned | DDC 4B<br>(Remote)                |
| TFS            | Planning Support                 | 1  |  | Assigned | DDC 3 (on-site)                   |
| TFS            | Planning Support                 | 1  |  | Assigned | DDC 4A<br>(Remote)                |
| TFS            | Planning Support                 | 1  |  | Assigned | DDC 7<br>(Remote)                 |
| TFS            | Planning Support                 | 1  |  | Assigned | DDC 17<br>(Remote)                |
| TFS            | Planning Support                 | 1  |  | Assigned | DSHS Region 1<br>(On-site)        |
| TFS            | Logistical Support               | 33 |  | Assigned | San Antonio                       |
| TTI            | Traffic Counters                 | 7  |  | Assigned | TX/LA Border                      |
| TMD            | SOC Military Desk                | 3  |  | Assigned | SOC/Austin                        |
| TMD            | SOC Food Unit                    | 3  |  | Assigned | SOC/Austin                        |
| TMD            | SOC Logs Veters                  | 14 |  | Assigned | SOC/Austin                        |
| TMD            | Military District<br>Coordinator | 2  |  | Assigned | Garland                           |
| TMD            | Military District<br>Coordinator | 1  |  | Assigned | Hurst                             |
| TMD            | ETN Support                      | 4  |  | Assigned | Garland                           |
| TMD            | GSU 08                           | 8  |  | Assigned | Kingsville                        |
| TMD            | GSU 10-1                         | 30 |  | Assigned | Houston                           |
| TMD            | Military District<br>Coordinator | 1  |  | Assigned | Corpus Christi                    |
| TMD            | J6 Support                       | 7  |  | Assigned | Austin                            |
| TMD            | BJTF Mission CMD                 | 17 |  | Assigned | Fort Worth                        |
| TMD            | BJTF Mission CMD                 | 12 |  | Assigned | Houston                           |
| TMD            | BJTF Mission CMD                 | 19 |  | Assigned | Austin                            |
| TMD            | JTF LNO (3 BDE<br>CMD)           | 3  |  | Assigned | Austin,<br>Houston, Fort<br>Worth |
| TMD            | General Support Unit             | 34 |  | Assigned | Lubbock                           |
| TMD            | General Support Unit             | 34 |  | Assigned | Dallas                            |
| TMD            | General Support Unit             | 34 |  | Assigned | El Paso                           |

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| TMD | General Support Unit          | 36  |  | Assigned | Austin            |
| TMD | General Support Unit          | 12  |  | Assigned | Corpus Christi    |
| TMD | General Support Unit          | 31  |  | Assigned | Tyler             |
| TMD | General Support Unit          | 36  |  | Assigned | San Antonio       |
| TMD | General Support Unit          | 28  |  | Assigned | Houston           |
| TMD | GSU & HQ                      | 4   |  | Assigned | San Antonio       |
| TMD | GSU for BDE Support           | 21  |  | Released | Huntsville        |
| TMD | GSU for BDE Support           | 30  |  | Assigned | Houston           |
| TMD | GSU for BDE Support           | 34  |  | Assigned | Austin            |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | Pierce            |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | Houston           |
| TMD | Engineering Assistance        | 1   |  | Assigned | Austin            |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | Lubbock           |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | Tyler             |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | Abilene           |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | El Paso           |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | Austin            |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | San Antonio       |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | McAllen           |
| TMD | LNO FST                       | 4   |  | Assigned | Houston (Virtual) |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | Conroe            |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 1   |  | Assigned | Bryan             |
| TMD | Traffic Control ECPT          | 0   |  | Released | Huntsville        |
| TMD | EMCC Staff Aug                | 6   |  | Assigned | Arlington         |
| TMD | NTFB Food Distribution        | 280 |  | Assigned | Plano             |
| TMD | GSU Set Up FMS                | 0   |  | Released | Dallas            |
| TMD | ABS MRP                       | 37  |  | Assigned | Austin            |
| TMD | TDEM Warehouse Support        | 2   |  | Assigned | San Antonio       |
| TMD | PAX Making N95 Masks          | 94  |  | Assigned | N Richland Hills  |
| TMD | Military District Coordinator | 2   |  | Assigned | Del Rio           |
| TMD | SOC Theater Support           | 16  |  | Assigned | Austin            |



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| TMD  | SOC Theater Support              | 7     |    | Assigned  | San Antonio<br>TDEM         |
| TMD  | SOC Theater Support              | 44    |    | Assigned  | DFW                         |
| TMD  | SOC Theater Support              | 32    |    | Assigned  | San Antonio                 |
| TMD  | SOC Theater Support              | 0     |    | Released  | Houston                     |
| TMD  | El Paso Food<br>Distribution     | 103   |    | Assigned  | El Paso                     |
| TMD  | South Texas Food<br>Distribution | 49    |    | Assigned  | Laredo                      |
| TMD  | LNOFST                           | 4     |    | Assigned  | Pierce                      |
| TMD  | GSU                              | 25    |    | Assigned  | Weslaco                     |
| TMD  | East Texas Food Bank             | 31    |    | Assigned  | Tyler                       |
| TMD  | Medical Support Team             | 4     |    | Assigned  | Austin/SOC                  |
| TMD  | TMD Medical Support              | 17    |    | Assigned  | Camp Swift                  |
| TMD  | CBTS Test                        | 19    |    | Assigned  | Butler Stadium -<br>Houston |
| TMD  | CBTS Test                        | 24    |    | Assigned  | Delmar -<br>Houston         |
| TMD  | TDEM Commodities                 | 60    |    | Assigned  | San Antonio                 |
| TMD  | CBRAC Logs                       | 8     |    | Assigned  | San Antonio                 |
| TMD  | RGV Food Bank                    | 30    |    | Assigned  | Pharr                       |
| TMD  | DSHS TMD Support                 | 2     |    | Assigned  | Austin                      |
| TMD  | Harris County Food<br>Bank       | 297   |    | Assigned  | Harris County               |
| TMD  | Tarrant County Food<br>Bank      | 60    |    | Assigned  | Tarrant County              |
| TMD  | TMD Medical Testing<br>MRP       | 1,256 |    | Assigned  | Various                     |
| TMD  | TMD Building Rack<br>Shelves     | 31    |    | Assigned  | Austin                      |
| TMD  | TMD Logs SMOC                    | 1     |    | Assigned  | Austin ALT<br>SOC           |
| TMD  | Walgreens Test Site              | 6     |    | Assigned  | Houston                     |
| TMD  | Food Bank San<br>Antonio         | 33    |    | Assigned  | San Antonio                 |
| TMD  | Military District<br>Coordinator | 1     |    | Assigned  | Laredo                      |
| TMD  | TMD Inspection Team              | 8     |    | Assigned  | San Antonio                 |
| TMD  | Military District<br>Coordinator | 1     |    | Assigned  | Lufkin                      |
| TMD  | Traffic Control Point            | 5     |    | Activated | Palmview                    |
| TMD  | West Texas Food<br>Bank          | 14    |    | Activated | Odessa                      |
| TPWD | SOC Liaison                      | 2     | 2  | Assigned  | Austin                      |
| TPWD | DDC 4B Liaison                   | 1     | 1  | Assigned  | Garland                     |
| TPWD | Caldwell County EOC<br>PIO       | 1     | 1  | Assigned  | Caldwell<br>County          |
| TPWD | Texas Game Wardens               | 20    | 20 | Assigned  | Statewide                   |

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| TPWD | TPWD Aviation | 1 | 1 | Assigned | Statewide |
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### Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)

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

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

#### Mission Information and Details

Distribution numbers from 15 food banks around the state are listed below are the increased pounds distributed due to COVID-19 over their normal distribution. The remaining food banks data will be added as it is reported.

| Food Bank                                     | Prepared Meals | Pounds of Water Distributed | Pounds of Food Distributed | Non-food Items Distributed |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Brazos Valley Food Bank (Bryan)               |                |                             | 461,035                    | 1,500                      |
| Central Texas Food Bank (Austin)              |                | 25,735                      | 1,566,512                  |                            |
| Coastal Bend Food Bank (Corpus Christi)       |                | 7,056                       | 804,203                    |                            |
| Concho Valley Regional Food Bank (San Angelo) |                |                             | 213,192                    |                            |
| East Texas Food Bank (Tyler)                  |                |                             | 967,892                    |                            |
| Food Bank of West Central Texas (Abilene)     | 2,897          |                             | 188,959                    |                            |
| Galveston County Food Bank (Texas City)       |                |                             | 18,850                     |                            |
| High Plains Food Bank (Amarillo)              | 22,237         |                             | 7,064                      |                            |
| Houston Food Bank (Houston)                   |                | 174,406                     | 2,267,632                  | 6,618                      |
| North Texas Food Bank (Dallas)                |                | 41,999                      | 4,964,923                  | 83,130                     |
| South Texas Food Bank (Laredo)                | 20,367         | 36,700                      | 3,246,864                  |                            |
| Southeast Texas Food Bank (Beaumont)          |                | 2,352                       | 325,585                    | 12,000                     |
| Tarrant Area Food Bank (Ft. Worth)            |                | 74,144                      | 2,410,049                  | 55,442                     |

| Food Bank                                    | Prepared Meals | Pounds of Water Distributed | Pounds of Food Distributed | Non-food Items Distributed |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| West Texas Food Bank (Odessa)                |                | 64,387                      | 1,108,432                  | 1,779                      |
| Wichita Falls Area Food Bank (Wichita Falls) | 547            | 6,530                       | 183,077                    |                            |
| <b>TOTAL REPORTED</b>                        | 46,048         | 433,532                     | 23,858,898                 | 160,469                    |

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

The Salvation Army has entered into an agreement with TDEM and The National Guard providing logistics to distribute PPE to various regions.

The Salvation Army Emotional & Spiritual Care hotline, has been up and running for 1 month. Anyone needing someone to talk to can call 1-844-458-HOPE (4673). Hours of operation are 8:00 AM CST to 12:00 Midnight CST.

To date, TSA has served/distributed: 272,982 Meals, 309,219 Drinks/Snacks, 3,046 Cleaning Kits/Supplies, 9,339 Hygiene Products/Kits, 40,890 Food Boxes, 25,166 PPE, 1,811 MRE's, 4,405 Water cases/gallons.

**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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