

WCOEM: March 27, 2020 as of 12:00pm COVID-19 Update for Walker County

Daily we are monitoring conditions locally, regionally, statewide and at the national level.

The CDC and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) coronavirus webpages are reliable sources of information. DSHS is monitoring the Texas situation seven days a week. They are working closely with emergency response agencies, local health departments and the CDC. The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. The Coronavirus Task Force continues holding frequent national briefings. DSHS COVID-19 Call Center 1-877-570-9779 Hours 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Below are the latest statistics reported by Department of State Health Services (DSHS) *DSHS will update the state case count each day by 12:00 PM Central Time.*

Texas total testing – 23,666

Public Labs – 2,886

Private Labs – 20,780*

*number does not include the total tested by all private labs.

Texas COVID-19 cases – 1,731

Deaths – 23

**Walker County has TWO confirmed cases.

Cases by county:

(105 of 254 counties reporting cases)

Angelina - 2

Atascosa – 2

Austin – 1

Bastrop - 2

Bell – 20 / Deaths - 1

Bexar – 113 / Deaths - 5

Blanco - 1

Bowie – 1

Brazoria – 39

Brazos – 30

Brown – 3

Burnet – 1

Calhoun - 2

Cameron – 10

Cass - 1

Castro – 7

Chambers – 2

Cherokee - 1

Collin – 88 / Deaths - 1

Comal – 9 / Deaths - 1

Coryell - 1

Crane – 1
Dallas – 367 / Deaths - 7
Deaf Smith – 2
Denton – 83 / Deaths - 1
DeWitt – 3
Eastland - 2
El Paso – 21
Ellis – 10
Erath - 1
Falls - 1
Fannin – 1
Fayette - 1
Ft. Bend – 86
Gaines – 1
Galveston – 40
Grayson - 2
Gregg – 4
Grimes – 2
Guadalupe – 8
Hale - 1
Hardin - 4
Harris – 203 / Deaths – 2
Harrison - 1
Hays – 13
Hidalgo - 11
Hockley – 5
Hood - 2
Hopkins – 1
Hunt – 1
Jackson - 1
Jefferson - 8
Johnson – 6
Karnes - 1
Kaufman – 2
Kendall - 4
Lamar - 1
Lavaca – 1
Liberty - 2
Limestone – 1
Llano - 2
Lubbock – 23
Martin - 1
Matagorda – 9 / Deaths - 1
Maverick - 1
McLennon – 33
Medina – 3

Midland – 6 / Deaths - 1
Milam – 2
Montague - 1
Montgomery – 41
Morris – 1
Nacogdoches – 1
Navarro - 1
Nueces - 18
Oldham – 1 / Deaths - 1
Orange - 1
Parker - 2
Potter – 1
Robertson – 1
Rockwall - 3
Rusk – 2
San Patricio
Shelby - 1 - 1
Smith – 21 / Deaths – 1
Star - 2
Tarrant – 100 / Deaths – 1
Taylor - 1
Terry - 1
Tom Green - 2
Travis – 137
Upshur – 1
Uvalde - 1
Val Verde - 2
Van Zandt – 1
Victoria - 3
Walker - 2
Webb – 13
Wharton - 3
Wichita – 12
Willacy - 1
Williamson – 27
Wilson – 1
Yoakum – 1
Young - 1
Does not include repatriation cases.

Why did the case counts reported by DSHS increase suddenly?

DSHS updated the method of reporting COVID-19 cases in Texas to provide the public with more timely information. The DSHS daily case count now includes all cases reported publicly by local health departments around the state. With the change, Texas is now reporting an additional 305 cases of COVID-19.

Why are DSHS's case counts different from what other sources are reporting?

Other dashboards may be using media reports to gather information about new cases, which may result in some cases being counted more than once.

National COVID-19 cases – 85,356

Total Deaths – 1,246

Jurisdictions reporting cases – 54 (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and U.S. Virgin Island)

Walker County ordered test kits several weeks ago and is waiting for the state to fill that request so we can test here. Information will be provided as we receive it.

Harris County is now testing for coronavirus for the entire region. Access their online screening tool to help with testing at www.readyharris.org and click on the “coronavirus testing” button. You will answer some screening questions and be given an identifier number. They will prioritize tests based on symptoms. You must have symptoms to be considered for testing. If you do not have access to the internet, call 832-927-7575.

For Statewide case numbers and information, visit <https://dshs.texas.gov/news/updates.shtm#coronavirus>

For National case numbers and information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>

Walker County OEM will provide this update each weekday after the statewide and national numbers are updated.