

WCOEM: April 01, 2020 as of 1:59pm COVID-19 Update for Walker County

Walker County overview:

Walker County has 7 active cases reported. DSHS website shows 5.

Case #1 Male in early 20's

Case #2 Female 30-40

Case #3 Male

Case #4 Male 50-60

Case #5 Female 20-30

Case #6 Female 60-70

Case #7 Female 80

Tested 182

Negative Results 69

Pending Results 112

Self-Quarantined 102

OEM is actively working on getting test kits for Walker County.

A county wide curfew is in place to protect life and property by keeping unessential traffic and people off of the streets between 11:59pm-5:00am.

Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-14 limiting all Texan residents to activities and services to those identified as essential and the closure of both public and private schools until May 4, 2020, or unless otherwise extended or rescinded.

Those in violation of the order are subject to a fine up to \$1,000, 180 days in jail or a mandatory quarantine order. The executive order is enforceable by any law enforcement office in the state of Texas.

This is not a shelter-in-place order or a stay-at-home order. Texans are allowed to continue to perform essential activities and services outside of their home but, under social distancing guidelines established by the federal government and CDC.

The following are considered essential services:

HEALTHCARE / PUBLIC HEALTH

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

ENERGY

WATER AND WASTEWATER

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT SERVICES

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

OTHER COMMUNITY- OR GOVERNMENT-BASED OPERATIONS AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

FINANCIAL SERVICES

CHEMICAL

DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

RESIDENTIAL/SHELTER FACILITIES AND SERVICES
HYGIENE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
RELIGIOUS SERVICES CONDUCTED IN CHURCHES, CONGREGATIONS, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP
Other services as approved by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

A list of essential services and a form to request your business be listed as an essential service can be obtained at www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices

The order is an extension of the one he issued earlier to avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, and visiting gyms or massage establishments. It expands the order to include tattoo studios, piercing studios and cosmetology salons. He said the social distancing strategy through April 30th mirrors the ones issued by President Donald Trump on March 29th.

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.

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>

Texas total testing – 47,857

Public Labs – 4,259

Private Labs – 43,598*

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

Texas COVID-19 cases – 3,997

Fatalities – 58

135 of 254 counties reporting cases. DSHS removed Aransas (1), Jim Wells (1) and Youkum (1).

Harris County is 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.

As always, if you are sick enough to be admitted to the hospital you can go to any hospital. They are testing individuals but are strictly following guidelines for testing.

Huntsville Memorial Hospital has instilled an outside triage; it is not a testing site. The purpose is to limit those entering the hospital.

Worldwide overview:

Total Cases: 921,002

Active Cases: 681,499

Closed Cases: 239,503

Deaths: 46,153

Recovered: 193,350

Virus Details

Total countries and territories: 199 and 2 international conveyances: the Diamond Princess cruise ship harbored in Yokohama, Japan, and the Holland America's MS Zaandam cruise ship.

Latest countries/territories to report first cases: Nil

Transmission rate: Between 1.4 and 2.5 (according to WHO)

Fatality rate: 3.4% as per latest WHO briefing

Incubation period: 2 – 14 days (Possible outliers: 0 - 27 days)

Comparisons

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) death toll has surpassed MERS (final toll of 858 deaths in 2012) and SARS (final toll of 774 deaths in 2003).

2009 H1N1 (Swine flu): Estimated between 151,700 and 575,400 deaths.

Every year an estimated 290,000 to 650,000 people die in the world due to complications from seasonal influenza (flu) viruses. This figure corresponds to 795 to 1,781 deaths per day due to the seasonal flu.

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