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### Positive COVID-19 in Oklahoma



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#### Information



**ATTENTION:** All test results conducted through the OSDH public health laboratory are sent to the ordering physician or submitting clinical facility. Results will not be provided by phone, nor will the status of the pending test be advised by phone. If test results are positive, public health officials initiate an investigation, which results in notifying the patient and provider to conduct the case investigation and contact tracing.

## Current Situation

COVID-19 is a virus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in 2019 and has since spread globally into a pandemic. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. While roughly 80% of cases report mild symptoms, some progress into severe pneumonia and multi-organ failure and can led to death. Current data indicates the risk of death for those contracting COVID-19 notably increases for individuals above the age of 60 or for individuals with autoimmune conditions. On January 11, 2020, the first set of individuals in the United States tested positive for COVID-19. The virus has since spread across all 50 states and the number of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 continues to rapidly grow each day.

### COVID-19 Oklahoma Test Results

Positive (In-State)	81
Positive (Out-of-State)	2
Negative	694
Hospitalized	15
Deaths	2

### COVID-19 Cases by Age Grouping

Age Group, Years	COVID-19 Cases*
00-04	2
05-17	0
18-49	36
50-64	23
65+	20
Total	81
Age Range	0-88 yrs

### COVID-19 Cases by Gender

	COVID-19 Cases by Gender
Female	38
Male	43
Total	81

### COVID-19 Cases by County

County	COVID-19 Cases by County*
Canadian	2
Cleveland	16
Custer	1
Garvin	2
Grady	1
Jackson	1
Kay	5
Logan	1
McClain	1
Muskogee	1
Noble	1

County	COVID-19 Cases by County*
Oklahoma	29
Pawnee	3
Payne	3
Pontotoc	1
Tulsa	11
Washington	2
Total	81

*Data Source: Acute Disease Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health.*

*\*As of 2020-03-23 at 7:00 AM.*

## Response

The Oklahoma public health system has activated the Incident Command System and stands ready with a multitude of statewide and national partners to treat and minimize further spread. Public health officials will continue to work with health care providers and medical facilities to ensure proper assessment, testing and treatment protocols. State and local public health officials will continue to monitor travelers and any individuals who test positive for COVID-19.

## Governor Actions Taken

Update March 23, 2020 | 10:00AM

### Statewide:

- Issued statewide Executive Order advising Oklahomans to:

- Stay home and avoid groups of 10 or more people
- Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts. Instead use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options
- Avoid discretionary travel, gyms, social visits, and shopping trips
- Do not visit nursing homes, retirement or long-term care facilities
- Activated the Oklahoma National Guard Regional Training Institute where 19 members of the Guard have been mobilized to observe COVID-19 developments and be ready to take any necessary actions requested by the governor to help communities and hospitals.
- Formed the Governor’s Solution Task Force to provide comprehensive solutions for COVID-19 pandemic, from forward planning for statewide hospital capacity to innovation strategizing for economic impact.

## COVID-19 testing:

- Filed an executive order on March 22 to allow the labs at Oklahoma State University (OSU) and the University of Oklahoma (OU) to perform COVID-19 testing, which will increase State testing capacity 10x once the labs are fully online with resources.
- Directed Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) to open 4 satellite locations to conduct testing of Oklahomans with symptoms of COVID-19, with locations in Oklahoma, Tulsa, Kay, Carter and Pittsburg Counties.
- Entered into a public-private partnership with Diagnostic Laboratories of Oklahoma (DLO) as of March 20 to expand State’s capacity to deliver COVID-19 testing results.
- Implemented statewide reporting requirements to collect and create transparent data of hospitals’ bed capacity, equipment supplies, and COVID-19 testing capacity. Data will be published regularly in the coming days through the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH).

## Public Health:

- Transformed the State’s 2-1-1 hotline into a tool for Oklahomans to call and receive screening public health support for COVID-19.
- Suspended several regulations on telemedicine to ease capabilities for Oklahomans to receive medical support from a doctor without leaving home.
- Established expedited process for nurses with inactive licenses to get recertified.
- Suspended various regulations on truck drivers and commercial vehicles for transporting medical supplies and other critical items across state lines.
- Temporarily extending licensing reciprocity for health care professionals, like doctors and nurses, who hold licenses to practice in other states.

## Workforce:

- Deferred state income tax payments until July 15 without late fees or interest
- Suspended the one-week waiting period before unemployment benefits can be paid and waved the work-search requirement for unemployment benefits.

- Received approval for State of Oklahoma's request on March 17 for disaster loans for small businesses across all 77 counties who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses and nonprofit groups can [apply](#) for up to \$2 million in loans through the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.
- Extended expiration dates for all occupational licenses issued by any State agency, board or commission during the Declared State of Emergency period.
- Established [stronger guidelines for Child Care facilities](#) to prevent and/or respond to a COVID-19 positive case.

## State Government:

- Declared a State of Emergency allowing State Agencies to access all needed resources to proactively and aggressively respond to COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of the public.
- Implemented a telework policy for state employees and banning out-of-state business travel for employees

## Common Education – as directed by the State

### Superintendent, State Department of Education (SDE) Board:

- Closed all accredited PreK-12thgrade public schools for students and educators until April 6, as directed by the State Superintendent and SDE Board.
- [Suspended academic assessments](#) for grades 3-8 or to high school juniors and suspended th Oklahoma School Report Cards for the 2019-2020 school year, as requested by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and approved by the U.S. Department of Education on March 20.

## Public Safety:

- Expiration on driver's licenses issued by the State of Oklahoma are delayed until further notified.

## Veterans:

- Closed all 7 State Veteran Centers for visitors. All essential staff must be checked for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the building, with all non-essential ODVA staff instructed to telework.

## Latest News

### SITUATION UPDATE: COVID-19 03/23/2020

Monday, March 23, 2020

- As of this advisory, there are 81 positive cases of COVID-19 and two deaths in Oklahoma.

[Read more](#)

## SITUATION UPDATE: COVID-19 03/22/2020

Sunday, March 22, 2020

- As of this advisory, there are 67 positive cases of COVID-19 in Oklahoma.
- An additional person has passed away due to COVID-19, a male in his 50s from Pawnee County. This brings the total number of fatalities to two.

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## SITUATION UPDATE: COVID-19 03/21/2020

Saturday, March 21, 2020

- As of this advisory, there are 53 positive cases of COVID-19 in Oklahoma. Results are beginning to come in from the public-private partnership with Diagnostic Laboratory of Oklahoma (DLO), who took on an additional 300 tests for the state.

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## SITUATION UPDATE: COVID-19 03/20/2020

Friday, March 20, 2020

- As of this advisory, there are 49 positive cases of COVID-19 in Oklahoma.
- The State of Oklahoma has established a partnership with Diagnostic Labs of Oklahoma (DLO) that will allow for increased testing capacity. Yesterday, 300 testing kits were sent to DLO's facility in Dallas for completion. More details will be announced today via press release on this new public-private partnership.

[Read more](#)

## OSDH Enters Into New Public-Private Partnership Expanding Oklahoma's Capacity for COVID-19 Tests, Results

Friday, March 20, 2020

For Release: March 20, 2020 – Jamie Dukes, Office of Communications (405) 271-5601

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# COVID-19 COMPARISON

## CORONAVIRUS vs. COLD vs. FLU vs. ALLERGIES

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19*	COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES
Fever	Common (100F or higher)	Rare	High (100-102F, can last 3-4 days)	No
Headache	Sometimes	Rare	Intense	Sometimes
General aches, pains	Sometimes	Slight	Common (often severe)	No
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Slight	Common (often severe)	Sometimes
Extreme exhaustion	Sometimes (progresses slowly)	Never	Common (starts early)	No
Stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Rare	Common	Common	No
Cough	Common	Mild to moderate	Common (can become severe)	Sometimes
Shortness of breath	In more serious infections	Rare	Rare	Common
Runny nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Diarrhea	Sometimes	No	Sometimes**	No

\* Information is still evolving \*\* Sometimes for children



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# COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING OUTSIDE

✓ YES	X NO
 <p>Maintain at least <b>6 FEET</b> between you and others outside your family unit</p>	 <p><b>Congregating</b> in groups of <b>10 OR MORE</b></p>
 <p>After returning home, <b>WASH HANDS</b> with soap and water for at least 20 seconds</p>	 <p><b>TEAM SPORTS</b> or sports requiring sharing of equipment</p>
	 <p><b>CLOSE CONTACT</b> with individuals outside your family unit</p>



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