



Good Evening,

I hope you and yours are safe and well. This week we have continued to see a dramatic increase in the rise of positive cases in Dallas County. I will continue working with our City, County, and hospital leaders to ensure we are prepared as cases and hospitalization rates increase.

We all have a role to play in flattening the curve and responsibility to abide by the current orders and recommendations which exist at a local, state and federal level. This means if you are on a crowded trail, you go somewhere else where you can safely stay 6 feet apart. This also means that visiting with friends or extended family other than the people who live in your home is not an option. The sooner everyone complies, the sooner we can resume our normal lives and allow the economy to begin to improve. DPD and Code Compliance are actively issuing warnings and will issue citations for those who fail to comply.

I also wanted to take a moment to remind you and encourage your friends and family to fill out the census. Every single person counts. This determines our representation in the House of Representatives and is used to allocate federal funding for programs like Medicaid, Head Start and SNAP benefits. One third of children in Dallas County are food insecure and programs like SNAP give them access to much needed food. Additionally, Texas has the highest uninsured rate in the country, including uninsured children. Programs like Medicaid give low income families access to quality healthcare and decrease the burden of unpaid medical expenses on hospitals and medical providers. [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS.](#)

As always, please stay safe and reach out to my office if we can assist in any way.

New Dallas County Amended Emergency Orders & Updates

Today, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins released a new website for all things COVID-19, www.dallascountycovid.org. On this website you can donate or apply to sell PPE, ask questions as a resident or business owner, apply to volunteer, or donate to the newly created Dallas County COVID-19 Response Fund. The Fund was established to provide Dallas County frontline responders with the resources necessary to directly combat the spread of the virus SARS-CoV-2 which produces the novel coronavirus disease COVID-19. Contributions to the Fund will go directly to the front lines of the fight in Dallas County as directed by Judge Jenkins based on the immediate needs of these responders.

Judge Jenkins hosted a press conference at 6 p.m. and discussed the following:

- Late rent fees will be capped at \$15/month.
- The County is encouraging essential businesses to allow employees to telecommute when possible.
- Clarified the Governor's order regarding houses of worship. Churches should

work with local municipalities to determine the rate of community spread in their area. If there is community spread, then houses of worship should cancel in person services. In Dallas houses of worship should continue with online, telephone or drive through services.

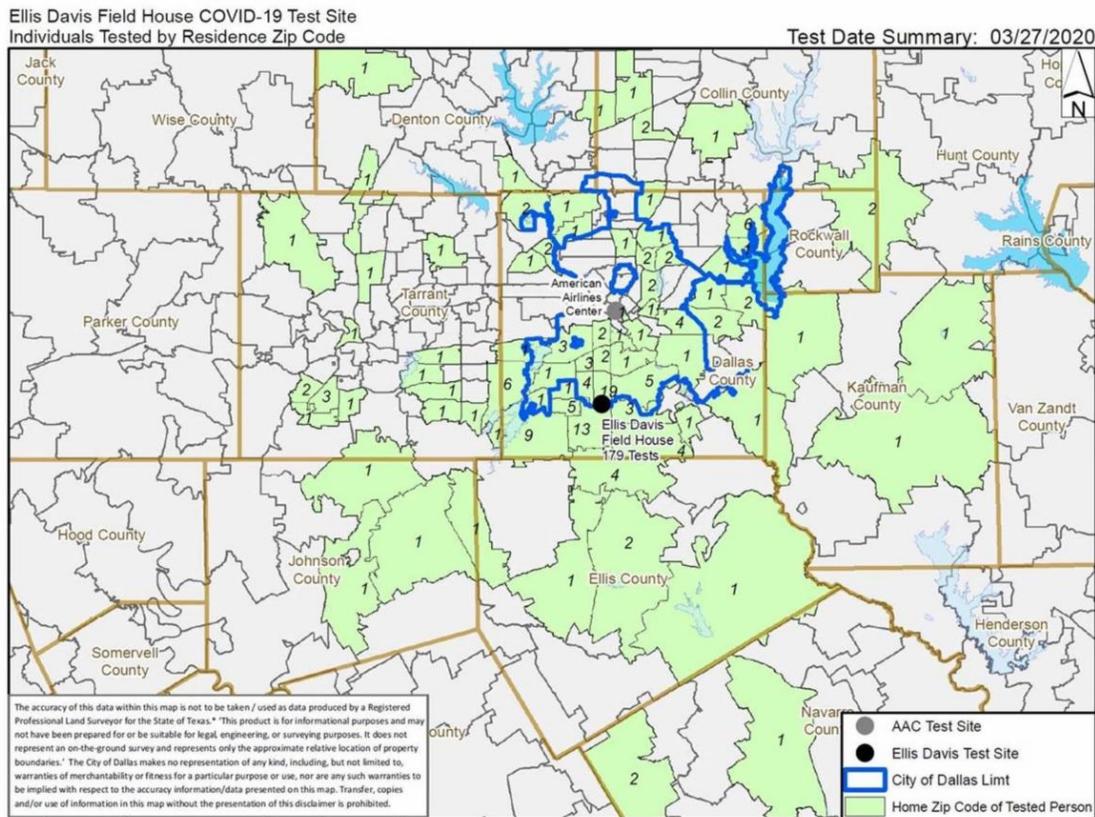
Earlier this week County Judge Clay Jenkins released new emergency orders. The primary updates included the following -

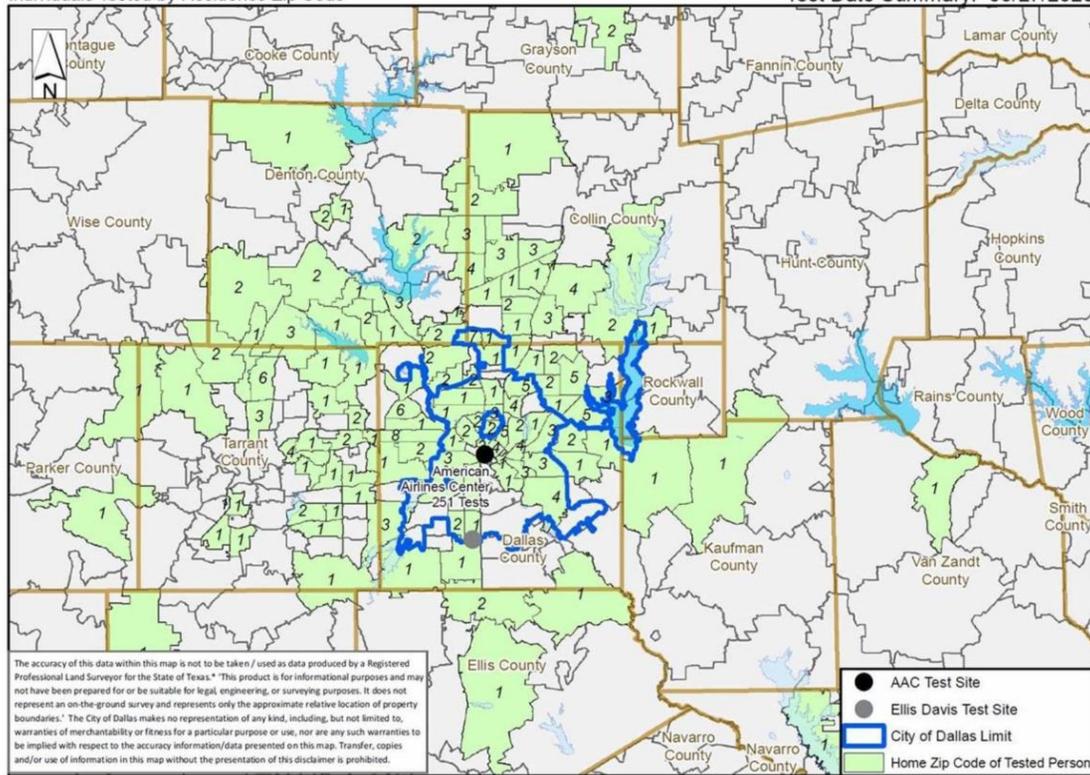
- An order against price gouging in times of crises.
- Additional protective measures for construction work. Construction for public works, residential, commercial, and schools is still allowable. Elective additions and maintenance are prohibited. Find detailed directives [here](#) or in Spanish [here](#).
- New regulations for senior living facilities may be found [here](#).

The final amended Shelter-in-Place order may be found in [here](#) and a summary of changes may be found [here](#).

Please click [here](#) for a map of confirmed cases by zip code current as of end of day March 31st. This is the most current map at the moment.

Maps of zip codes tested at the AAC and Ellis Field House testing sites were also released and may be found below. This was current as of this past weekend.





The City Attorney created an "Essential Businesses FAQ" in English and Spanish.

[English FAQ](#)
[Spanish FAQ](#)

Curious if your business is essential or non-essential? Email businesscovid19@dallascounty.org

New Information from the City

Today a 6th DPD officer has tested positive for COVID-19. DPD's medical team will assess if quarantine of other officers is necessary since receiving the test result today. The vehicle driven by the officer is out of commission and will be sprayed and sanitized by a professional contractor as well as the specific area in the building where the individual worked. Please keep the officer in your thoughts and prayers for a full recovery.

One officer is currently being hospitalized.

New Orders from the State

Governor Abbott released new emergency regulations state-wide today. Our attorneys are reviewing our orders to ensure they align with the state's. You may find them [here](#). His office also released clarity regarding houses of worship. Find more information in [English here](#) or in [Spanish here](#).

Updated Data

As of 10:00 am April 2, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 100 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 831. The 16th and 17th deaths from COVID-19 are being reported, including of a woman in her 70's who was as resident of a long-term care facility, and a woman in her 80's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. These individuals had been critically ill in area hospitals. Of cases requiring hospitalization, over three-quarters (77%) have been either over 60

years of age or have had at least one known high-risk chronic health condition. Diabetes has been a chronic high-risk condition reported in over a quarter (28%) of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19.

Please see attached [summary](#) comparing COVID-19 to the flu released Tuesday, March 31st.

The following is an update on the City's planning and preparedness efforts regarding COVID-19, as of April 2, 2020.

Positive cases of COVID-19

- 831 in Dallas County - 100 are new
- 184 in Collin County
- 288 in Tarrant County
- 231 in Denton County
- 2 in Kaufman County
- 4 in Rockwall County
- 15 in Ellis County

Hospital reports

Twelve hospitals reported ventilator and bed capacity numbers to Mayor Eric Johnson's office

- Total beds: 4,343
Beds occupied: 2,267
- Total ICU beds: 565
ICU beds occupied: 315
- Total ventilators: 622
Ventilators in use: 188

Lab Reports

As of 5:00 p.m. the City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management has received a report from five labs. Below are the numbers for today, Thursday, April 2, 2020:

315 COVID-19 tests
52 positive
261 negative

Below are testing from labs numbers to date:

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| Total tests to date by DCHHS | 640 |
| Total tests to date private labs* | 3,298 |
| Total negative tests to date* | 3,258 |
| Total active cases | 831 |
| Total deaths | 17 |
| Total recovered | 2 |

*Numbers as of March 13, 2020 to date, since the Mayor's order went into effect

Community Based Testing Sites - The numbers reported from the two community based testing sites for April 1 are as follows:

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| American Airlines Center | Ellis Davis Field House |
| Total number of individuals: 396 | Total number of individuals: 221 |

UT School of Law Launches Website with Financial Assistance Resources

The Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic at The University of Texas School of Law has launched a new website that tracks housing policies adopted by the federal government, State of Texas, and local jurisdictions to help Texas residents stay in their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying financial crisis. The site covers renter protections, foreclosure protections, and utility access protections. <http://sites.utexas.edu/covid19relief/>

Increased Coyote Sightings in Residential Neighborhoods

As we shelter in place longer, coyotes will be seen more frequently in residential neighborhoods as they scavenge for food where they can find it. This is a nationwide trend, so please don't be alarmed. In fact, below is a picture of one I saw one in my front yard this morning! Please access this [helpful guide](#) to enable us to co-habitat peacefully. Please note unless they are deemed unhealthy or aggressive, animal services Dallas Animal Services will not remove them. If you see an aggressive coyote, report it through 3-1-1.



COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Donations

UTSW has created a site to screen candidates to donate plasma from select individuals who have fully recovered from COVID-19. The plasma is for possible "emergency use" therapy for select critically ill COVID-19 positive patients. COVID-19 has not been around long enough for scientists to have definitively studied the effectiveness of convalescent plasma for its treatment. But the FDA has recently allowed for "emergency use" of COVID-19 convalescent plasma as an investigational therapy. Information is available [here](#).

Grants Available for Non-Profits Who Support COVID-19 Response

North Texas Cares is a funder collaborative made up of North Texas foundations and United Ways that have come together to provide support for organizations that work with people and communities who may be most negatively affected by COVID-19. Applications from nonprofits are now being accepted on a rolling basis and will be evaluated weekly. Funding decisions will be made by each participating funder independently throughout the crisis period to facilitate the urgent need for funding in light of evolving community need. Approved requests may be funded both by

individual funders as well as collectively, depending on the need. Funds will be donated directly to the grant recipients. Timelines vary by funder. Visit northtexascares.org

Domestic Violence Resources for Victims and Partner Needs

Councilmember Gates met with our Domestic Violence partners on Tuesday to discuss assistance they are offering at this time and what their needs are as they continue to offer services to the most vulnerable in our population. Please visit our [domestic violence website](#) for additional information or to make a donation.

Guidance for Homeless Shelters and Domestic Violence Shelters

If you have confirmed case or suspected case of COVID-19 at your shelter, please visit the [CDC website for best practices](#) to keep all clients safe.

Report Child Abuse

Unfortunately, child abuse and domestic violence are likely to increase during social isolation and economic hardships. Report child abuse either by phone 1-800-252-5400 or online at txabusehotline.org if you suspect a child may be in danger. Every adult in Texas is a mandatory reporter.

Needs in Our District - Donations Needed in Vickery Meadow

Several non-profits in Vickery Meadow are continuing to offer services to our vulnerable residents but have seen a decline in donations due to halted church services. If you are interest and able to help, please do. We have compiled a list of [current needs here](#).

In more great news, the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry has collected over \$38,000 in donations thanks to your generosity. I continue to be blown away by the kindness of the residents in my district. Thank you!

Access the Library Online

If you need a library card to access online resources, call 214-670-7809 or email librarycustomerservice@dallaslibrary.org from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

While the buildings are closed, you still have access to incredible library resources at dallaslibrary.org. The staff continues to add hundreds of new downloadable ebooks and audiobooks to [Overdrive](#). Plus, they've expanded the offerings in [Hoopla](#) to include audiobooks and comics in addition to the streaming movies, tv and music. Magazines are available through [Flipster](#) and [PressÂ](#) Reader has newspapers from around the country and the world.

Explore the [online databases](#). Start researching your family tree with Ancestry. Learn about your favorite music using Rock's Back Pages. Pick up a new favorite pastime with instructions from the Hobbies & Crafts Resource Center. The library has online resources to help with whatever project or new passion you've decided to tackle.

[For parents now homeschooling students, they are compiling a list of resources to help you out](#)

And, they've launched a self-directed learning program called SMART Kids at Home. Students ages 5 to 18 can complete at-home and online activities around science, math, art, reading and technology. When they complete a series, kids earn a digital badge to track their progress. Sign up for SMART Kids at Home at dallaslibrary.beanstack.org.

Updated Restaurant List

I encourage you to support your local businesses. The Mayor & City Council office has started a new initiative called Take-Out Tuesday. Please use this [link](#) to access an evolving list of restaurants in D13 and across the City who are open for take-out and delivery. Please note there are two tabs - one just for D13 restaurants and one for restaurants across the City who have contacted our office. VisitDallas is also running a [website](#) with an ongoing list of open restaurants by neighborhood. If you would like to add a restaurant to this list, email restaurantupdates@visitdallas.com

TAKE-OUT TUESDAYS

**Support local businesses
and restaurants by ordering
take-out or delivery every
Tuesday**

A list* of restaurants
open for grab-n-go
can be found at
www.visitdallas.com
*list is continually updated

www.dallascityhall.com


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Bored at Home?

VisitDallas created a list of virtual activities launched by many of our great cultural organizations such as the DMA, the Nasher, the Arboretum and many more! Check them out [here](#). The Dallas Theater Center is offering a virtual performance of American Mariachi for a small donation. Check it out [here](#). [Dallas Children's Theater](#)

has released fun ideas to put on a show with your kids from home!

Extensive Resources for Business and Residents

The wonderful staff of D9 and D12 have been diligently updating an extensive resource guide for our residents and businesses. Please use this [link](#) to access all current information that has been shared with our offices. These are updated on Fridays. You may also find it in Spanish [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to my Council Liaison, Sarah Evans, by phone at 214-670-3816 or email at sarah.evans@dallascityhall.com.



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