

WCOEM: April 17, 2020 as of 4:00 pm COVID-19 Update for Walker County

Walker County overview:

Walker County has 44 positive cases reported that are general population and 43 offenders for a total of 87 positive cases in Walker County. TDCJ has changed the way they are reporting numbers so their numbers have gone down. Of those 44 general population positives, the quarantine period is over for 14 and they have been released. DSHS calls this "graduating out". Offenders by unit are listed under the TDCJ Overview.

- Case #1 Female 30-40 (graduated out)
- Case #2 Male 20-30 (graduated out)
- Case #3 Male 50-60 (graduated out)
- Case #4 Female 60-70 (graduated out)
- Case #5 Female 80-90
- Case #6 Female 20-30 (graduated out)
- Case #7 Female 20-30
- Case #8 Male 20-30 (graduated out)
- Case #9 Female 25-35
- Case #10 Female 30-40 (graduated out)
- Case #11 Male 20-30 (graduated out)
- Case #12 Female 40-50
- Case #13 Male 45-50
- Case #14 Male 45-50 (graduated out)
- Case #15 Male 20-30
- Case #16 Female 30-40 (graduated out)
- Case #17 Male 40-50 (graduated out)
- Case #18 Male 70-80
- Case #19 Male 20-30
- Case #20 Female 70-80
- Case #21 Female 20-30
- Case #22 Male 30-40
- Case #23 Male 20-30
- Case #24 Male 50-60 (graduated out)
- Case #25 Female 50-60
- Case #26 Male 20-30
- Case #27 Female 20-30 (graduated out)
- Case #28 Female 60 -70 (graduated out)
- Case #29 Male 20-30
- Case #30 Female 70-80
- Case #31 Female 50-60
- Case #32 Male 70-75
- Case #33 Female 20-30
- Case #34 Male 40-50
- Case #35 Male 30-40
- Case #36 Female 70-80
- Case #37 Male 30-40
- Case #38 Female 3-40
- Case #39 Male 20-30
- Case #40 Female unknown
- Case #41 Male 50-60
- Case #42 Female 70-80

Case #43 Male 80-85

Case #44 Female 60-70

Walker County Tested approximately 422*

Negative Results 383*

Pending Results 33*

Self-Quarantined approximately 58*

*Only reflects those reported to OEM

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

County Judge Danny Pierce's Stay Home Order is still in effect at this time.

Governor Abbott issued new Orders today:

Governor Greg Abbott today held a press conference where he issued three new Executive Orders to begin the process of reopening the state of Texas while revising hospital capacity and certain social distancing guidelines. Within the orders, select activities and services that pose minimal to no threat of spreading COVID-19 are allowed to reopen using a "Retail-To-Go" model, certain restrictions on surgeries have been loosened, and schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Within these orders, the Governor has established [the Strike Force to Open Texas](#)—a team of nationally recognized medical experts and private and public leaders who will advise the Governor on safely and strategically reopening the state of Texas.

"Texans are battling a colossal challenge—an invisible enemy that has tested our lives and our livelihoods—but overcoming challenges is part of who we are as Texans," said Governor Abbott. "We have shown that Texas can continue our efforts to contain COVID-19 while also adopting safe standards that will allow us to begin the process of reopening Texas. The Strike Force to Open Texas brings together nationally recognized medical experts with public and private sector leaders to achieve this mission. By coming together, we can get Texans back to work, practice safe standards that will prevent the spread of COVID-19, and we can overcome this pandemic."

These health experts will develop a medical architecture to comprehensively test and trace COVID-19 that will enable Texans to gradually and safely begin the process of returning to work and other activities.

The medical team will work alongside a Special Advisory Council who will share innovative ideas to help businesses strategically reopen while containing the spread of COVID-19. The council consists of 39 business leaders representing the state's regions and industries. The advisory council will collaborate with working groups to devise strategies, statewide standards, and appropriate time frames to reopen the Lone Star State while prioritizing the health and safety of all Texans.

The strike force will immediately begin providing input on potential additional openings of activities and services in Texas consistent with guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Governor will announce a revised plan for the state based on these initial recommendations on April 27.

For more information about the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas, visit the strike force [webpage](#).

[The Governor's second Executive Order \(GA-16\)](#) relates to the safe, strategic reopening of select services and activities in Texas. This order establishes a temporary "Retail-To-Go" model that will allow retail outlets in Texas to reopen beginning Friday, April 24. Under this model, reopened establishments are required to deliver items to customer's cars, homes, or other locations to minimize contact.

Under this Executive Order, schools—including public, private, and higher education institutions—will remain closed for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers may go into the classroom for video instruction, to perform administrative duties, and to clean out their classrooms.

[The Governor's third Executive Order \(GA-15\)](#) relates to hospital capacity and personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for the COVID-19 response. The order loosens restrictions on surgeries [put in place by Governor Abbott in March](#). Beginning at 11:59pm on April 21 through 11:59pm on May 8, all licensed health care professionals and all licensed health care facilities must continue to postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without timely performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death as determined by a patient's physician. Exceptions now include:

- Any procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete the hospital capacity or the PPE needed to cope with COVID-19, or
- Any surgery or procedure performed in a licensed health care facility that has certified in writing to Texas HHSC both (1) that it will reserve at least 25% of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients, accounting for the range of clinical severity of COVID-19 patients, and (2) that it will not request any PPE from any public source—whether federal, state, or local—for the duration of the COVID-19 disaster.

The Governor today also directed state parks to reopen on Monday, April 20 with strict guidelines to reduce transmission of COVID-19—including requiring visitors to wear face coverings, maintain a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party, and prohibiting the gathering of groups larger than five.

TDCJ overview:

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) is changing how we are reporting numbers on our website. As of today, the numbers reflect the current locations of pending, negative and positive cases among offenders. We have also added categories for recovered offenders, deaths and released.

Today there are 175 TDCJ employees, staff or contractors who have tested positive for COVID-19 and 358 offenders who have tested positive.

PRECAUTIONARY LOCKDOWN FACILITIES: 34,994 offenders impacted

Baten, Bell, Beto, Byrd, Carole Young, Clements, Crain, Darrington, ETTF, Estelle, Fort Stockton, Goree, Gurney, Hughes, Hutchins, Jester 4, Leblanc, Lopez, Murray, Pack, Robertson, Sanchez, Scott, Smith, Stiles, Stringfellow, Telford, Terrell, Woodman, Wynne

The precautionary lockdowns extend for 14 days from the date of a positive test. Those dates may be extended to the date of the most recent positive test.

There are an additional 12,914 offenders on medical restriction who may have had contact with either an employee or offender with a positive or pending COVID-19 test.

Offenders that are under medical restriction are asymptomatic but will continue to receive twice daily temperature testing and anyone interacting with those offenders will wear N-95 mask and glove PPE.

All correctional staff at all facilities continue to wear cotton masks at all times and are encouraged to wear those masks when in public off duty.

WALKER COUNTY UNITS	PENDING	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	MEDICAL RESTRICTIONS	MEDICAL ISOLATION	LOCKDOWN
Byrd	1	9	4	129	4	Y
Ellis	1	3	0	106	1	N
Estelle	0	26	4	1488	4	Y
Goree	0	2	1	324	1	Y
Holliday	0	2	0	0	0	N
Huntsville (Walls)	0	3	1	55	0	N
Wynne	14	4	33	1823	47	Y
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A complete list of data is available at www.tdcj.texas.gov/covid-19/offender_mac.html.

Texas total testing – 169,536

Public Labs – 8,530

Private Labs – 161,006*

Lab Confirmed Patients In Texas Hospitals – 1,522

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

Texas COVID-19 positive cases – 17,371

Fatalities – 428

Patients Recovered – 4,190

192 of 254 counties reporting cases.

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>

United States overview:

Total cases: 660,430 confirmed 1,282 probable

Total Deaths: 28,823 confirmed 4,226 probable

Jurisdictions reporting: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Island and the U.S. Virgin Islands)

Worldwide overview:

Total Cases: 2,216,228

Total Recovered: 565,864

185 countries/regions

Deaths: 151,006

Total Tested: 3,423,034

CDC has a weekly surveillance Summary for U.S. COVID-19 Activity at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview.html>

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 state and national numbers are updated.