



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE TARRANT COUNTY

Health Resources: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

June 30, 2020

Federal COVID-19 Testing... Mixed Messages & Policy Federal Testing Sites To End

On June 20, President Trump stated “When you do testing to that extent, you’re going to find more people, you’re going to find more cases. So, I said to my people, ‘Slow the testing down, please.’” US experts from the CDC, FDA & DHHS reply “no” when asked by Congress if they had received a directive to conduct fewer tests. Dr. Anthony Fauci stated, “I know for sure none of us have ever been told to slow down on testing. That just is a fact. In fact, we will be doing more testing.”

On June 30, the Trump administration ends federal funding for COVID-19 testing sites in 5 states including Texas. States must take over the \$130,000-\$150,000 per day for a site testing 1000 per day.

Source: MIC

Take The Time...

2020 Census: Only 61% of households have answered the census. Go to my2020census.gov

IRS: Tax Deadline is July 15th

File by the 15th to avoid penalties and get refunds in a timely manner.

COVID-19 Cases Surge US Reaches 126,000+ Deaths Texas Sets A Record 159,986 Cases

On March 4, 2020, Texas reported the first positive case of the coronavirus. On April 4, there were 6,110 cases in 151 counties. As of June 30, there are 159,986 cases in 244 counties.

6/25/20 Texas broke records for daily increase in new cases at 5,996, and, broke records for a 14 days running with 4,739 new hospitalizations. Governor Abbott announced that the June 3 “phase” of the “Plan to Reopen Texas” would remain in place, but there is a “pause” in future phases of reopening. The restaurants would remain at a 75% capacity and bars at 50%.

6/26/20 Governor Abbott reversed course, set restaurant capacity at 50% and closed all bars. The Governor expressed regret for the reopening of the bars in the first place. “If I could go back and redo anything, it probably would have been to slow down the opening of bars, now seeing in the aftermath of how quickly the coronavirus spread in the bar setting,” he said.

Governor Abbott originally based reopening Texas businesses on the rate of positive COVID-19 tests remaining under 10% of total tests conducted. On June 24, the rate surged to 10.4% which “raised the alarm” and resulted in the Governor’s actions to change the rules for reopening businesses in Texas.

Source: *The Texas Tribune*

COVID-19 Cases

Top 2.5 million...

CDC 6/30/20	Cases	Deaths
US	2,581,229	126,739
TX	159,986	2,424
Collin	2,882	42
Dallas	20,737	352
Denton	2,740	37
Tarrant	11,739	225

Texas: Age groups from 20-40 have the greatest case increase.

Source: Texas Dashboard texas.gov

US Texas Governor Suspends Elective Surgeries...

June 25, 2020 Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order to suspend elective surgeries and all non-urgent procedures in Bexar, Dallas, Harris and Travis counties. The policy is in response to the rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations and is intended ensure hospital bed availability for COVID-19 and other patients and to preserve ICU beds as demand rises.

Hospitalizations:

4/06/20 - 1,153

6/30/20 - 6,533 record high

Source: gov.texas.gov/coronavirus

COVID-19 30 Day Trends

US	Cases	Deaths
4/30/20	1,031,659	60,057
5/30/20	1,737,950	102,785
6/30/20	2,581,229	126,739
<u>Texas</u>		
4/30/20	28,087	782
5/30/20	62,338	1,648
6/30/20	159,986	2,424

Face Masks Policy Updates

Centers for Disease Control: Recommends that people wear face coverings in public settings.

Texas: Governor recommends masks. No Executive Order. Local governments may decide on policy.

Collin County: No Recommendations

Dallas County: Executive Order to all businesses to require masks. All gatherings of 100 require a mask.

Denton County: No Recommendations

Tarrant County: Executive Order to all businesses to require masks. All gatherings of 100 require masks.

CDC Revision: COVID-19 / Who Is At Risk For Severe Illness?

Everyone is at risk for getting COVID-19 if they are exposed to the virus. Some people are more likely than others to become severely ill, which means that they may require hospitalization, intensive care, or a ventilator to help them breathe, or they may even die. The risk for severe illness increases with age and presence of chronic health conditions. Note: CDC formerly stated that older adults were most at risk. All adults are now considered at risk with the rising infections of people age 20-40.

Source: cdc.gov/coronavirus

The Bottom Line ... As more than 48,000 new COVID-19 cases were announced on Tuesday, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation’s top infectious disease expert, noted that the record surge “puts the entire country at risk”. In his testimony before the Senate, Dr. Fauci stated that “the rate of new coronavirus infections cases could more than double to 100,000 a day if current outbreaks are not contained.”

**Protect Yourself - Stay Home
Wear Mask in Public - Wash Hands**