



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Governor Greg Abbott provided an update on COVID-19 in Texas on Tuesday, March 24 at 2:30PM at the Texas Department of Public Safety warehouse facility. The Governor was joined by Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD, and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd.

Governor Abbott held a press conference on March 24 to provide an update on incoming supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other resources to aid Texas' response to COVID-19. The Governor announced that the newly established Supply Chain Strike Force has already secured more than \$83 million of purchase orders for essential supplies. Additionally, the Governor announced that the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) will begin receiving 100,000 masks per day by the end of this week and the Supply Chain Strike Force will begin receiving an additional 100,000 masks per day by the end of next week—meaning the State of Texas will soon be receiving more than one million masks per week.

The Governor also announced the launch of an online portal run by the Supply Chain Strike Force to streamline the process and validation of leads for more supplies. The portal, accessible through www.texas.gov, will serve as an intake process for those wanting to provide valid leads on PPE and donations. The portal also serves as a portal for those wanting to donate supplies, services, or your time—including medical professionals and nurses looking to volunteer.

The Governor also issued an Executive Order to better track both hospital bed capacity and COVID-19 test results across the state. The Executive Order requires all hospitals, excluding psychiatric hospitals, to submit daily reports on hospital bed capacity to the Texas Department

of State Health Services (DSHS) who will then share this information with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 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.

Governor Abbott has directed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to issue guidance allowing restaurants to sell bulk retail products from restaurant supply chain distributors directly to consumers provided that such foods are in their original condition, packaging, or presented as received by the restaurant. Under this guidance, restaurants will be able to sell items like packaged meat, fruit and vegetables, and dry goods directly to the public to prepare and consume at home. This guidance will allow distributors and restaurants to provide Texans another source of food outside of grocery stores and prepared food from restaurants. These bulk food items would be available for purchase through restaurants offering drive-thru, delivery, pick-up, and curbside service.

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) released an announcement Friday, March 20th that warns consumers about unauthorized fraudulent coronavirus tests. The agency is beginning to see unauthorized fraudulent test kits that are being marketed to test for COVID-19 in the home. The FDA has not authorized any test that is available to purchase for testing at home for COVID-19. The FDA will take appropriate action to protect consumers from bad actors who take advantage of a crisis to deceive the public by marketing tests that pose risks to patient health. Enforcement is being stepped up at ports of entry, including International Mail Facilities, to ensure these fraudulent products that originate outside the country do not enter through our borders. Reports may be sent via email to: FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov.

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. This action follows on the heels of a series of proactive measures, including declaring a state of disaster for all 254 Texas counties on March 13, 2020. Filed in accordance with the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, the request is based in part on Governor Abbott's conclusion that the ongoing COVID-19 incident is of such severity and magnitude that supplementary federal assistance is necessary to save lives, to protect property, public health, and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a larger disaster.

In his letter, the Governor specifically requested Individual Assistance Crisis Counseling and Public Assistance Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) including Direct Federal Assistance for all 254 counties in Texas, noting that, as of March 23rd, Texas has 352 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with eight related deaths.

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). These include:

- mandatory avoidance of social gatherings of more than 10 people;
- mandatory avoidance of dine-in eating and drinking at bars or restaurants, and of gyms or massage establishments;

- prohibition on non-critical visits to nursing homes, retirement or long-term care facilities; and
- the temporary closure of in-person school operations.

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. To date, more than 466 Texas jurisdictions have submitted local disaster declarations, a number that is expected to rise. The requested federal aid would be used to overcome the current shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE), needed medical equipment and testing supplies as well as looming shortages of hospital beds, medical equipment, and a healthy and adequate cadre of medical personnel.

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.

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 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, 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 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 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 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>. 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

Total	13,235
Public Labs	1,758
Private Labs	11,477*

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

Texas COVID-19 Cases (1)

Total Statewide Cases	715
Deaths	11

To see county totals, scroll table below.

County of Residence	Number of Cases
Bell	16
Bexar	57
Blanco	1
Bowie	1
Brazoria	18
Brazos	12
Brown	2
Burnet	1
Cameron	6
Cass	1
Castro	2

County of Residence	Number of Cases
Chambers	2
Collin	38
Comal	4
Crane	1
Dallas	131
Deaf Smith	2
Denton	30
DeWitt	1
Eastland	2
El Paso	7
Ellis	7
Falls	1
Fannin	1
Fayette	1
Fort Bend	29
Galveston	18
Grayson	1
Gregg	1
Grimes	2
Harris	54
Hays	7
Hidalgo	2
Hockley	3
Hopkins	1
Hunt	1
Johnson	3
Kaufman	2
Lamar	1
Lavaca	1
Limestone	1
Lubbock	11
Matagorda	3
McLennan	20
Medina	1

County of Residence	Number of Cases
Midland	1
Montgomery	19
Morris	1
Nueces	1
Oldham	1
Parker	1
Potter	2
Robertson	1
Rusk	2
Smith	14
Tarrant	57
Tom Green	1
Travis	79
Upshur	1
Van Zandt	1
Webb	5
Wichita	5
Williamson	14

(1) DSHS will update the state case count each day by 8 PM Central Time.

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 14th 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.

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.

Governor Abbott recognized the difference in the number of positive COVID-19 tests reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Johns Hopkins University data dashboard, saying the Johns Hopkins provides "additional cases that may not yet be confirmed" and may include cases of people who have been brought into the state from cruise ships. Medical groups have offered up the masks and medical gear, including the Texas Society of Plastic Surgeons and the Texas Medical Association. Dr. Luis Rios, president of the Texas Society of Plastic Surgeons, delivered 1,000 masks, 1,000 gloves and hundreds of gowns, the governor said.

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.

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

All essential face-to-face transactions are by appointment only. All other business to be conducted via mail, email, internet or phone.

Red River County: No gathering of more than 10 individuals is permitted.

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

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.

Anderson County declaration limits the size of gatherings to no more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice in Anderson County. Some of the Anderson County offices have restricted public access at this time, asking public to call before coming to offices or conducting online services.

City of Palestine has closed city offices to the public. They are offering online services and a drop box for the public. DPS DMV is closed to the public.

Camp County: Camp County & City of Pittsburg - city and county officials are participating with UT Health Pittsburg on a daily call on COVID -19.

Gregg County: Municipal Court has been canceled until May 1 in the City of White Oak. All local churches in the City of White Oak have canceled services through April 3.

City of White Oak had their local disaster declaration extended by the City Council until May 15.

Henderson County: Henderson County has canceled gatherings that are 10 or more people. Henderson County Commissioners Court on March 24, approved an extended declaration of local disaster due to a public health emergency, for a period of 14 days. Under the new emergency declaration, the county's emergency state would end on April 7, 2020, unless the commissioners take action to extend it further.

City of Seven Points declaration was signed and put into place on March 20, limiting gatherings of less than 10 people. Local flea market has been closed during this time. All small essential business are taking precautions. Restaurants are drive through / curbside only, no dine in. No court or city hall business unless it can be done over phone or internet. No jury or bench trials scheduled through mid-April.

Rusk County: The Mount Enterprise Post Office reports increase in labor. Proper PPE used, gloves and masks made available with gloves predominantly used. Drivers no longer collecting signatures on anything.

Smith County: There is a testing site in Smith County at UT Health. Smith County and City of Tyler law enforcement officers have been given directions to limit exposure to COVID-19 in their duties in public interactions.

Per the Superintendent, Tyler ISD is currently monitoring 20+ of their employees in self-quarantine until Sunday, March 29. TISD distributed 5000 meals last week (Superintendent indicates that this number needs to be much higher). Food distribution for TISD students only. Partnering with the Mentoring Alliance and the East Texas Food Bank for distribution. Schools throughout the City of Tyler utilized for distribution points include: Boulter Middle School, Three Lakes Middle School, Hubbard Middle School, Moore Middle School, Caldwell Elementary School, Griffin Elementary School, and Peete Elementary School (coming online today).

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. 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. Texoma Medical Center and Wilson N. Jones Medical Center are restricting visitation, Wilson N. Jones has also closed its dining facility.

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.

As of March 24, there have been four additional positive cases of COVID-19 reported to the Brazos County Health District, One of the new positive cases reported today has been hospitalized. Some residents of the surrounding Brazos Valley counties utilize the healthcare system in the Bryan/College Station area. Because there is community spread, the Brazos County Health District will only be reporting total number of cases.

The Community Emergency Operations Center staff is monitoring the situation, working with BVCOG Region, TDEM, BCHD, and DSHS. We will continue to issue additional reports Monday-Friday, with reports on Saturday and Sunday as needed. The CEOC is currently at Level II, working virtually by phone and email.

Washington County: At their Commissioner’s Court meeting today, Washington County Commissioners extended the County Disaster Declaration until April 3. The Washington County Courthouse and all County offices are closed to the public. County offices are doing business by email, online, telephone, and if absolutely required, appointment only. Access to the courthouse is restricted and we are using a brief screening questionnaire for employees as well as anyone who has to go in to the courthouse. Washington County and the City of Brenham, in collaboration with Faith Mission, are setting up a public disaster information center number for COVID-19 for residents to call for information and assistance. Brenham and Burton ISD is provided meals for students that need them. Meals for seniors are being delivered as needed. The hospital is continuing to prepare and has done testing for COVID-19 thru a physician’s order.

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 15 Beaumont: On March 24, at 8:15 AM the first patient was successfully tested at the Regional EOC established Testing Site. The Test Site will be staffed week days from 0800 to 1700 and closed on weekends. Testing at this Test Site will be done by appointment only. Citizens must call the Call Center (409-550-2536) and obtain an appointment time and Patient Number in order to be tested. Citizens arriving at the test site without a Patient Number will be turned away. All personnel reporting to the incident shall have their temperature taken and maintain a “COVID-19 14-Day Symptom Monitoring Log”. Temperatures shall be taken prior to entering the work area at the beginning of the day, after returning from lunch, and at any other time where there are health concerns. The goal for the next 24 hours is to coordinate and effectively operate the established Test Site and Call Center and to develop an “Inclement Weather Plan” for the Test Site.

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.

DDC 16 — Texas City: Government agencies are down to skeleton crews. Grocery stores are limiting the number of people allowed in at one time.

Brazoria County: Brazoria County has not filed an executive order asking the public to stay at home but the judge is asking the citizens to stay home.

Galveston County: Galveston County Health District this afternoon announces three additional positive COVID-19 cases in Galveston County residents.

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.

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

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 that started on Monday March 23, from 1200 am to 5:00 am daily.

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 Escobares: The following business establishments must close: bars, lounges and private clubs, fitness centers and gyms, bingos and amusement redemption centers, reception halls and party rental places. They will have a curfew from 10pm to 5am.

City of Roma: The City of Roma issued a stay at home order between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00a.m. daily until April 13. Public or private gatherings of no more than 10 people in a single enclosed space including businesses where people are present. The following business establishments must close: bars, lounges and private clubs, fitness centers and gyms, bingos and amusement redemption centers, reception halls and party rental places.

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.

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

Brooks County: Brooks County has approved a curfew from Midnight to 5am. Local law enforcement will be enforcing the curfew with warning or citations.

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, on Wednesday, March 25.

The Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District began processing COVID-19 testing using an existing laboratory as approved by the State of Texas.

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.

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.

A third supplemental emergency management order with mandatory county wide shelter in place will take effect on Wednesday, March 25 for a period of 14 days or until extended, rescinded, suspended, or amended.

Hidalgo County: Hidalgo County Commissioner Court voted unanimously on Tuesday to suspend normal operations beginning Monday, March 30 because of “events by the control of the County,” related to the pandemic of COVID-19. The order will remain in effect until Monday April 27th, 2020.

Issuance of an emergency order instituting emergency measures due to a public health emergency related to coronavirus disease to include a stay at home curfew. The order will take effect on Monday, March 23. Curfew hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. daily. Hidalgo County Community Service Agency has coordinated feeding operations to help elderly residents.

The City of Edinburg and the City of Donna issued an order that prohibits any public or private community gathering of 10 people or more anywhere in the city. Visiting nursing homes or retirement or long-term facilities is prohibited. Non-essential retail establishments are prohibited from servicing customers.

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

Dimmit County: Dimmit County has issued the following restrictions: no social gatherings in groups of 10 or more, follow CDC guidelines on social distancing and handwashing, no dining-in in restaurants, citations will be issued, or groups disbanded, if the order is violated.

Kinney County: City of Brackettville employees are working half work force one day, the other half working every other day. Mayor and Mayor pro tem, will not meet at the same location at any given time. City Council will not meet all together, preferably by phone. Restaurants are conducting pick up service only. Identified critical infrastructure operations, and are providing those functions only. Doors to the city hall administration are locked, receiving telephonic, internet, and drop box payments only. Deliveries are drop off outside of our building, minimizing contact with non-employees and delivery personnel.

La Salle County: Per the current Declaration from March 19th thru March 27th at midnight, the following restrictions have been implemented by the county: Closure of all bars, gyms and restaurants (except for takeout, drive-thru and delivery), No visitors allowed inside of nursing homes, closure of all schools until April 3, closure of gaming rooms, county parks, county owned practice fields and pool, in coordination with the Lowe's grocery store, patrons must undergo screening before entry with final determination left to business, county has a curfew set forth for all citizens under the age of 18, unless with a parent or legal guardian, and screening of all personnel entering county owned buildings before allowed inside.

Real County: In abundance of caution due to COVID-19 and for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Real County as well as real county employees, the following guidelines have been implemented for the Real County Courthouse: Effective March 25, the operating hours to the general public are from 9am to 4pm with closure during the noon hour, Entry into the courthouse will be available through the south side doors only (by the flagpoles), Please try to conduct any business you may have with the courthouse offices by phone, online or email, Please designate one person to process any necessary transactions unless two parties are required and do so by prior appointment to the extent possible.

Uvalde County: Public gatherings are limited to no more than 50 people and those gatherings where 50 or more people are expected are suspended or cancelled. All public festivals and craft fairs were canceled.

Val Verde County: Val Verde Regional Medical Center: Actively monitoring patients as they enter the facility at the emergency room, but emphasized, along with other local leaders, that there still are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Val Verde County. EMS and paramedics are provided additional protection gear to use while in contact with suspect patients. VVRMC is capable of testing for COVID-19, sent out to Quest Laboratory.

GEO Facility (County Jail) have discontinued visiting of inmates.

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.

The County of El Paso government offices are closed starting March 23 to the public.

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)

Clay County Courthouse is closed to the public, but the Annex remains open. Archer, Wilbarger, and Hardeman Counties are restricting access to all county buildings, by appointment only. Jack Courthouse is closed to walk-ins, by appointment only. The Law Enforcement Center is encouraging business to be handled by phone if possible.

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

Brown County: 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.

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)

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.

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

Burnett County:

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: Llano County Commissioners Court conducted a video recorded meeting to share with the public, Llano County and city leaders COVID -19 status updates. The county will consider developing a Medical Response Team in the event the virus escalates. The county will identify funeral home capabilities in the event of a large number of deaths from the virus. The county reported a critical need for hand sanitizer for officers on the street and will create a STAR request to meet this need.

Picked up PPE- 3000 Particle Masks - CATRAC provided will divide and deliver to the nine fire departments, sheriff's office and police departments within the county.

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.

Williamson County: Williamson County has implemented a Shelter-In-Place order.

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.

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. Ft. Hood has confirmed its first positive case of COVID-19. The individual is currently under quarantine on base.

Shelter-in-Place Orders:

Counties/Cities	Issued	Effective
Bell County	03/23	03/23
Bexar County	03/23	03/24
Brazos County	03/23	03/24
Cameron County	03/23	03/25
Castro County	03/24	03/24
Chambers County	03/24	03/24
Collin County	03/24	03/24
Dallas County	03/22	03/24
Denton County	03/24	03/25
El Paso County	03/24	03/24
Fort Bend County	03/24	03/25
Galveston County	03/23	03/24
Harris County	03/24	03/25
Hidalgo County	03/23	03/23
Hunt County	03/23	03/24
Kaufman County	03/24	03/25
Liberty County	03/24	03/24
McLennan County	03/23	03/23
Milam County	03/24	03/25
Rockwall County	03/24	03/24
Stephens County	03/23	03/23
Tarrant County	03/23	03/23
Travis County	03/24	03/25
Val Verde County	03/23	03/24
Williamson County	03/24	03/25
City of Austin	03/24	03/25
City of Alamo Heights	03/23	03/24
City of Azle	03/24	03/24
City of Belton	03/23	03/23
City of Colleyville	03/24	03/24
City of Dickinson	03/24	03/24
City of Edinburg	03/24	03/24
City of El Paso	03/24	03/24
City of Flower Mound	03/24	03/25
City of Forney	03/24	03/25
City of Friendswood	03/24	03/25

City of Garland	03/23	03/23
City of Gun Barrel City	03/24	03/25
City of Houston	03/24	03/25
City of La Marque	03/24	03/24
City of La Porte	03/24	03/25
City of McGregor	03/23	03/23
City of Red Oak	03/24	03/24
City of Roma	03/23	03/24
City of San Antonio	03/23	03/24
City of Seabrook	03/24	03/25
City of Tool	03/24	03/25
City of Waco	03/23	03/23
City of Woodcreek	03/24	03/24

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC/Austin
AgriLife	Specialists/Admin	6	0	Activated	College Station
DPS-HSCO	GIS Specialist	1	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
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
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TDLR	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TEA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TFS	Logistical Support	9		Assigned	San Antonio
TFS	Planning Support	2		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 5 & 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
TPWD	Field Game Warden	3	3	Assigned	Dallas

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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