



Good Evening,

I hope you and yours are safe and well and that you are adjusting to our new normal and practicing safe social distancing. We have had several updates from the State, County and City over the weekend. I have also been notified that there are reported clusters at two senior living facilities, one of which is Edgemere Senior Living in our district. I was saddened to learn this and support the stricter policies at the senior centers that County Judge Clay Jenkins released this evening. These new regulations will help keep our most vulnerable safe and save lives. You can find the new regulations [here](#).

Due to expected inclement weather tomorrow both the AAC and Ellis Field House testing sites will be closed.

The County and City have both considered closing all trails and parks if residents do not practice safe social distancing. I know it is more important now than ever to do small things every day that bring you joy including exercising outside. Please, for your safety and the safety of others, do so while practicing appropriate social distancing. If the trail is busy, please chose a different route.

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

County Judge Clay Jenkins released new emergency orders this evening. 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](#).

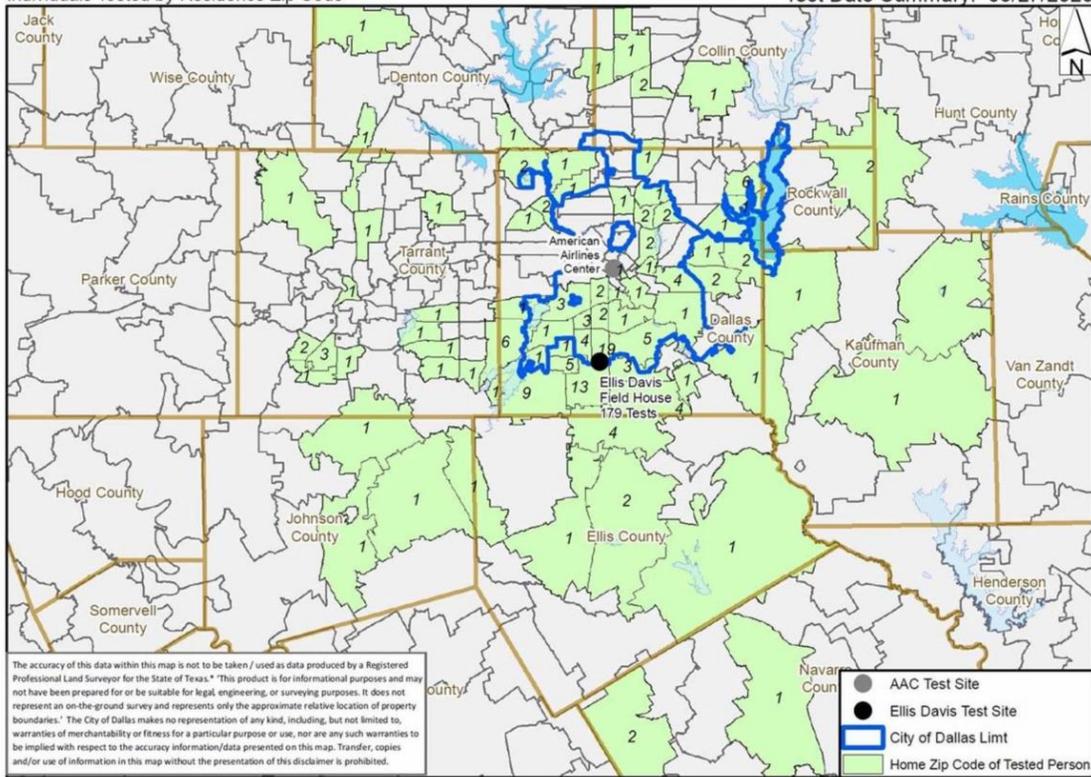
The final amended Shelter-in-Place order may be found in [here](#) and a summary of changes may be found [here](#). We do not have a Spanish version at this time but expect one tomorrow.

Please click [here](#) for a map of confirmed cases by zip code current as of end of day March 27th. I sincerely apologize for sending a link out in my last update with an expletive. Thank you to everyone who reached out so it could be corrected in this update.

Maps of zip codes tested at the AAC and Ellis Field House testing sites were also released and may be found below.

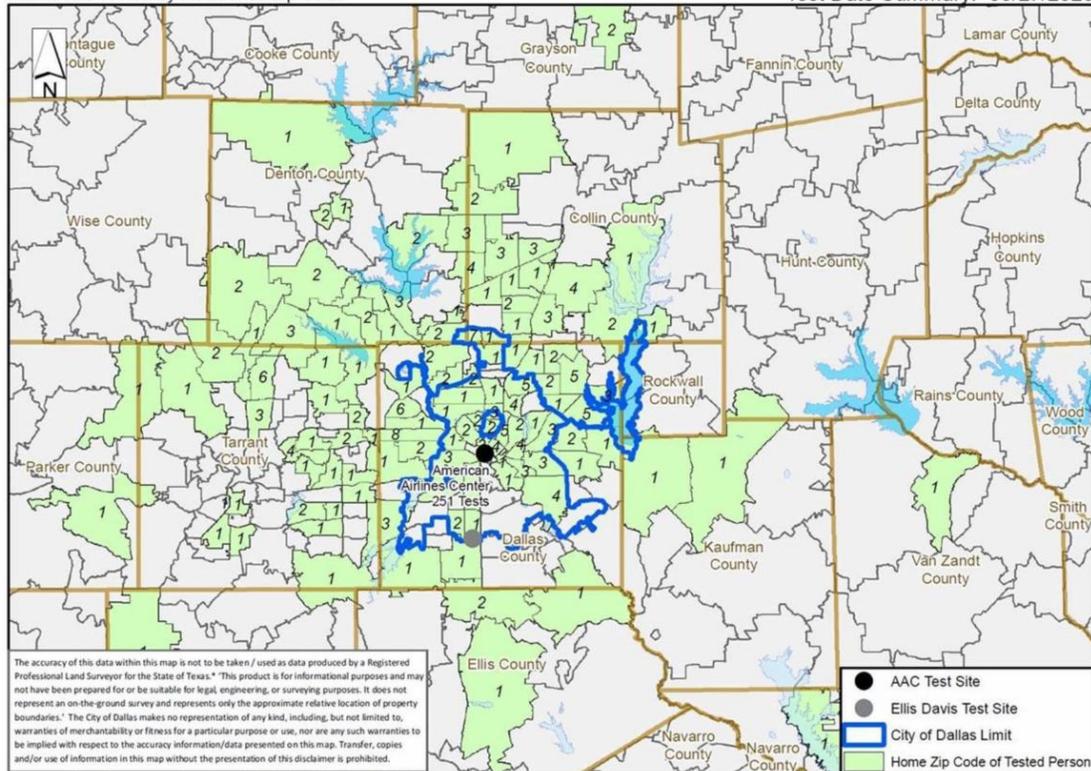
Ellis Davis Field House COVID-19 Test Site
Individuals Tested by Residence Zip Code

Test Date Summary: 03/27/2020



American Airlines Center COVID-19 Test Site
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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

- On March 24, we shared with you the interest in bringing a Federal Medical Stations (FMS) to serve as an overflow hospital. Since that time the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been in conversation with the State and the Department of Health and Human Services on this project. Supplies and material for the hospital was received Saturday night and this afternoon Gov. Abbott announced that he is ordering the setup of a 250-bed overflow hospital at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center (KBHCC).
 - This evening we received confirmation that a 225 person medical team from the Navy would be available to support and operate the hospital. At this time, the Navy and HHS are confirming the mission - housing low acuity facility for COVID-19 patients.
 - A Texas military forces strike team of 12 will arrive in Dallas on Tuesday, March 31 to set up the hospital. The Navy and our medical community will have a discussion on the operational plan for the hospital and the trigger on when to operationalize the hospital.
 - This is a fast moving mission and project and there are still many details to be agreed upon and worked out. We will keep you updated as we learn more information and finalize this operation.

New Orders from the State

Governor Abbott held a press conference this afternoon with several new orders including the following -

- Restricts travel to and from Louisiana by road and air, except individuals involved in commercial activity, military service, health response, critical infrastructure functions, and emergency response. The Department of Public Safety will enforce the order along the Texas-Louisiana border and will quarantine anyone found in violation.
- Immediate quarantine of passengers flying from the following cities: Miami, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; and anyone from the states of California and Washington.
- The Governor is stopping the release of dangerous felons from prisons and jails in Texas in response to the COVID-19 virus.
- The Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center was announced as a backup site if additional hospital space is needed. But other sites around Dallas are being identified as well and local leaders should submit potential sites they want considered to www.texas.gov

Additional Information from the Governor -

- Testing and collection for COVID-19 kits has increased 1,000 percent over the past week
- 90 percent of the people tested for COVID-19 tested negative; 25,483 people have been tested so far; 2,552 have tested positive; 118 counties in Texas that have reported COVID-19 cases; 176 confirmed patients in hospitals; and 34 fatalities connected to COVID-19 virus have been reported.
- The number of hospital beds have more than doubled in the last week from a few more than 8,000 a week ago to more than 16,000. These numbers will continue to increase with more to come after the Governor's task force secures additional facilities in the coming days.
- The Governor announced that we currently have 98 percent of our hospital space available to treat patients with the COVID-19 virus.

Updated Data

Dallas County Health and Human Services reported an additional 49 cases today bringing the total in Dallas County to 488. The tenth death from COVID-19 was also reported, of a woman in her 80's who had been a resident in a long-term care facility. This individual had been hospitalized and had other high-risk chronic health

conditions. Of cases requiring hospitalization to date, about two-thirds (65%) have been either over 60 years of age or have had at least one known high-risk chronic health condition. Hospitalizations from COVID-19 are increasing, with 36% of all hospitalized patients requiring admission to intensive care units.

Positive cases of COVID-19

- 488 in Dallas - 49 are new
- 129 in Collin County
- 128 in Tarrant County
- 148 in Denton County
- 2 in Kaufman County
- 3 in Rockwall County
- 10 in Ellis County

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, Sunday, March 29, 2020:

934 COVID-19 tests

125 positive

840 negative

Community Based Testing Sites - The numbers reported from the two community based testing sites for March 28 are as follows:

American Airlines Center

Ellis Davis Field House

Total number of individuals:

Total number of individuals:

349

205

Total tested: 250

Total tested: 174

Below are testing from labs numbers to date:

Total Tests to date by

438

DCHHS

Total active cases

488

Total deaths

10

Total recovered

2

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

COVID-19 Plasma Needed from Recently Recovered Patients

Patients recently recovered from COVID-19 have high levels of immunity in the form of antibodies in their blood that can be transfused into very sick COVID-19 patients.

This treatment is known as "human convalescent plasma" and has been used in previous pandemics. Hopefully Dallas will have this treatment available soon, but we need your help.

If you have recently recovered from COVID-19 and you have had a Positive Covid Test result, please volunteer to have your blood tested to see if you have high levels of antibodies. If your antibodies levels are high, the medical community will work with you to see if you are both willing and qualified to donate plasma at a nearby location. You could save a life. Please send the following information to

ERPlumlee@gmail.com

1. Full Name
2. Cell#
3. Address

4. Email
5. Date of birth
6. Age
7. Blood type (if you know it)
8. Positive Covid Test date and location of test center
9. When was your last symptom. (Not just a fever)
10. Severity of your disease and symptoms (mild, moderate, severe, ventilator)

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. If you have N95 masks, the City of Dallas is looking for supplies for their first responders. Please email askprocurement@dallascityhall.com if you have a supply of N95 masks that you would like to donate or sell.

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!

Beware of COVID-19 Scams

Unfortunately some people choose to take advantage of people's fear and uncertainty in times of crisis.



SCAMMERS FOLLOW THE NEWS HEADLINES



Prevention selling fake at-home Coronavirus tests.

Treatment Scam – scammers are calling or knocking on doors in white lab coats or hazmat gear claiming to be with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention selling fake cures, vaccines, and medical advice on unproven treatments.

Supply Scam – scammers are creating fake shops, websites, social media accounts, and email addresses to sell medical supplies in high demand, like surgical masks. When you try to purchase supplies, they pocket the money.

Provider Scam – scammers are contacting people by phone and email, pretending to be doctors and hospitals that have treated a friend or family member for COVID-19 and demanding payment.

Charity Scam – scammers are soliciting donations for individuals, groups, and areas impacted by coronavirus.

Phishing Scam – scammers are sending emails posing as health officials, including the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They want to trick you into downloading malware or providing personal identification and financial information.

App Scam – scammers are creating and controlling mobile apps used to track the spread of COVID-19. If used, these apps insert malware on your device that steals your personal and financial information.

Compassion & Romance Scams – scammers will use this opportunity to prey on your vulnerability while you are contained and isolated to your home, developing a friendship or romantic relationship with you to gain your trust and obtain your personal and financial information.

Contact us for help or with questions ► ► ►

BEWARE OF RED FLAGS

- **Urgency** – scammers will apply pressure or use fear to get you to act.
- **Scarcity** – scammers will claim there is a limited supply, so you must “buy now.”
- **Social Consensus** – scammers want you to think everyone else is doing it too, and you don’t want to be left behind!
- **Credible Sources** – scammers will claim they are with a reputable business or organization.



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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



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 twice weekly on Tuesdays and 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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