



Correction - We accidentally posted the amended order in Spanish only. For the [English version click here](#) and for the [Spanish version click here.](#)

Good Evening,

I hope you and yours are safe and well. We have several new updates for you today. Please take a moment to read through and read what you need. We saw a significant spike in confirmed cases today which we were anticipating due to increased testing. I want to reiterate the need to follow our shelter-in-place regulations and maintain social distancing best practices. I have also requested that City Staff compare the new data available on cases to the modeling that has been shared by the County to justify the shelter-in-place regulations. In addition, I have encouraged both the City and County to get an accurate count of our hospital bed capacity and begin securing sites and creating operations plans for these additional sites.

### **New Dallas County Amended Emergency Orders & Updates**

The entire amended Shelter-in-Place order may be found [here](#). The following [chart](#) and [data](#) was used to explain this decision.

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](mailto:businesscovid19@dallascounty.org)

For a better understanding of the reasoning behind such drastic measures, please visit this [website](#).

### **Updated Data**

Dallas County Health and Human Services reported an additional 78 cases today bringing the total in Dallas County to 247. They also reported two additional deaths bringing the total to 6. At this time, Dallas County is not sharing census tracts or zip codes of confirmed cases.

Lab Data as of Close of Business 03/24/20

Total Tests to date by DCHHS	268
Total Tests to date private labs*	1,656
Total Negative tests to date*	1,679
Total active cases	169
Total deaths	5
Total recovered	2

## City of Dallas Operations Updates

- Yesterday Mayor Eric Johnson issued a new set of emergency regulations to allow Dallas County's stay-at-home provisions to be enforced in parts of the city that do not fall within the county's jurisdiction. This message was recorded and has been shared across the City's communications channels and is airing on the City's television channels.
- Both Community Based Testing Sites in Dallas reached their federal testing limit on Tuesday and one reached it's limit as of 1:30 p.m. today. The federal limit is 250 tests, per site each day. The testing sites will resume normal operations at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.
- The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was approached by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to discuss establishing a Federal Medical Station (FMS) at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center (KBHCC). The FMS is an asset that would provide up to 250 additional hospital beds with clinical and support staff. To deploy an FMS, the State of Texas will make a request to FEMA. At this time, the city has confirmed that we are interested in bringing this resource to Dallas and that we could provide the space at KBHCC. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.
- Continuing the need to maintain social distancing, Dallas Park and Recreation Department announced it will close city dog parks and all park recreational amenities. These closures include water fountains, restrooms, open-play tennis courts, soccer fields, basketball courts and soccer mini-pitch courts and all other amenities located within City parks. Trails and parks will remain open. However, only the non-restricted turf areas and greenspaces in parks will be available to visitors. As a reminder, please maintain appropriate social distance while utilizing public spaces. As more people walk in public streets, please remember to walk in the opposite direction of traffic for safety.

### Drive-Thru Testing Sites & Testing Criteria

The American Airlines Center and Ellis Davis Field House at 9191 S. Polk St are both open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Both sites met their federal limit for testing far before 8 p.m. yesterday. If you or a loved one need to be tested, we strongly encourage that you go as early as possible.

Criteria for testing sites is as followed. You must have an ID card:

- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Must show a temperature of 99.6 or higher

Testing Site Statistics for March 24th:

#### American Airlines Center (AAC)

Testing start time: 8 a.m.

Testing finish time: 2:22 p.m.

Total number of individuals: 402

Total tested: 249

Total test kits used: 251

Total non-qualified: 153

Percentage of individuals non-qualified: 38%

Male: 49%

Female: 51%

#### Ellis Davis Field House (EDFH)

Testing start time: 8 a.m.  
Testing finish time: 7 p.m.  
Total # of individuals: 366  
Total tested: 243  
Total test kits used: 245  
Total non-qualified: 114  
Percentage of individuals non-qualified: 31%  
Male: 38%  
Female: 62%

### **PPE Supplies Needed & Link for Manufacturers**

If you have any of the following available to donate, please do so to your local medical facility:

- N95 masks and filters
- P100s, PAPRs, PAPR supplies and parts
- Protective suits (such as DuPont Tyvek body suits)
- Procedural and surgical masks
- Goggles, face shields, splash shields
- Gloves
- Gowns
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes

If you would like to donate supplies or you have supplies for sale, please submit your information to [helpdallascounty.org](http://helpdallascounty.org). If you have N95 masks, the City of Dallas is looking for supplies for their first responders. Please email [askprocurement@dallascityhall.com](mailto:askprocurement@dallascityhall.com) if you have a supply of N95 masks that you would like to donate or sell.

### **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 and Support for Domestic Violence Victims**

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](http://txabusehotline.org) if you suspect a child may be in danger. Every adult in Texas is a mandatory reporter.

For domestic violence victims, advocacy screening and protective orders are now available by phone from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 214-653-3528. Temporary protective orders will be extended until physical hearings can be held.

### **A Bright Spot**

I want to take a moment to highlight more good news! In addition to the approximately \$15,000 raised for the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry we've had a donor reach out who is going to match your contributions. I continue to be blown away and so grateful for your generosity at this time of uncertainty and great need for so many. If you are still interested in giving, donate directly to this food pantry through the [Vickery Meadow Youth Foundation website](#). Select "Donate" and under "Additional Information" select "Coronavirus Response." 100% of donations to this category will go directly to the food pantry.

### **TeleTown Hall for Business Impacted by COVID-19**

Councilmembers Blackmon and Thomas will be hosting a TeleTown Hall tomorrow, March 26th, at 6 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/businessresourcemeeting> . To listen in

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.visitdallas.com)  
\*list is continually updated

[www.dallascityhall.com](http://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](#).

### 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 daily.

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



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