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SPECIAL EDITION - 3



As many of you are settling into new routines, I would like to provide information to help keep you healthy, informed, and moving forward. In this newsletter, you will find resources that provide the most recent information on Texas' response to stop the spread of COVID-19 and address the needs of individuals, families, workers, and employers. I want to thank you for all you are doing to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in Texas.



This special edition relating to the Coronavirus includes the following:

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- COVID-19 Symptoms (Versus Cold and Flu Chart)
- Federal Updates
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COVID-19 STATS IN TEXAS

COVID-19 STATS

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is tracking COVID-19 cases and updates its site with the latest information each day by noon (CST).

- Texas has 1,731 confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- There are 88 cases of COVID-19 involving Collin County residents, and
- There are 367 confirmed cases of COVID-19 involving Dallas County residents.



For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Texas, please visit <https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83>.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 Symptoms vs. Flu and Cold

✓✓✓ = very common
 ✓✓ = sometimes
 ✓ = less common

	Fever	Cough	Shortness of Breath	Muscle Aches/Fatigue	Sore Throat	Headache	Chills	Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea	Runny/Stuffy Nose	Sneezing
COVID-19 <small>CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019</small>	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓
Seasonal Flu	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓
Common Cold	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓

For updates and more information, visit dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus

FEDERAL UPDATES

Major Disaster Declaration was issued by President Donald Trump for the State of Texas.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Relief Act, a \$2 trillion economic aid package, was signed into law by President Donald Trump on Friday, March 27, 2020.

STATE OF TEXAS UPDATES



[Texas' online information site](#) has a new page offering information for Texans impacted by COVID-19. Information includes updates from the following:

- [The Office of the Governor](#);
- [The Texas Department of State Health Services](#);
- [Texas Department of Emergency Management](#);
- [The Texas Education Agency](#);
- [The Texas Department of Health and Human Services](#);
- [The Texas Workforce Commission](#);
- [Drive-thru COVID-19 Testing](#);
- [Fast-track Nurse Licensing](#);
- [Medicaid and CHIP Services](#);
- [School Meal Finder for Students](#);
- [Small Business Disaster Assistance](#);
- [Unemployment Benefits](#);
- [Information for Motorists](#);
- [Professional Licensing](#);
- [Local Government Resources](#);
- [Selling or Donating Equipment](#) to Help Texans; and
- Information on Medical Volunteers (<https://texas.gov/form2.html> or [Medical or Nursing Student](#))

[Travel Restrictions to Texas](#) – Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order mandating a 14 day quarantine for those arriving from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, or New Orleans, Louisiana.

[Texas Driver License Offices](#) have been temporarily closed as of Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Governor Abbott has suspended certain provisions of the Texas Transportation Code to delay the expiration date for driver licenses, commercial drive licenses, and other identification documents.

EDUCATION UPDATES

[The Texas Meal School Finder](#) site was recently launched by the Texas Education Agency to help students who are food insecure find meals while schools are closed in response to reducing the spread of COVID-19.



[Texas Homeschool Coalition](#) provides homeschool resources on their website. Additionally, the Texas Homeschool Coalition has launched a Facebook page, [Coronavirus Homeschool Support](#), to provide parents who have recently added homeschooling to their other responsibilities.

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Texas Workers and Jobseekers

[Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas](#) is the workforce board serving those living and working in Collin County as well as 13 other counties surrounding Dallas and Tarrant.

[Workforce Solutions for Greater Dallas](#) is the workforce board serving those living and working in Dallas County.

[Unemployment Eligibility FAQ](#) was created by the Texas Workforce Commission to help displaced workers understand unemployment benefit eligibility.

[The Texas Workforce Commission's Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\)](#) provides **unemployment benefits** for individuals who lost their jobs, are self-employed, or who are no longer working as a direct result of a major disaster

for which a disaster assistance period is declared, and who applied but are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits.

Texas Employers

[**Texas Workforce Commission FAQ for Employers**](#) was recently released to help answer questions relating to COVID-19.

Texas Small Business

[**Small Business Resources**](#) was developed by the **Texas Senate Business and Commerce Committee**, on which I serve. I am working with my colleagues on this committee to provide answers to questions that many small business owners have and provide ways to access resources that are available at the state and federal levels. Many of these public policy concerns and questions will be addressed by the committee once we reinstitute committee hearings and can take public input safely.

[**The Collin Small Business Development Center**](#) is the arm of the United States Small Business Administration that advises small businesses in Collin and Rockwall counties. Their offices are helping businesses with the Economic Injury Disaster Loan application, marketing strategies and other topics that can help small businesses at this unique time. Their services are completely free. Additionally, businesses can go directly to their sign-up page at <https://collinsbdc.com/get-started/> or send an email to SBDC@collin.edu.

[**The North Texas Small Business Development Center**](#) (SBDC) is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Dallas County Community College District and serves businesses in Dallas County by conducting research, counseling and training business people in managing, financing, and operating small businesses, and providing comprehensive information services and access to experts in a variety of fields.

COLLIN COUNTY

For the most recent news and information relating to Collin County operations and updates on the COVID-19, please [click here](#).

Coronavirus COVID-19 Collin County Testing

Healthcare Systems

Baylor Scott & White

Log in to MyBSWHealth for online screening
<https://www.bswhealth.com/Pages/coronavirus-information.aspx>

Texas Health Resources

Call 882-236-7601 24/7
<https://www.texashealth.org/Health-and-Wellness/Understanding%20Coronavirus>

Medical City Healthcare

[MedicalCityVirtualCare.com](https://medicalcityhealthcare.com/covid-19/)
<https://medicalcityhealthcare.com/covid-19/>

Methodist Health System

<https://methodistnow.life>

Free Standing ER & Urgent Care

Legacy ER: 972-731-5151

Legacy ER West: 972-688-6020

iCare: 214-407-8668

Medco Frisco: 469-707-8447

Medco Plano: 469-747-0164

Medical City Stonebridge: 469-408-1400

Elite Care: 972-378-7878

FasterCare: 972-234-3299

Primary Care Physicians

Catalyst Health Network: 214-964-0319

<https://www.catalysthealthnetwork.com/coronavirus>

Modera Clinic: 972-987-0458

<https://www.moderaclinich.com>



* Thank you to the City of Plano for creating the following image with information on COVID-19 testing sites in Collin County.

DALLAS COUNTY

For the most recent news and information relating to Dallas County closures and operational changes and other updates relating to COVID-19, please [click here](#). [Dallas County testing site and instructions](#) are also listed on Dallas County's website.