




Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



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COVID-19 in Texas – March 9, 2020

The Texas Department of State Health Services is reporting four additional travel-related cases of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, bringing the state total to 12. These cases are all related to voyages on a Nile River cruise in Egypt.

DSHS will update the state case count each day by 10 a.m. Central Time.

Public health departments are working to identify any close contacts of the patients while they were sick so they can be isolated and monitored for symptoms and quickly tested, if needed.

DSHS, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and other state agencies continue their ongoing preparations so that all of state government is working together to limit the spread of the virus and protect Texans. The immediate risk to most Texans remains low.

Current Situation: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak

A novel (new) coronavirus was first detected in late December in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and is causing an outbreak of respiratory disease in countries around the world. On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization named the disease coronavirus disease 2019 (abbreviated "COVID-19").

Chinese health officials have reported tens of thousands of cases of COVID-19 in China, with the virus reportedly spreading from person-to-person in parts of that country. COVID-19 illnesses, most of them associated with travel from Wuhan, also are being reported in a growing number of international locations, including the United States. Some person-to-person spread of this virus outside China has been detected. The United States reported the first confirmed instance of person-to-person spread with this virus on January 30, 2020.

Texas COVID-19 Cases, 3/9/20¹

County of Residence ²	Number of Cases ³
Fort Bend	6
Harris	6
Total	12

¹DSHS will update the state case count each day by 10 a.m. CT.

²Patient may be undergoing treatment in facilities in other counties

³Does not include repatriation cases.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed multiple cases of novel coronavirus 2019 in people under federal quarantine at JBSA-Lackland in San Antonio. The first was a traveler who returned on a U.S. State Department-chartered flight from Wuhan City, China. The others returned on a State Department flight for passengers from the Diamond Princess cruise ship quarantined in Yokohama, Japan. Most of the travelers have completed their quarantine period and returned home. Some individuals who tested positive will remain isolated until they test negative for the virus and are no longer at risk of spreading it. The CDC has the latest information on the number of people under quarantine who are infected and is [updating its national numbers](#) each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Those cases are not included in the Texas case count.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is working closely with CDC in monitoring the developing outbreak. See the CDC website for the latest developments on COVID-19:

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