

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF RIO HONDO
COUNTY OF CAMERON

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Alonzo Garza, Commissioner Place 4

Gustavo Olivares
Mayor

**Notice of a Regular Meeting of the
City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo
April 28, 2020**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Tittle 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the governing body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas will convene for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 28, 2020 at the **Civic Center** on the Second Floor of the Rio Hondo Municipal Building located at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd., Rio Hondo, Texas 78583.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNITED STATES PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

Regular Agenda:

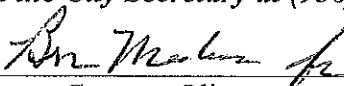
1. Mayor's and Commissioner's Report
2. Administrator's Report
3. **Public Comment Period: *Please Note- The Public Comment Period is designated for hearing concerns regarding City of Rio Hondo Public Policy or City of Rio Hondo business that is or is not on the Agenda or items listed on the agenda.***
4. Consideration and Action approving the City Commission Minutes of April 14, 2020 City Commission Meeting. (Sylvia Garcia)
5. Financial Report and discussion of capital projects. (Lucy Garza, Finance and Ben Medina, City Administrator)
6. COVID-19 Update and review of Governor Abbott's Executive Orders and Cameron County Executive Orders. (Mayor Olivares and Ben Medina, City Administrator)
7. Consideration and Action on a buyout and transfer of service area agreement between East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation and City of Rio Hondo 2020 Area.



8. Consideration and Action approving an application to the Texas SmartBuy Membership Program and Resolution, (Ben Medina).
9. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-002 : AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, GOVERNING THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY CEMETERY, PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AND PROHIBITING FURTHER INTERMENTS AS STIPULATED, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR POLICIES WRITTEN OR CUSTOMARY IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. (Mayor Olivares, Ben Medina)
10. SECOND PUBLIC HEARNG ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-003: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, GOVERNING THE RIO HONDO ARROYO PARK CEMETERY, PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF FEES, RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, FACILITIES & GROUNDS FEES AND OTHER FEES AND POLICIES AS STIPULATED (Mayor Olivares, Ben Medina)
11. THIRD AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2020-001 ESTABLISHING A TRUCK ROUTE IN THE CITY OF RIO HONDO; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY. (Mayor Olivares, Ben Medina)
12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2020-001 REPLACING ORDINANCE 177 TRUCK ROUTE AND ESTABLIS A TRUCK ROUTE IN THE CITY OF RIO HONDO; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY. (Mayor Olivares, Ben Medina)
13. Executive Session.
 - a. Consultation with Attorney 551.071.
14. No Action will be taken on item in Executive Session
15. Adjournment

Note: The City Commission for the City of Rio Hondo reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

Note: The Meeting is accessible to Americans with Disabilities. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance, please call the City Secretary at (956) 748-2102, with at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

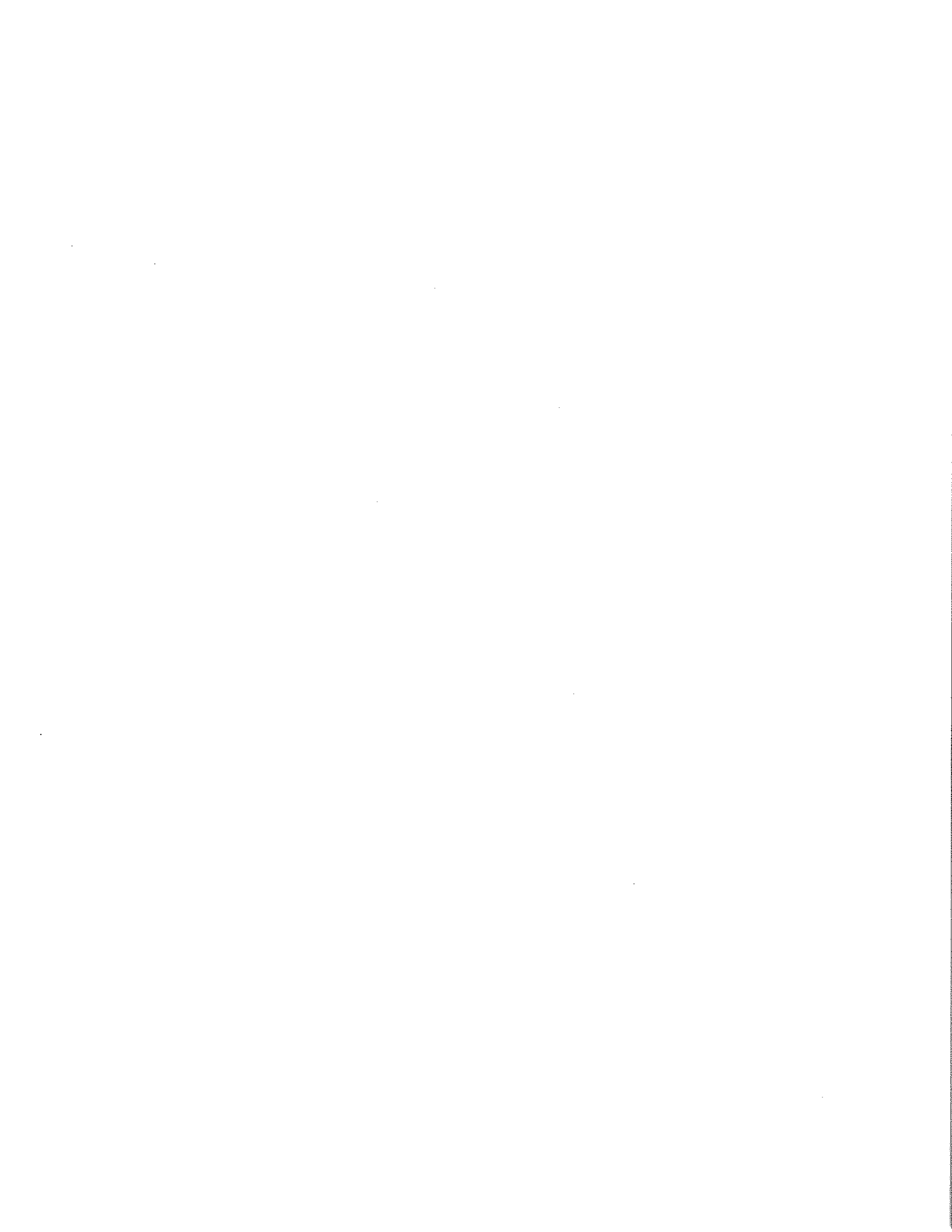


 Gustavo Olivares
 Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo

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I, City Secretary for the City of Rio Hondo, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting is a true and correct record and was posted in the bulletin board outside City Hall, and the bulletin board in the City Hall lobby, at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd, Rio Hondo, Texas 78583 and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

DATE: 4/24/2020 TIME: 3:30pm



THE STATE OF TEXAS
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MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 14, 2020.

The Government body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Special Meeting on April 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, with Mayor Gustavo Olivares presiding and Mayor Pro-tem Gerald Hartzog, Commissioners Rick Tello, and Margaret Perez in attendance. Commissioner Joseph Lopez and Alonzo Garza were absent.

Others present: Ben Medina, City Administrator; Sylvia Garcia, City Secretary; and Lucia Garza, Finance/ Human Services Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Gustavo Olivares led the pledge at 6:30 PM.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Pro-tem Hartzog gave the invocation.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1). Mayor's and Commissioner's Report: Mayor Olivares- Our City continues working with Cameron County regarding this virus. We keep in close contact with the Cameron County Public Health Department and every time there is a new case within the City of Rio Hondo, they do advise us before there is a press release. On a daily we basis we continue being a part of the County Judge's 10:00 am conference call. Our police department has been doing their part in enforcing the rules and regulations that have been implemented by the County Judge across the entire county. We are trying to provide as much information as possible to our restaurants and businesses in keeping them informed of any assistance that will be made available to them by the government.

Commissioner Margaret Perez: No report; Commissioner Tello: No report; and Mayor Pro-tem Hartzog: No report.

2). Administrator's Report: Ben Medina- People around the City are complying with the County Judge's order of wearing their masks in public. All our employees continue working during this time except for two who have concerns and small children. Seniors are still receiving their daily meals on a pickup basis. Library is closed but Wi-Fi is available to the public in the parking lot. Citizens are taking advantage of this. City projects continue to move forward as usual. Unfortunately, the SBA process is too tasking for small businesses. There is a webinar tomorrow that I sent out so they can listen to on the phone. That may be able to guide them a bit better. Most of the incentives are coming to the states. Hopefully the next ones will be directed to smaller cities.

3). Public Comment Period: Please Note- The Public Comment Period is designated for hearing concerns regarding City of Rio Hondo Public Policy or City of Rio Hondo business that is or is not on the agenda or items listed on the agenda.

None.

4). Consideration and Action approving the City Commission Minutes of January 28, 2020, February 11, 2020, March 10, 2020 and March 20, 2020.

Mayor Pro-tem Hartzog: I make a motion to approve item #4.

Commissioner Perez: I second.

Mayor Olivares: All in favor say I. Motion carried.

5). Consideration and Action authorizing the development of short-term stay overlay district on the southside of FM 106 and FM 509 to the Lift Bridge and on South Arroyo from FM 106 to City Cemetery on lots along the Arroyo Colorado River.

Mayor Pro-tem Hartzog: I make a motion to approve item #5.

Commissioner Perez: I second.

Mayor Olivares: All in favor say I. Motion carried.

6). FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-002: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, GOVERNING THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY CEMETERY, PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AND PROHIBITING FURTHER INTERNMENTS AS STIPULATED, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR POLICES WRITTEN OR CUSTOMARY IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Mayor Olivares: This Public Hearing is now open at 6:53 PM. Do we have any public comments?

No public comments received.

Mayor Olivares: This Public Hearing is now closed at 6:58 PM. Do I have a motion to close this Public Hearing?

Commissioner Perez: I so move on item #6.

Commissioner Tello: I second.

Mayor Olivares: All in favor say I. Motion carried.

7). FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-003: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, GOVERNING THE RIO HONDO ARROYO PARK CEMETERY, PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULES OF FEES, RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, FACILITIES & GROUNDS FEES AND OTHER FEES AND POLICIES AS STIPULATED.

Mayor Olivares: This Public Hearing is now open at 6:59 PM. Do we have any public comments?

No public comments received.

Mayor Olivares: This Public Hearing is now closed at 7:09 PM. Do I have a motion to close this Public Hearing?

Mayor Pro-tem Hartzog: I so move on item #7.

Commissioner Perez: I second.

Mayor Olivares: All in favor say I. Motion carried.

8). THIRD AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2020-001 ESTABLISHING A TRUCK ROUTE IN THE CITY OF RIO HONDO: AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Mayor Olivares: This Public Hearing is now open at 7:11 PM. Do we have any public comments?

No public comments received.

Mayor Olivares: This Public Hearing is now closed at 7:13 PM. Do I have a motion to close this Public Hearing?

Commissioner Perez: I so move.

Commissioner Tello: I second.

Mayor Olivares: All in favor say I. Motion carried.

9). Executive Session.

a. Consultation with Attorney 551.071.

None.

10). No action will be taken on item in Executive Session.

No Executive Session required.

11.) Adjournment.

Mayor Pro-tem Hartzog: I make a motion to approve item #11.

Commissioner Tello: I second.

Mayor Olivares: All in favor say I. Motion carried.



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Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information Is In Blue Text

Event Name	20-0003 COVID-19 2020
Date	April 24, 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	April 23 to April 24, 2020
Report Number	36

Regions Affected	
Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	ALL DDCs are activated

Current Situation:

Texas People Tested

Total	225,078
Public Labs	10,002
Private Labs	215,076

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

Texas COVID-19 Cases (1)

Total Statewide Cases	21,944
Texas Counties	202
Deaths	561

On April 23, Governor Abbott announced that Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will provide a series of free online trainings to help local officials understand, acquire, and administer federal assistance available to the state of Texas and municipalities through the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Beginning today, AgriLife Extension will offer these trainings online to help local leaders navigate the federal funding process, and in turn, respond and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic as quickly and effectively as possible.

In conjunction with the announcement, the Governor joined Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp and Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd for a series of calls with Mayors and County Judges, members of the Texas Legislature, and the Texas

congressional delegation today to provide details on the training, walk leaders through the process, and answer questions about federal funding.

"Our local officials have done a tremendous job leading their communities throughout the COVID-19 response, and the state of Texas will continue to work alongside them and provide these leaders with the resources and support they need during this challenging time," said Governor Abbott. "These online trainings will assist local leaders in efficiently navigating the federal funding process and ensure that our communities receive the financial support that they need in a timely manner."

"One thing we learned during our response to Hurricane Harvey was that federal funding is invaluable in the recovery process," said John Sharp, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. "However, it comes with all sorts of strings and requirements that can be confusing to those who don't know the rules. AgriLife Extension agents are well-positioned to guide county judges, mayors and other local officials through the federal funding maze."

The first online training, Federal Relief: An overview for local governments, is available now. Additional trainings will dive into the specifics of individual programs based on the needs of state and local officials. Extension agents will be available to assist local leaders with questions throughout the training and subsequent federal funding application process.

The CARES Act authorizes approximately \$2 trillion in federal stimulus funds to combat the crisis and stabilize the economy, including \$150 billion available directly to states, territories and tribal governments. This includes a number of programs to address the issues that states and local governments are facing as they work to protect their communities during this challenging time.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is a unique education agency that provides programs, tools, and resources on a local and statewide level that teach people improved agriculture and food production, advanced health practices, environmental protection, economic, and youth programs.

On April 23, Governor Abbott announced that Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will receive nearly \$54 million in federal funds to support older Texans and people with disabilities during the COVID-19 response. The funding will be used to support programs and services administered by the state's 28 Area Agencies on Aging such as home delivered meals, help with household chores, assistance with groceries, and respite care or other services for family caregivers.

"Older Texans and Texans with disabilities face a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and they need continued support during these trying times," said Governor Abbott. "These federal funds will help provide higher risk Texans with additional support and resources to meet their everyday needs while allowing them to stay at home and stay safe. I thank the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for providing Texas with this crucial financial support so that we can continue to serve our fellow Texans."

"With Governor Abbott's continued leadership, we're committed to supporting and assisting the state's most vulnerable population during the difficult time," said HHS Executive Commissioner Phil Wilson.

Funding will also be used to support the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, which provides advocacy and complaint resolution services on behalf of residents in long-term care facilities.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living awarded Texas nearly \$54 million in funds through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic (CARES) Act recently signed into law by President Trump.

On April 22, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain restrictions to allow Texas higher education institutions to transfer all unexpended student financial aid funds from the Texas College Work-Study (TCWS) program to other financial aid programs that do not have a work-study requirement to ensure students will continue receiving financial assistance. Those programs include the TEXAS Grant program, the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant program, and the Tuition Equalization Grant program.

With physical campuses closed or under limited operation, this waiver will help students who normally rely on the TCWS program to receive other forms of financial assistance they may need to continue their education.

On April 22, Governor Abbott waived certain testing requirements for Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) as part of the state's response to COVID-19. As a result of this waiver, new APRN graduates who have applied for APRN licensure with the Board of Nursing and have met all licensure requirements except national certification may begin practicing under direct physician supervision. This graduate approval does not include prescriptive authority.

On April 22, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton applauded the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for ordering a stay that blocks a lower court order sharply limiting state officials' ability to respond to the rapidly developing COVID-19 pandemic in Texas prisons and across the State. The district court's injunction imposed limits on the transfer of inmates, required unrestricted access to face masks, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies for each inmate, and imposed a plan for testing every single inmate for COVID-19. The Fifth Circuit also expedited arguments in this case.

On April 21, Governor Abbott provided an update on job openings in the Lone Star State and outlined resources for Texans seeking employment due to the economic effects of COVID-19. The Governor also announced that nearly 500,000 job openings are currently listed on WorkInTexas.com, a powerful online job matching and workforce solution system developed by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). This system provides fast access to a complete set of employment tools in one website where job seekers can browse job postings, find education and training, and complete resumes and state applications.

Job seekers can visit Texas Economic Development and Tourism's Texas Jobs page for links to all 28 local workforce development boards. The webpage also contains additional COVID-19 resources for employers and job seekers alike.

On April 20, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas National Guard will be mobilizing more than 1,200 personnel as part of COVID-19 mobile testing teams (MTT). The 45 member teams will be mobilized in various parts of the state providing greater access to medical testing.

The teams will have 11 medical professionals and support staff, as well as 34 soldiers. Currently,

the Texas National Guard has the capacity to test 150 people per day at each mobile testing team location.

The Texas Military Department was activated by Governor Abbott in March to assist communities across Texas in the COVID-19 response. Currently, over 2,900 Guardsmen are serving in various capacities in response to this activation.

In accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt, and to achieve the goals established by the President to reduce the spread of COVID-19, every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services or reopened services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.

"Essential services" shall consist of everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0 or any subsequent version, plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship.

Other essential services may be added to this list with the approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). TDEM shall maintain an online list of essential services, as specified in this executive order and any approved additions. Requests for additions should be directed to TDEM at EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov or by visiting www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices.

With reports of elevated scams and fraudulent activity preying on the public and consumers disguised as COVID-19 relief and assistance, local, state and federal response includes guidance, investigation, and prosecution. See links below:

- Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus>
- Federal Bureau of Investigation: <https://www.fbi.gov/coronavirus>
- Texas Attorney General: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov>
- US Attorney's Office: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/report-covid-19-fraud>
- Federal Communications Commission: <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-scams>

On April 17, Governor Abbott held a press conference where he issued three new Executive Orders (EO-GA-15, EO-GA-16, and EO-GA-17) to begin the process of reopening the State of Texas while revising hospital capacity and certain social distancing guidelines.

On April 13, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a motion to intervene into a federal lawsuit seeking to stop the release of inmates from the Dallas County Jail, including killers, rapists, arsonists and armed robbers. The Texas Supreme Court stopped an unlawful decision by a state district court in Travis County which would have blocked Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 13 and allowed the release of inmates en masse.

On April 12, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation extending his Disaster Declaration for all Texas counties in response to COVID-19. Originally issued on March 13th, the Disaster Declaration provides the state a number of resources to effectively serve Texans as the Lone Star State continues to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

On April 11, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations related to restrictions on physicians-in-training (PIT) permit holders in order to increase health care capacity through the state's response to COVID-19.

On April 10, Governor Abbott held a press conference where he provided an update on the state's response to COVID-19. The Governor discussed numbers related to COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and fatalities in Texas counties.

In addition, the Governor announced a new online [Frontline Child Care Website](https://frontlinechildcare.texas.gov) to help essential workers in Texas locate child care and support child care centers who are caring for children during the outbreak. <https://frontlinechildcare.texas.gov>

On April 9, Governor Abbott temporarily waived a series of regulations to lift certain telehealth restrictions and expand telehealth options as Texas responds to COVID-19.

On April 9, Governor Abbott announced that the HHSC has adopted an emergency rule to temporarily allow more nurse aides to serve residents in long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 response.

On April 8, Governor Abbott suspended certain statutes concerning appearance before a notary public to execute a self-proved will, a durable power of attorney, a medical power of attorney, a directive to physician, or an oath of an executor, administrator, or guardian. These suspensions temporarily allow for appearance before a notary public via videoconference when executing such documents, avoiding the need for in-person contact during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 8, Governor Abbott announced that his Public Safety Office (PSO) will provide a one-time emergency waiver of the federally required cash or in-kind match contribution required for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant funds.

On April 8, Governor Abbott announced that Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) will provide more than \$168 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits to help Texans during the COVID-19 response. [More information about SNAP benefits.](#)

On April 8, Governor Abbott held a press conference where he provided an update on the production and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) in Texas. The Governor announced a new partnership between the Texas Military Department (TMD) and Prestige Ameritech to increase the production of face masks for health care workers.

On April 7, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain regulatory requirements to increase the job capacities of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns.

On April 7, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has adopted an emergency rule to allow end stage renal disease (ESRD) facilities to treat patients more effectively during the COVID-19 response.

On April 7, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to close all state parks and historic sites as part of the state's efforts to strengthen social distancing practices and prevent gatherings of large groups of people.

On April 7, the Fifth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals upheld Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 09, which requires all health care facilities and professionals to postpone any unnecessary medical procedures to free up hospital beds and preserve precious medical supplies for those combating the spread of COVID-19.

On April 6, Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution throughout the state of Texas.

Governor Abbott announced that Care.com is increasing in-home child care access for frontline workers responding to the COVID-19 emergency.

On April 6, Texas Health and Human Services announces Texas WIC, the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, is expanding the number of food items eligible for purchase through the program. WIC participants can find detailed information on the [Texas WIC website](#).

On April 5, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain regulations to expand the health care workforce to assist with Texas' COVID-19 response.

On April 3, Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on Texas hospital capacity. During the press conference, the Governor and Dr. Zerwas presented an overview of statewide hospital bed capacity, as well as a detailed analysis of bed availability by region. Texas has increased by over 140% since March 18th.

On April 2, Governor Abbott suspended regulations to increase the amount of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) workers and first responders in Texas during the state's response to COVID-19.

On April 1, Governor Abbott issued a statement regarding the recently passed \$2 trillion federal stimulus package intended to relieve the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a special focus on unemployed workers and the state's hardest-hit businesses.

On April 1, Governor Abbott and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) took initial action to provide tenant-based rental assistance for Texans experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

On March 31, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order implementing Essential Services and Activities Protocols for the entire state of Texas. The protocols direct all Texans to minimize non-essential gatherings and in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. The Governor's Executive Order renews and amends his [previous order](#) enforcing federal social distancing guidelines for COVID-19, including closing schools and instructing Texans to avoid eating or drinking at bars and restaurants. The protocols allow exceptions for essential activities and services based on the [Department of Homeland Security's guidelines on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#).

Governor Abbott and Attorney General Paxton issued joint guidance regarding the effect of Executive Order GA 14 on religious services conducted in congregations and houses of worship.

These orders will be effective on a statewide basis starting at 12:01 AM on April 2, 2020 and will end on April 30, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC. [View the Governor's Executive Order.](#)

On March 31, Governor Abbott announced the Comfort Food Care Package (CFCP) program to provide meals for at-risk youth and families in communities across Texas as the state responds to COVID-19. [Texas Restaurant Association website.](#)

On March 30, Governor Abbott waived certain statutory provisions to ensure public safety employees who contract COVID-19 during the course of their employment will be reimbursed for reasonable medical expenses related to their treatment of COVID-19.

On March 30, Governor Abbott announced that the [Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services \(CMS\) \(www.cms.gov\)](#) has approved the Section 1135 Medicaid Waiver submitted by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on March 26, 2020. This approval grants Texas flexibility in administering Medicaid while the state continues to respond to COVID-19.

On March 29, The Vice President of the United States sent a letter to all Hospital Administrators; At the President's direction, we are requesting that all hospitals report the following information to HHS:

1. COVID-19 Test Result Reporting

a. We are requesting that all hospitals report data on COVID-19 testing performed in your Academic/University/Hospital in-house laboratories. ***If all of your COVID-19 testing is sent out to private labs and performed by 011e of the commercial laboratories 011 the list below, you do not need to report using this spreadsheet.***

i. *Commercial laboratories:* LabCorp, BioReference Laboratories, Quest Diagnostics, Mayo Clinic Laboratories, and ARUP Laboratories.

b. ***Reporting Instructions:*** We request that all data for COVID-19 testing completed at "in-house" laboratories or a laboratory not listed above be ***reported*** using the attached spreadsheet.

i. Due date/time: The spreadsheet is due EVERY day at 5 PM ET.

ii. Data to report: The data elements are outlined in the spreadsheet [emailed separately], but should include all test results that were completed during the previous day with a midnight cutoff.

iii. Where to submit: Submit the spreadsheet via email to fema-hhs-coviddiagnostics-tf@fema.dhs.gov.

iv. Data elements to report: Included in the attached spreadsheet with definitions.

c. For questions about reporting, please contact fema-hhs-covid-diagnosticstf@fema.dhs.gov.

2. National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) COVID-19 Module

a. To monitor the rapid emergence of COVID-19 and the impact on the healthcare system, all hospitals should report data each day to the National Healthcare Safety network (NHSN) COVID-19 Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity Module, which has been made available for hospitals to use beginning March 27, 2020. All hospitals that currently use NHS have received an email from the CDC with additional details about how to report to the new module. Although most hospitals already regularly submit data to NHSN on healthcare-associated infections for purposes of CMS reporting, the data we are now asking you to report is necessary in monitoring the spread of severe COVID-19 illness and death as well as the impact to hospitals. Additional details can be found in the attached documents and at the following website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/covid-19/index.html>.

b. For questions on this module, please contact HS @cdc.gov and put "COVID-19 Module" in the subject line.

On March 29, Governor Abbott issued two executive orders (GA – 12) and (GA – 13).

On March 28, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations allowing for an expedited licensing reactivation process for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) in Texas.

On March 28, Governor Abbott waived certain licensing renewal regulations for Texas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees.

On March 27, as part of the state's ongoing response to COVID-19, Governor Abbott announced the deployment of three National Guard Joint Task Force Brigades. The 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and the 176th Engineer Brigade.

On March 27, Governor Abbott waived certain Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) regulations to preserve and extend child care capacity for front line workers.

On March 26, Governor Abbott announced his request for access to interest-free federal loans (known as Title XII funds) to pay unemployment claims and the accelerated release of funds from the Texas account of the federal Unemployment Trust Fund.

On March 26, Governor Abbott, ordered the following on a statewide basis effective at noon on March 28, 2020:

Every person who enters the State of Texas as the final destination through an airport, from a point of origin or point of last departure in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, or the City of New Orleans, or in any other state or city as may be proclaimed hereafter, shall be subject to mandatory self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into Texas or the duration of the person's presence in Texas, whichever is shorter. Each person covered under this order to self-quarantine shall be responsible for all associated costs, including transportation, lodging, food, and medical care.

This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.

On March 25, Governor Abbott released a statement thanking President Trump for issuing a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4485) for the State of Texas.

Governor Abbott has temporarily waived certain hospital licensing rules and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has adopted an emergency rule to meet Texas' need for additional hospital capacity while the state responds to COVID-19.

Governor Abbott has waived certain regulations from the Texas Board of Nursing regarding licensing renewal and subsequent fees for nurses in Texas.

On March 24, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to issue guidance allowing restaurants to sell bulk retail products from restaurant supply chain distributors directly to consumers provided that such foods are in their original condition, packaging, or presented as received by the restaurant.

On March 23, Governor Abbott sent a letter to President Trump requesting a presidential declaration of a major disaster in Texas based on the continued impact of COVID-19.

Governor Abbott's letter also detailed the state's efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, including executing the state's emergency management plan and issuing multiple executive orders, in accordance with guidelines from President Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Governor has also issued multiple waivers of state law to remove barriers limiting the response to this pandemic and activated the Texas National Guard to be prepared to assist with response efforts for COVID-19.

The letter also designated Chief Nim Kidd as the Governor's Authorized Representative and State Coordinating Officer, tasked with continuing his coordination with FEMA on all matters related to COVID-19.

On March 22, the Governor signed an Executive Order for hospitals to increase unused bed capacity without submitting an application or associated fees. The order also creates a Supply Chain Strike Force to ensure all health care facilities have the supplies and resources they need. This executive order takes effect immediately and remains in effect until April 21.

March 20, The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) released an announcement that warns consumers about unauthorized fraudulent coronavirus tests. Reports may be sent via email to: FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov.

On March 19, Governor Abbot issued four Executive Orders to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Texas.

Order No. 1 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

Order No. 2 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

Order No. 3 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

Order No. 4 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms, and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 PM on April 3, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding governor.

Governor Abbott also announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has included the entire state of Texas in its Economic Injury Disaster Declaration and granted access to its Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, which will provide long-term, low interest loans to qualifying businesses across the state.

On March 19, The Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services, Dr. John Hellerstedt, issued a Public Health Disaster Declaration in Texas.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a waiver that will allow restaurants to deliver alcoholic beverages with food purchases to patrons, including beer, wine, and mixed drinks.

On March 18, Governor Abbott, announced that Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Driver License Offices across the state are closing immediately.

Governor Abbott announced that he has directed the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to temporarily waive expiration dates for Driver Licenses, Commercial Driver Licenses, and other identification forms. This action falls within the Governor's State of Disaster Declaration and is part of the ongoing effort to reduce to spread of COVID-19.

Governor Abbott announced that he is activating the Texas National Guard in response to the novel coronavirus outbreak in the state.

Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections.

Governor Abbott has announced that Texas is waiving certain rules relating to parking placards for persons with disabilities.

Governor Abbott and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced a collaboration with local education agencies (LEA) on the Texas Students MealFinder Map which will allow Texas parents to locate LEA facilities serving meals in their communities.

Governor Abbott announced that he is temporarily suspending certain regulations to ensure that Texans will have continued access to their pharmacists as the state responds to COVID-19.

The Governor also announced the launch of an online portal run by the Supply Chain Strike Force to streamline the process and validation of leads for more supplies. The portal, accessible through

www.texas.gov, will serve as an intake process for those wanting to provide valid leads on PPE and donations. The Governor also issued an Executive Order to better track both hospital bed capacity and COVID-19 test results across the state. The order also requires every public or private entity utilizing FDA-approved COVID-19 tests to submit daily reports of all results to the local health department and DSHS who will then share this information with the CDC.

On March 17, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations and directed that the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) issue an emergency rule, relating to telemedicine care for patients with state-regulated insurance plans.

On March 14, Governor Abbott, directed the Texas Medical Board (TMB) and the Texas Board of Nursing (TBN) to fast-track the temporary licensing of out-of-state physicians, physician assistants, certain retired physicians, nurses, and other license types to assist in Texas' response to COVID-19.

The Governor suspended State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAR) testing for the state. Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location.

On March 13, the President of the United States Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 global pandemic is a national emergency.

On March 13, the Governor of the State of Texas Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat in the state and declared a state of disaster for all 254 counties in Texas.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Sid Miller announced TDA has been granted flexibility from the federal school meal program to allow Texas schools to continue to provide meals to students even if temporarily closed.

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.

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Anderson County	14	Jim Wells County	2
Andrews County	19	Johnson County	50
Angelina County	31	Jones County	4
Aransas County	2	Karnes County	3
Armstrong County	1	Kaufman County	58
Atascosa County	14	Kendall County	15
Austin County	12	Kerr County	5
Bandera County	4	Kleberg County	7
Bastrop County	53	Knox County	1
Bee County	6	La Salle County	1
Bell County	153	Lamar County	7
Bexar County	1126	Lamb County	2

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Blanco County	6	Lampasas County	2
Bosque County	3	Lavaca County	5
Bowie County	66	Lee County	2
Brazoria County	382	Leon County	5
Brazos County	177	Liberty County	36
Brooks County	1	Limestone County	11
Brown County	13	Live Oak County	5
Burleson County	11	Llano County	3
Burnet County	14	Lubbock County	470
Caldwell County	10	Lynn County	5
Calhoun County	23	Madison County	2
Callahan County	1	Marion County	6
Cameron County	321	Martin County	2
Camp County	6	Mason County	1
Carson County	1	Matagorda County	57
Cass County	10	Maverick County	14
Castro County	13	McCulloch County	3
Chambers County	39	McLennan County	81
Cherokee County	8	Medina County	17
Childress County	1	Midland County	67
Clay County	3	Milam County	13
Cochran County	1	Mitchell County	1
Collin County	584	Montague County	6
Colorado County	10	Montgomery County	440
Comal County	47	Moore County	172
Comanche County	3	Morris County	5
Concho County	1	Motley County	1
Cooke County	4	Nacogdoches County	110
Coryell County	86	Navarro County	25
Crane County	2	Newton County	2
Crosby County	1	Nueces County	90
Dallam County	3	Oldham County	3
Dallas County	2683	Orange County	59
Dawson County	18	Palo Pinto County	7
De Witt County	14	Panola County	61
Deaf Smith County	17	Parker County	22
Delta County	1	Parmer County	3
Denton County	644	Pecos County	6
Dickens County	1	Polk County	17

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Dimmit County	1	Potter County	204
Donley County	24	Rains County	2
Duval County	1	Randall County	125
Eastland County	3	Red River County	1
Ector County	62	Roberts County	2
El Paso County	645	Robertson County	2
Ellis County	111	Rockwall County	48
Erath County	12	Rusk County	28
Falls County	1	Sabine County	1
Fannin County	13	San Augustine County	15
Fayette County	15	San Jacinto County	8
Floyd County	3	San Patricio County	11
Fort Bend County	870	Scurry County	2
Franklin County	1	Shelby County	85
Freestone County	3	Sherman County	10
Frio County	1	Smith County	125
Gaines County	2	Starr County	7
Galveston County	491	Stephens County	1
Gillespie County	1	Swisher County	6
Goliad County	6	Tarrant County	1430
Gonzales County	4	Taylor County	185
Gray County	27	Terry County	10
Grayson County	19	Titus County	12
Gregg County	55	Tom Green County	41
Grimes County	10	Travis County	1263
Guadalupe County	64	Trinity County	7
Hale County	16	Tyler County	6
Hamilton County	5	Upshur County	12
Hansford County	2	Uvalde County	6
Hardin County	91	Val Verde County	12
Harris County	5211	Van Zandt County	13
Harrison County	61	Victoria County	105
Hartley County	2	Walker County	136
Hays County	140	Waller County	25
Hemphill County	1	Washington County	77
Henderson County	22	Webb County	302
Hidalgo County	281	Wharton County	36
Hill County	14	Wheeler County	1
Hockley County	18	Wichita County	62

County of Residence	Number of Cases	County of Residence	Number of Cases
Hood County	15	Wilbarger County	1
Hopkins County	4	Willacy County	10
Houston County	4	Williamson County	167
Howard County	2	Wilson County	25
Hunt County	37	Winkler County	3
Hutchinson County	9	Wise County	14
Jack County	4	Wood County	6
Jackson County	6	Yoakum County	1
Jasper County	10	Young County	4
Jefferson County	224	Zapata County	7
Jim Hogg County	1	Zavala County	1

DSHS will update the state case count each day by 12:00 Noon Central Time, the data displayed is current as of 8:00 PM the prior day.

Shelter-in-Place Orders/Stay-At-Home Orders: No Change

Counties w/orders in place	115
Total Population Covered	26,345,350
Percent of Total Texas Population	89.506%

County Name	Issued	Effective	Population
Anderson	2-Apr	2-Apr	60,160
Andrews	4-Apr	4-Apr	17,417
Angelina	29-Mar	30-Mar	90,822
Aransas	27-Mar	27-Mar	27,567
Armstrong	7-Apr	7-Apr	1,862
Bastrop	30-Mar	1-Apr	90,036
Bee	27-Mar	27-Mar	33,487
Bell	23-Mar	23-Mar	366,853
Bexar	23-Mar	24-Mar	2,005,425
Blanco	6-Apr	6-Apr	11,668
Bowie	27-Mar	27-Mar	96,365
Brazoria	26-Mar	26-Mar	389,943
Brazos	23-Mar	24-Mar	237,067
Brewster	31-Mar	31-Mar	10,257
Briscoe	7-Apr	7-Apr	1,660
Brooks	27-Mar	29-Mar	7,271
Brown	26-Mar	27-Mar	40,153
Caldwell	30-Mar	31-Mar	44,378
Callahan	4-Apr	8-Apr	14,714
Cameron	26-Mar	25-Mar	438,850
Cass	1-Apr	2-Apr	31,271

Castro	24-Mar	24-Mar	7,967
Chambers	24-Mar	24-Mar	45,686
Clay	3-Apr	3-Apr	11,116
Collin	24-Mar	24-Mar	1,052,827
Comal	27-Mar	27-Mar	150,741
Coryell	8-Apr	8-Apr	82,738
Crosby	4-Apr	4-Apr	6,311
Culberson	25-Mar	25-Mar	2,337
Dallas	16-Apr	30-Apr	2,691,264
Deaf Smith	7-Apr	7-Apr	18,546
Denton	24-Mar	25-Mar	890,809
Duval	27-Mar	27-Mar	11,585
Ector	29-Mar	29-Mar	162,583
El Paso	24-Mar	24-Mar	873,710
Ellis	25-Mar	25-Mar	183,406
Erath	25-Mar	25-Mar	44,668
Fort Bend	24-Mar	25-Mar	817,514
Frio	30-Mar	30-Mar	19,879
Galveston	23-Mar	24-Mar	351,130
Gregg	25-Mar	25-Mar	127,868
Guadalupe	3-Apr	3-Apr	169,440
Hale	31-Mar	31-Mar	35,672
Hansford	2-Apr	2-Apr	5,627
Hardin	27-Mar	27-Mar	59,168
Harris	24-Mar	25-Mar	4,758,401
Harrison	31-Mar	31-Mar	68,950
Hays	25-Mar	26-Mar	233,480
Henderson	7-Apr	30-Apr	85,574
Hidalgo	25-Mar	26-Mar	892,240
Hockley	31-Mar	31-Mar	23,704
Hood	25-Mar	25-Mar	60,231
Hopkins	1-Apr	1-Apr	38,289
Hunt	23-Mar	24-Mar	97,332
Jasper	27-Mar	28-Mar	37,626
Jeff Davis	31-Mar	25-Apr	2,274
Jefferson	27-Mar	27-Mar	260,921
Jim Wells	27-Mar	28-Mar	41,562
Johnson	27-Mar	27-Mar	177,807
Kaufman	24-Mar	25-Mar	129,103
Kenedy	31-Mar	31-Mar	413
Kleberg	27-Mar	27-Mar	32,998
Lampasas	31-Mar	1-Apr	22,209

La Salle	3-Apr	3-Apr	7,682
Lee	1-Apr	1-Apr	18,062
Leon	30-Mar	30-Mar	18,037
Liberty	24-Mar	24-Mar	88,365
Limestone	2-Apr	2-Apr	24,016
Live Oak	1-Apr	2-Apr	12,862
Madison	30-Mar	30-Mar	14,989
Marion	30-Mar	1-May	10,574
Maverick	30-Mar	30-Mar	60,260
McLennan	24-Mar	24-Mar	261,206
Milam	24-Mar	25-Mar	26,308
Mitchell	3-Apr	3-Apr	8,570
Montgomery	27-Mar	28-Mar	617,800
Nacogdoches	29-Mar	30-Mar	67,771
Navarro	25-Mar	25-Mar	51,510
Newton	30-Mar	30-Mar	14,270
Nueces	25-Mar	26-Mar	372,935
Orange	27-Mar	28-Mar	85,436
Panola	31-Mar	1-Apr	24,184
Pecos	2-Apr	2-Apr	16,101
Polk	25-Mar	27-Mar	52,167
Potter	30-Mar	30-Mar	125,261
Presidio	31-Mar	31-Mar	7,729
Randall	1-Apr	1-Apr	138,742
Refugio	1-Apr	1-Apr	7,393
Robertson	25-Mar	25-Mar	18,215
Rockwall	24-Mar	24-Mar	104,235
Sabine	30-Mar	30-Mar	11,876
San Augustine	30-Mar	30-Mar	8,237
San Jacinto	25-Mar	25-Mar	28,859
San Patricio	27-Mar	30-Mar	66,730
Scurry	26-Mar	27-Mar	17,152
Smith	27-Mar	27-Mar	235,560
Starr	24-Mar	24-Mar	68,280
Stephens	23-Mar	23-Mar	9,769
Stonewall	27-Mar	29-Mar	1,483
Swisher	6-Mar	6-Mar	7,698
Tarrant	23-Mar	23-Mar	2,112,559
Taylor	31-Mar	30-Apr	139,604
Terry	2-Apr	2-Apr	12,943
Travis	24-Mar	25-Mar	1,292,042
Trinity	30-Mar	31-Mar	17,263

Tyler	28-Mar	28-Mar	23,139
Val Verde	23-Mar	24-Mar	49,025
Victoria	1-Apr	2-Apr	95,359
Webb	27-Mar	28-Mar	285,552
Wichita	29-Mar	30-Mar	133,469
Willacy	26-Mar	26-Mar	19,949
Williamson	24-Mar	24-Mar	571,532
Wood	1-Apr	1-Apr	47,020
Young	31-Mar	15-Apr	18,623
Zapata	14-Apr	14-Apr	14,015

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Expand and maximize bed capacity.
6. Develop alternative care sites to support local governments and the health care systems.
7. Acquire supplies/equipment to support health care and testing.
8. Protect vulnerable populations.
9. Ensure visibility on progression of the disease.
10. Support local governments.
11. Set communications messaging for the event based of science and the circumstances.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

Visit the [DSHS Testing Site Map](#) to find a facility near you.

From April 24-27, the Rural Mobile Testing Team (MTT) will travel through Districts specified by DSHS/Public Health Region.

Rural MTT Schedule

County	Location ¹	Date	Time
Camp	307 Elm, Pittsburg	Wednesday, April 29	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Cass	TBD	Sunday, April 26	TBD
Harrison	TBD	Saturday, April 25	TBD
Marion	130 Park Road, Jefferson	Sunday, April 26	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Morris	TBD	Monday, April 27	TBD
Panola	TBD	Friday, April 24	TBD
Red River	TBD	Monday, April 27	TBD
Rusk	TBD	Saturday, April 25	TBD
Shelby	TBD	Friday, April 24	TBD

1. Expect additional programming of locations.

DDC 4 – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties)

Denton County: Denton County issued a Stay at Home Order effective April 7 to April 30.

City of Sanger: Issued a Stay at Home Order effective April 7 2020.)

Tarrant County: Fort Worth Fire Department has opened a COVID-19 testing center available to front line health care workers including physicians, nurses, medical assistants and other health professionals. Call the Infections Disease Coordinator at the Joint Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the City of Fort Worth at 817-714-9709. This number is answered from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

Wise County: COVID testing site is utilizing the parking lot of the Bridgeport hospital. Bridgeport tests by appointment only for now and the site will be run by Wise Health Systems. Open daily from 9:00 AM -5:00 PM.

DDC 4 – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties)

Dallas County: Dallas County issued an amended Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency; beginning 11:59 PM April 16 and expiring 11:59 PM April 30. All persons going to an essential business will be required to wear a covering for nose and mouth.

NCTTRAC updates

The NCTTRAC TSA-E MEDICAL COORDINATION CENTER (EMCC): The EMCC remains at full activation seven days a week. The EMCC continues to receive and disperse shipments of supplies from the Department of State Health Services and Texas Division of Emergency Management, and assists in the coordination of PPE logistics across the region. There is ongoing coordination with FEMA Region 6, DSHS, TDEM, City of Dallas, and US Naval Expeditionary Medical Unit to support the Federal Medical Station in Dallas.

Ellis County: The County Judge extended the Stay At home Order until April 30.

Kaufman County: Mobile Testing Teams will begin their circuits starting Thursday April 23 in Kaufman County.

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus Counties)

Titus County:

RETAIL & RESTAURANTS

- All retail stores and all restaurants providing curbside or delivery services must require all employees to wear masks at all times while working.
- All retail stores and all restaurants providing curbside or delivery services must require customers to wear masks before entering the store and while shopping in the store.
- All retail stores must require all customers to sanitize their hands with alcohol-based sanitizer before entering the store.

- Retail stores include: grocery stores, super markets, warehouse stores, bodegas, liquor stores, convenience stores.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

211 is open to the public 24/7 to answer questions about COVID-19 symptoms, and related resources are online at <http://www.211.org/services/covid19>. There are two additional ways to connect: help seekers can text "211Help" to 484848, or visit www.211texas.org to web chat with a Community Resource Specialist. This is a local United Way initiative.

On April 22, 211 handled 403 calls. The top unmet needs were undesignated temporary financial assistance, food pantries, motel payment assistance, and utility deposits. The top calls were for electric service payment assistance, undesignated temporary financial assistance, rent payment assistance, food stamps/SNAP, and COVID-19 control.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service:

Anderson County: Cayuga ISD has been approved to restart their meal services this week through the meal program (state funding).

Due to CDC recommendation, CHRISTUS System is asking all patients, visitors and employees to wear a mask while visiting their facilities. Homemade cloth masks are appropriate for visitors. Providers and health care workers will continue to use appropriate medical masks (PPE) when working.

Camp County:

City of Pittsburg: applied for a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for the COVID-19 incident and was approved by FEMA.

City of Pittsburg's Economic Development Corporation is conducting a locally funded 'COVID-19 Business Grant' project, authorized by the City of Pittsburg, which will provide up to \$4,500 per eligible business for approved expenses.

Gregg County:

City of Longview: Additional mandatory orders from Mayor Andy Mack as of April 7:

Henderson County:

City of Malakoff: A declaration and additional orders were declared, requiring residents to remain and Shelter In Place of residence, effective 11:59 PM on April 13, 2020 through May 13, 2020.

Panola County: A test site at the First Baptist Church in the City of Carthage will be open on April 24 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Rusk County: A test site at the First Baptist Church in the City of Henderson will be open on April 25 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

City of Tatum: The nutrition center has suspended Thursday lunches for at least two weeks. The Pecan Pie Festival scheduled for April 24 has been canceled.

City of Tyler: East Texas Food Bank – ETFB is providing free emergency food boxes (16 meals worth) April 3 at the drive-thru distribution site at the East Texas State Fairgrounds in Tyler. The City of Tyler will extend modified facility operations until Friday, May 1. All events City-operated or in a City facility have been suspended through May 1.

Physicians with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler and UT Health East Texas are researching a potential treatment to help severely afflicted COVID-19 patients recover. Individuals with a history of COVID-19 can donate plasma but must first meet FDA requirements for this research and must be tested for safety. Once safe usage is confirmed, the blood then goes through a process to separate out blood cells, leaving the plasma with antibodies. Patients who have successfully recovered from COVID-19 are encouraged to contact Carter BloodCare for donation options.

DDC 22 – Sherman (Includes: Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

April 21, 211 handled 182 calls. Top needs requested at 211 were: Electric bill payment assistance, general dentistry, central intake/assessment for drug use disorders, food pantries, soup kitchens, gas service payment assistance, area agencies on aging, rent payment assistance, and housing authorities. The top unmet need was rental payment assistance.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

Test site information is being confirmed for the testing being conducted by EMTF 4 & 6 and the Texas National Guard Teams. Sites for EMTF-4 and EMTF-6 have been selected.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)

The Southeast Texas Regional Emergency Operations Center has launched a website summarizing and consolidating all information related to COVID-19 activities in Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, and Tyler counties. <https://covid-19-jeffco.hub.arcgis.com/>

DDC 16 – Houston (Includes Chambers and Harris Counties)

Harris County: Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo signed an Executive Order requiring the use of face coverings in public spaces for all persons over the age of 10. This order is effective Monday, April 27, 2020 at 12:01 AM and extends until May 26, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

Acceptable coverings include “some form of face covering that covers the nose and mouth. The face covering may be a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief.” The Centers for Disease Control provides guidance on effective face coverings.

This is in addition to social distancing and personal hygiene guidelines already in place. Wearing

a face covering is not a substitute for maintaining 6-foot social distancing and hand washing because these remain important steps to slowing the spread of the virus.

Per the order, face coverings shall be worn except when:

- Exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside;
- Alone in a separate single space, whether indoors or outdoors;
- In the presence only of other members of one's residence, whether inside or outside the residence;
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety or security risk; or
- When eating or drinking.

Residents are asked not to use medical masks or N95 respirators as they are important resources for both medical workers and first responders. Harris County will not provide equipment for private employers or the public.

This order is enforceable by all law enforcement agencies in Harris County. Violators face up to a \$1,000 fine.

The full order, in PDF format, is attached to this message. It can also be downloaded at <https://www.readyharris.org/Stay-Home>.

DDC 16 – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

Utility Payments may still be made using the drop box located outside of City Hall, online at www.Xpressbillpay.com, or over the phone. There will be no late fees nor disconnects during this time.

Galveston County: Galveston Health District announced it will open its free COVID-19 testing to anyone, regardless of symptoms, and expand its drive-through testing to Galveston.

DDC 16C – Conroe (Includes: Liberty, Montgomery and Walker Counties)

Liberty County: Liberty County Executive Order issued by County Judge “Stay Safe” Emergency Measures on March 24, 2020 Executive Order 032420-000613.

Montgomery County: On April 17: Montgomery County Judge Mark J. Keough signed an order immediately terminating the “Stay Home, Stop the Spread” order and nightly curfew, issued initially on March 27.

Walker County: April 09, Walker County Judge Ordered “Stay at Home Order.” All individuals currently living in Walker County, are ordered to Stay Home.

Waller County: City of Prairie View Mayor ordered “Stay at Home” for Prairie View 03/27/2020.

DDC 16D – Rosenberg (Includes: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton (Counties))

Austin County:

Testing Screening Site(s): 1
Belleville Medical Center
44 North Cummings St
Belleville, TX 77418
979-413-7400

LHA Dr. Bosse 267-620-1100
 Chief Morris EMS

Colorado County:

- Testing Screening Site(s): 3
1. *OakBend Sandhill*
4911 Sandhill Drive
Sugar Land, Texas
281-238-7870

 2. *Smart Financial Center*
18111 Lexington Blvd
Sugar Land, TX 77479

 3. *Fort Bend County Fairgrounds*
4310 TX-36
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Testing Screening Site(s): 1
 Matagorda Regional Medical Center
 104 7th St,
 Bay City, TX 77414

City of East Bernard: There is a current Disaster Declaration expiring 30 MAY 2020.

City of El Campo: Testing Screening Site(s): 1

Mid Coast Medical Clinic
 305 Sandy Corner Rd.
 El Campo, TX 77437
 (979) 543-5510

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

From April 24-29, the MTT will travel through Districts specified by DSHS/Public Health Region.

MTT Schedule

County	Location	Date	Time
Edwards	903 N US-377, Rocksprings	Friday, April 24	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Kinney	200 Spring St, Brackettville	Saturday, April 25	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
La Salle	TBD	Wednesday, April 29	TBD
Maverick	5021 E US-277, Eagle Pass	Sunday, April 26	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Zavala	1210 N 7 th Ave, Crystal City	Sunday, April 26	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
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DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata, Counties)

Star County: Starr County's Declaration for Disaster for Public Health Emergency that has been extended to May 18, 2020

Zapata County: The Shelter in Place Order has been extended to April 28, 2020. Both private and public boat ramps accessing Falcon Lake are allowed to remain open for launching only. Bank fishing will also be allowed. The following mandatory conditions must be met:

- Face coverings must be present at all times when launching boat or fishing from the banks
- A distance of six feet should be maintained at all times
- Groups should be limited to no more than five individuals

The Los Ebanos Golf Course will be allowed to operate under their newly established COVID-19 rules and regulations.

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

MTT Testing initiated on April 23 in Aransas and Refugio Counties.

2-1-1 Texas/United Way HELPLINE:

Coastal Bend Region Service area: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio counties. <https://www.211texas.org/add-or-edit-your-2-1-1-listing/coastal-bend/>

Total Call Volume April 22: 122 calls with an average of 5.41 minutes

April 22: Top 5 call request for Coastal Bend region:

- Rent Payment Assistance
- Electric Bill Payment Assistance
- Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance
- Food Stamps/SNAP Application
- Food Pantries

Coastal Bend Council of Governments: Assisting in distribution of information regarding the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program.

Brooks County: On April 9, Brooks County issued an order requiring people of the age of 5 and older to wear some form of covering over the nose and mouth when in public.

Live Oak County: The Joint Stay at Home order for Live Oak County, City of George West, and City of Three Rivers was amended to continue until 11:59 PM on April 30.

Nueces County:

The "stay at home order" has been extended until April 30th.

Port of Corpus Christi: Coordinated delivery of one drum of sanitizer to the City of Aransas Pass. Coordinated delivery of one drum of hand sanitizer to Corpus Christi Police Department.

To date, 1,965 gallons of hand sanitizer have been distributed to area first responders, critical Port industry workers and hospitals as part of Operation Hand Sanitizer 1 & 2.

PCCA CEO extends the "stay at home order" outlined by HR thru May 1. No in-person visitors, contractors, or vendors shall be allowed at the administration or annex buildings through Friday, May 1st. The Port will also close the East and West fishing areas located off the Joe Fulton International Corridor.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties)

Food Bank RGV: Due to the rise in demand, families will only be allowed to visit the food bank once every 30 days. Pickup is every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, or until capacity is reached. Emergency pantry services for seniors 60 and older is on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Cameron County: Cameron County will be implementing a special task force with local business leaders for plans to reopen Rio Grande Valley businesses.

Hidalgo County: Drive-thru coronavirus testing will be available in the City of Donna on Monday, April 27. The drive-thru testing center will be open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on weekdays and from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

The University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine has opened a coronavirus drive-thru testing site in Mercedes. Testing is free to the public who qualify after a mandatory screening over the phone.

The City of Elsa, in collaboration with other entities, has established a drive thru testing site in the Delta Area. The City of Elsa and Emergency Diagnostic Solutions are schedule to open a COVID-19 drive thru testing site on Monday, April 27 to serve the Delta Area.

Starting on April 27, the City of Elsa and Emergency Diagnostic Solutions will operate a drive-thru testing site in the Delta area.

DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties)

Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC): As of April 21, Top Needs calls to 211 MRGDC were: rent payment assistance, electric service payment assistance, food pantries, food stamps/SNAP applications, and COVID-19 diagnostic tests. Referrals were made to the following resources: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP), economic impact payments (Government stimulus), Social Services, Social and Financial Services, COVID-19 unemployment benefits information, and rental assistance.

Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas (KTTT): Currently, there is a Tribal Government shut down in place. An emergency declaration was issued on the evening of March 13 to scale down on-site operations to only essential personnel.

Dimmit County: COVID-19 MTT Testing site will be open Monday April 27, at the JP1 Commodity Center, 127 FM2367 in Carrizo Springs.

On April 22, supplies were allocated by STRAC for primary care physicians and local doctors' offices for Dimmit County. Pick up scheduled for April 23 at Kelly Air Force Base in the City of San Antonio.

April 15 Executive Order (addition and extension) issued; Order extended for 30 days, Voluntary use of masks/face covering in public

Due to the successful distribution by the city/county food bank, arrangements are underway for the food bank to redistribute commodities.

Edwards County: The COVID-19 MTT Testing site will be on Friday April 24, at the Edwards County Park Building, 377 North in Rocksprings from 9:00 AM -5:00 PM.

Testing site information flyer produced and sent out to communities of Rocksprings and Barksdale.

Kinney County: The COVID-19 MTT Testing Site will be open Saturday April 25, at the Kinney County Civic Center, 200 East Spring Street in Brackettville from 9:00AM -5:00PM.

Testing and testing site information flyer produced and sent out to communities of Brackettville, and Spofford.

La Salle County: MTT Test Site will be on Wednesday April 29. The site has yet to be selected.

Maverick County: MTT Test Site will be on Sunday April 26, at the EPISD (Eagle Pass Independent School District) Student Activity Center, 2021 E. US HWY 277 in Eagle Pass from, 9:00AM -5:00PM.

Real County: On April 3, The County extended their declaration for an additional 30 days. On April 20 Real County submitted a Letter to Governor Abbott regarding COVID-19 and its effect on the local tourist economy.

Uvalde County: On April 21, PPE Supplies, Level 2, were received at the SOC and are being routed for distribution for Uvalde Memorial Hospital: Isolation gowns, N95 masks, and hand sanitizer.

On April 8, US Military Forces, through the DDC, delivered 150 N95 masks and 1,000 gloves to Uvalde EOC.

An additional request, as per DC through STRAC/RMOC, to primary care physicians and doctors' offices has been sent to RMOC213Request.org for additional masks and face shields.

On April 21, Uvalde County received 2,500 N95 masks through purchase from a private vendor through monetary donation.

Val Verde County: COVID-19 Testing Site is open; City of Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans

Blvd., in Del Rio from 9:00AM – 5:00PM. Flyer and webpage is set up and distributed.

Zavala County: The MTT Test Site will be on Sunday April 26, at the Zavala County Nutrition Center, 1210 N. 7th Avenue, Crystal City from 9:00AM – 5:00PM. The flyer of MTT was sent to La Pryor, and Batesville.

Crystal City ISD will remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Crystal City ISD will continue to serve students through their distance learning programs, and will mail out packets through the end of May.

Zavala County Emergency Management is monitoring and maintaining awareness for the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak as it unfolds in the United States, the State of Texas, and their surrounding Counties.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 8 – El Paso (Includes: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties)

Brewster County: On April 25, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, a COVID-19 collection/testing site will be open at North Brewster County Emergency Response Center in the City of Alpine. On April 26, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, a COVID-19 collection/testing site will be open at South Brewster County Emergency Response Center in the City of Terlingua.

Culberson County: On April 24, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, a COVID-19 collection/testing site will be open at City Hall/Convention Center in the City of Van Horn.

El Paso County:

The City of El Paso extended its shelter in place directive until May 17.

Hudspeth County: On April 24, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, a COVID-19 collection/testing site will be open at Benito Martinez Elementary in the City of Ft. Hancock.

Presidio County: On April 25, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, a COVID-19 collection/testing site will be open at Marfa Visitor Center in the City of Marfa. On April 26, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, a COVID-19 collection/testing site will be open at City of Presidio EMS and Fire Station in the City of Presidio.

DDC 9B – Midland (Includes: Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland and Winkler Counties)

Andrews County: Andrews County issued a stay at home order effective April 4 until April 30.

DDC 10 – San Angelo (Includes: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

Crockett County: Crockett County declared a County Disaster for a major wild fire.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 2 – Lubbock (Includes: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum Counties)

Lubbock County: City of Lubbock has new drive-through test sites opening. Beginning April 24, Walmart at 11415 Quaker Avenue, and beginning April 29, the Patterson Library. City of Lubbock testing capacity is expected to increase based on additional testing sites as well as Covenant Hospital making rapid tests available.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Taylor Counties)

Rural testing by the Texas Military Department (TMD) is scheduled to commence in Eastland County on Friday April 24, Runnels County on Saturday April 25, and Jones County on Sunday April 26, with others to be scheduled soon.

Eastland County: Mobile Testing Teams will begin their circuits starting Friday April 24 in Eastland County.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 11 – Waco (Includes: Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan Counties)
The shortage of medical PPE supplies is the most critical unresolved issue.

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties)

The City of Austin and Travis County are extended their "Stay Home – work Safe" orders until May 8th to take effect following the expiration of the first version on April 13, at 11:59 PM.

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria Counties)

The shortage of PPE continues to be the most critical unresolved issue for Healthcare and law enforcement.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Public Utilities Commission (PUC): PUC has created a link specific for COVID-19 on our public webpage. <http://www.puc.texas.gov/covid-19/>

South East Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) - Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC): With the spread of COVID-19 in our nation reaching a point where identification of COVID-19 patients in the greater Houston area has been reached, the CMOC has activated Level 1 and is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future, to support regional healthcare organizations in response to the COVID-19 incident, with the aim of maintaining the regional healthcare infrastructure.

As directed by DSHS, SETRAC will lead the planning and coordination efforts for local CSSCCs

that supplement Texas' hospital capacity enabling hospitals to direct resources toward acute COVID-19 patient and non-COVID-19 patient emergency care.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): AgriLife activated one Regional Program Leader to assist TDEM DDC 6.

The agency is standing ready with personnel to support TDEM with activations of DDEOC's across the state. Strike Team members, county Extension Agents and vehicles are also on standby and are prepared to assist with rural Mobile Specimen Collection sites. Disaster Strike Team members made three PPE deliveries April 22 for Mobile Specimen Collection Sites in Del Rio, Center and Van Horn.

Slide presentations and videos are being developed for use by county Extension agents to demonstrate handwashing and disinfecting. A resource video entitled "Scrub Up, Tune Up" has been posted for the public to view and Extension agents to utilize as a teaching tool for proper handwashing. These have been translated into Spanish for Spanish speaking clientele. A new power point on cleaning and household disinfecting in household settings has also been posted on the site for educational use by Extension Agents.

As of April 20, 8,316 masks have been distributed to persons at high risk of contracting COVID 19 through the AgriLife Extension statewide Face Mask project. Masks are being made by 4-H youth, Texas Extension Education and Healthy Texas volunteers.

A promotional flyer for Mobile Specimen Collection in counties was developed by Ag. Communications for distribution in rural counties where collections will occur. Copies were sent to TDEM and DSHS today for distribution as well.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): TEEX continues to support COVID-19 response across Texas.

Additional LNO for RSOC in place on April 20 to allow for staff rotation/down time and assist with SOC duties.

All 8 armories received shipments for the Mobile Rural Testing Team (MRTT) resupply mission. The San Antonio Armory also received 15 pallets of PPE as the initial PPE issue for the MRTT.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 66 personnel committed to COVID-19 Response and is providing planning support, logistical support, and other functional areas as needed throughout the state. TFS resources are assisting the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of State Health Services, and local jurisdictions. Assistance activities include Incident Action Plan development, Situation Reports, STAR Processing, Personal Protective Equipment hauling, logistical support for shipping and receiving materials, incident management support, and training.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has created a link specific for COVID-19 on our public webpage.

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/covid-19/tceq-preparedness-responsibilities-covid-19>

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):

TDLR requested and received authority from Governor Abbott to suspend certain regulatory requirements to allow licensees of the Offender Education Program to provide more services through remote classroom instruction during the pandemic.

Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS):

Regional Activities:

On April 21, Public Health Regions (PHRs) reported 332 personnel working in the RHMOCs. All RHMOCs are at Full Activation.

All eight HPP Providers have activated Regional Operations Centers and are distributing PPE to healthcare entities in the region.

SMOC will receive six Battelle decontamination systems from FEMA that will be able to clean 80,000 N95 masks a day. The first two systems will reach Houston and San Antonio as early as April 22.

DSHS purchased materials for Texas Military Department (TMD) to install racking systems in the FEMA cold storage trailers to increase storage capacity.

DSHS Call Center Activities:

The Call Center received 13,024 calls and 8,029 emails to date. Over the past 24 hours, the Call Center received a total of 84 calls and 108 emails. The Call Center is operational 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM every day of the week.

As of March 14, 2-1-1 has been funneling calls to the DSHS Call Center. 2-1-1 reports receiving a total of 3,865 calls in the last 24 hours. Texas Poison Center Network received 727 COVID-19 calls as of April 22.

Two of the eight Battelle Decontamination Systems have deployed to the regional destinations. Each system has capacity to clean and decontaminate 80,000+ n95 masks a day.

Texas Education Agency (TEA):

To view TEA support and guidance for school districts regarding COVID-19 please visit <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): Texas HHSC temporarily suspended non-essential visits to State Hospitals and State Supported Living Centers.

Texas Military Department (TMD): Governor Abbott activated the Texas National Guard on Tuesday, March 17 to help with the state's response to coronavirus. TMD currently has 2,838 personnel in support of the COVID-19 Response. Two TMD General Support Units are operating in support of testing sites in Kingsville and Houston. Eight TMD GSUs are staging in Dallas, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Lubbock, Austin, Houston, El Paso, Weslaco and Tyler to implement the TDEM distribution plan to the RACs. TMD MDCs are supporting DDCs in 2, 04A, 04B, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16A, 16C, 16D, 18B, 19, DDC 20 and 21 and DDC 24. TMD is supporting the manufacture of n95 masks. TMD is assisting TDEM with warehouse distribution of PPE. TMD is supporting the North Texas Food Bank, the South Texas Food Bank, the East Texas Food bank, the Rio Grande

Valley Food Bank, Harris County Food Bank, Tarrant County Food Bank, and the El Paso Food Bank with distribution. TMD is supporting the State Operations Center. TMD Engineering Facility Assessment teams are actively evaluating alternate care medical facilities for COVID 19 patient overflow potential. The TMD Engineering team is working with the Army Corp of Engineers. TMD is supporting Community Based Testing site operations in Houston, Moore County, Victoria, Van Horn, and Terrell City. TMD is supporting TDEM Critical Information Systems with data compilation and STAR repositioning. TDEM is supporting the Department of State Health Services by tracking PPE distribution to health care facilities.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and making agency adjustments based on the DSHS and CDC guidelines to ensure the health and safety of employees, volunteers, and the public visiting TPWD facilities.

Texas Game Wardens are currently assisting with Rural COVID-19 Testing sites.

On April 17, DDC 4B Garland Command Staff began a one day per week schedule with the TPWD Liaison covering Mondays and Wednesdays.

On April 20, All State Parks reopened for day-use only, as part of a broader effort to begin reopening the state of Texas. Per Governor Abbott's direction, new restrictions in effect include requiring visitors to wear face coverings and maintain a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party, and prohibiting the gathering of groups larger than five.

TPWD Law Enforcement has assigned personnel to the Caldwell County EOC as a PIO.

TPWD Game Wardens are answering the State Operations Centers call to assist DSHS with state vehicles to expedite delivery of PPE throughout the State of Texas via the state-wide shared spreadsheet.

TPWD continues to have personnel assigned to the SOC to serve as liaison officers between TPWD, TDEM and other Federal, State, and local partners.

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC): TWC has 88.11% of its staff in Texas teleworking.

- Affected COVID-19 TWC Offices:
 - 48 offices across the state have been closed for deep cleaning due to potential exposure to COVID-19 due to public access, staff exposure or staff relative exposure.
- Child Care & Early Learning Division:
 - 5,086 of all regulated providers have reported closing.
 - 1,713 providers that accept subsidy have closed.
- Frontline CC Availability Portal
 - 4,549 providers updated their availability, showing 111,664 seats open, 2,836 of those are subsidy and open:
 - 16,139-infants
 - 28,197-toddler
 - 35,654-preschool
 - 31,654-school-age

- Total counties reporting- 187
- 12,289 parent searches
- Customer Support Efforts:
 - TWC shares 250 posts a week on 3 social platforms.
 - TWC has responded to more 9,000 private message a week.
 - TWC receives 29,949 comments per week.
 - Posts are seen by 3,936,823 per week.
- Unemployment Insurance:
 - Call centers are open 7 days a week 7AM-7PM.
 - TWC has taken 111 weeks or 26 months of claims in 26 days.
 - Claims by county and by industry have been added to the UI by number website <https://twc.texas.gov/files/jobseekers/unemployment-claims-by-week-large.png>
 - Expanded the number of people doing pin and password resets with most of external relations working on them.
 - A press release will be coming out with detailed instructions for self-employed/contract and gig workers.
 - Three media updates a week M, W, F at 2PM.
 - Facebook lives are being held with a Tele Center coordinator to answer questions.
 - TWC is promoting the reallocating funding from last week's commission meetings.
 - TWC has the 8th call center coming on line this week.
 - TWC has expanded call center hours: 7AM -7PM and 7 days a week.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife	Specialists/Admin	22		Activated	College Station
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
AgriLife	DAR Extension Agents	10	10	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	Strike Teams	100		Activated	Statewide
Agrilife	Incident Support Teams	16	16	Assigned	Regional Advisory Council Areas
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	15	15	Assigned	Border
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	10	10	Assigned	Panhandle
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	Coastal Bend
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	CATRAC
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	NCTTRAC
Agrilife	Extension Agent Strike Team for PPE delivery	11	11	Assigned	SETRAC

DPS-THP	Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS-THP	Personnel	4	4	Assigned	Dallas County
DPS-THP	Personnel	8	8	Assigned	Harris County
DPS-HSCO	GIS Specialist	1	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS-THP	HSOC GIS Specialist	1	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS THP	Troopers			Assigned	Statewide
DPS CID	Special Agents			Assigned	Statewide
DPS COMMS	Command Trailer		1	Assigned	Austin
DPS THP	Troopers (SNS Security)			Assigned	Dallas
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Team (AST)	4	2	Assigned	Denton State School
DSHS	MIST	1		Assigned	DDC 4B Garland
DSHS	State Coordinating Officer (SCO)	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DSHS	Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) Staffing	6		Stand By	NRG
DSHS	AST	1		Stand By	NRG
DSHS	Registered Nurse Strike Team (RNST)	10		Assigned	Nacogdoches
DSHS	Fatality Management Trailer (FMT) (HPP)	3		Assigned	PHR 2/3, 4/5N, 7
DSHS	AST	2	1	Assigned	Abilene Convention Center
DSHS	MIST	1		Assigned	Abilene Convention Center
DSHS	AST	2	1	Assigned	San Antonio Riverview
DSHS	MIST	2		Assigned	EMTF4
DSHS	MIST	6		Assigned	EMTF8
DSHS	MIST	2		Assigned	EMTF11
DSHS	Epidemiologists	41		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS SMOC	SMOC Staff	77		Assigned	Telework
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC (Remote)
TAHC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	AROCC Operations	6		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	Logistics	1		Assigned	Virtual

TAHC	Transportation Assistance	1	1	Available	Laredo
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TDLR	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TEA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TEEX	SOC Liaisons	4		Assigned	Remote SOC - Austin
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	9		Assigned	El Paso
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Dallas
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	9		Assigned	De Valle
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	8		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	8		Assigned	Lubbock
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Tyler
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Houston
TEEX	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	San Antonio
TEEX	CBTS Data Support	1		Assigned	
TEEX	CBTS Data Support	1		Assigned	
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TEEX	CBTS Data Support	1		Assigned	
TEEX	CBTS Data Support	1		Assigned	
TFS	ESB/ESF 4 Representative(s)	1		Assigned	SOC (Remote)
TFS	All Hazards planning Module (remote)	4		Assigned	DDC 4B & Remote
TFS	Type III Incident Management Team (IMT)	9		Assigned	Prestige Ameritech/ FMS / Batelle CCDS
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 3 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 4A (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 5 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 6 (Remote)

TFS	Planning Support	2		Assigned	DDC 7 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 16D (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 17 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DDC 20 (Remote)
TFS	Planning Support	1		Assigned	DSHS Region 1 (On-site)
TFS	Operational Support	1		Assigned	DSHS Region 1 (On-site)
TFS	Liaison Officer	1		Assigned	DDC 7/Eastland Co. (Remote)
TFS	Logistical Support	36		Assigned	San Antonio
TFS	EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
TFS	IMT Coordinator	1		Assigned	Statewide
TTI	Traffic Counters	7		Assigned	TX/LA Border
TMD	SOC Military Desk	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Food Unit	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Logs Vettors	14		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	2		Assigned	Garland
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Hurst
TMD	ETN Support	4		Assigned	Garland
TMD	GSU 08	34		Assigned	Kingsville
TMD	GSU 10-1	30		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	J6 Support	7		Assigned	Austin
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	5		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	4		Assigned	Houston
TMD	BJTF Mission CMD	25		Assigned	Austin
TMD	JTF LNO (3 BDE CMD)	3		Assigned	Austin, Houston, Fort Worth
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	Austin
TMD	General Support Unit	35		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	General Support Unit	36		Assigned	Houston
TMD	GSU & HQ	4		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	30		Assigned	Huntsville

TMD	GSU for BDE Support	0		Released	Houston
TMD	GSU for BDE Support	34		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	2		Assigned	Pierce
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Engineering Assistance	10		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Abilene
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	McAllen
TMD	LNOFST	1		Assigned	Houston (Virtual)
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Conroe
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Bryan
TMD	Traffic Control ECPT	0		Released	Huntsville
TMD	EMCC Staff Aug	5		Assigned	Arlington
TMD	NTFB Food Distribution	282		Assigned	Plano
TMD	GSU Set Up FMS	0		Released	Dallas
TMD	ABS MRP	24		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TDEM Warehouse Support	2		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	PAX Making N95 Masks	94		Assigned	N Richland Hills
TMD	Military District Coordinator	2		Assigned	Del Rio
TMD	Warehouse CMD	7		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	ALT SOC Logs CMD	2		Assigned	Austin
TMD	El Paso Food Distribution	105		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	South Texas Food Distribution	34		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	LNOFST	2		Assigned	Pierce
TMD	GSU	5		Assigned	Weslaco

TMD	East Texas Food Bank	34		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	Medical Support Team	4		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TMD	TMD Medical Support	17		Assigned	Camp Swift
TMD	CBTS Test	20		Assigned	Butler Stadium - Houston
TMD	CBTS Test	20		Assigned	Delmar Houston
TMD	TDEM Commodities	61		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	CBRAC Logs	4		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RGV Food Bank	25		Activated	Pharr
TMD	DSHS TMD Support	2		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Harris County Food Bank	200		Activated	Harris County
TMD	Tarrant County Food Bank	30		Assigned	Tarrant County
TMD	TMD Medical Testing MRP	1,231		Assigned	Various
TMD	TMD Building Rack Shelves	35		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TMD Logs SMOC	1		Activated	Austin ALT SOC
TMD	Walgreens Test Site	6		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Food Bank San Antonio	30		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	TMD Inspection Team	8		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	Lufkin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	DDC 4B Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Garland
TPWD	Caldwell County EOC PIO	1	1	Assigned	Caldwell County

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)

- TDA is working on expediting some existing TEFAP/Trade Mitigation/Bonus Buy orders (i.e., moving orders up from May to April or June to May, etc.).
 - While this may be useful for some food banks, these orders were already in the pipeline to meet EXISTING need in their communities (pre-COVID-19).
 - The expediting of orders does nothing to meet any additional need due to COVID-19, and would mean that the food banks would have less resources in June, once these are depleted.
- Additional TEFAP purchases from the Families First and CARE Acts are not expected to arrive at food banks until July, at the earliest.

- Aside from the possibility of transitioning USDA commodities from school districts (NSLP) to food banks (TEFAP), no additional USDA commodities will come to food banks to help them meet the increased need in April – June.

Mission Information and Details

All 21-member food banks are serving Texans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Distribution numbers from 14 food banks around the state is listed below. The remaining food banks data will be added as it is reported.

Food Bank	Prepared Meals	Pounds of Water Distributed	Pounds of Food Distributed	Non-food Items Distributed
Brazos Valley Food Bank (Bryan)			93,261	
Central Texas Food Bank (Austin)		19,120	925,494	
Coastal Bend Food Bank (Corpus Christi)			411,986	
Concho Valley Regional Food Bank (San Angelo)			163,909	
East Texas Food Bank (Tyler)			564,277	
Food Bank of West Central Texas (Abilene)	2,897		182,780	
Galveston County Food Bank (Texas City)			18,850	
High Plains Food Bank (Amarillo)	12,612		7,064	
Houston Food Bank (Houston)		174,406	2,267,632	6,618
North Texas Food Bank (Dallas)		41,999	4,964,923	83,130
South Texas Food Bank (Laredo)	11,922	26,170	1,637,471	
Southeast Texas Food Bank (Beaumont)			243,123	
Tarrant Area Food Bank (Ft. Worth)		43,987	1,736,845	
West Texas Food Bank (Odessa)		40,134	699,163	1,264
Wichita Falls Area Food Bank (Wichita Falls)		6,530	113,733	
TOTAL REPORTED	27,431	352,346	14,176,839	91,012

Salvation Army: The Salvation Army is currently monitoring statewide operations at each Salvation Army local Corps and Shelter, providing guidance through Divisional Social Services for shelter operations. Most locations have increased shelter capacity and have gone to 24/7 operations due to the community need. Current feeding operations are local with grab and go type services, food box/pantry distribution. No statewide feeding plan is operational at this time.

The Salvation Army has entered into an agreement with TDEM and The National Guard providing logistics to distribute PPE to various regions.

County by County Services:

Angelina - Lufkin

- Drive through Meals
- Partnered with TLL Temple, East Texas Food Bank, and several churches handing out food boxes. Served 1,700 food boxes. Also handed out packages of fresh chicken along with the food boxes, which was donated by Pilgrim's Pride.

Bell – Temple

- Providing food boxes at EOC (152)
- Requested to provide seven additional beds to Veterans by VA.

Bexar – San Antonio

- San Antonio Canteen is feeding sack lunches and hot meals to homeless community
- New Braunfels Canteen is feeding the homeless in the community
- Providing Emotional & Spiritual care in the community as well as staff and families.
- Social services continue to deliver groceries to clients in most need
- Normal Social services are still provided using virtual interviews with clients.
- Shelter operational. Providing meals, ESC contacts and supplies daily.
- Providing sack lunch and warm dinner to homeless utilizing canteen.
- Providing the Permanent Supportive Housing clients a bag of groceries while maintaining social distance.
- Set up a pop-up tent in the back of Area Command to receive donations of goods from the general population.
- Boys & Girls Club - doing virtual club, feeding for kids, and serving club members at the shelter. Twenty-two kids in shelter are being helped with homework and fun play (simulate what is done in the club environment) from 1-3 PM each weekday. Parents need help with virtual school and supporting their children (using technology) so staff also provides that support. Kids are being served meals each day; looking to expand to also include families. Virtual Club includes club programs, smart moves, and passport to manhood.

Bowie – Texarkana

- Prepared and delivered 300 sandwiches to quarantined people in the community
- Providing food box distribution as well as donation drop off.

Brazos – Bryan College Station

- Partnering with the City of Bryan and six local restaurants to distribute 1,000 hot meals, served as a drive thru format.

- ESC Hotline has ran on every media (print, radio, tv) in BCS. It has now been picked up for a second wave of publicity.
- Weekly food distribution has moved to a drive thru format.

Brown – Brownwood Service Center

- Provide free lunch each day – adjusted to serve lunches to go. On average serving more than 150 meals per day
- Closed for 14 days starting April 15th.

Collin - Plano

- Boys & Girls Club – Activity Bag delivered to every club member each Monday Color Wars - Score Card full of activities and chores
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odhH7SUIxOE&feature=youtu.be>

Ector - Odessa

- Provided Church in a Box to Corps families

Ellis – Midlothian

- Salvation Army Camp Hoblitzelle, sheltering 5-6 responders (no TSA Staff or Volunteers support needed)

El Paso – El Paso

- Partnering with TDEM/National Guard to provide logistics support for delivery of PPE to area hospitals, 24-hour standby.
- Partnering with El Paso Emergency Management, delivering breakfast, lunch and dinner to individuals quarantined in local hotels.
- As of 4/13 the City of El Paso set up a local center for quarantined homeless individuals – Salvation Army partnering with the Rescue Mission to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner every other day. 4/13, 86 individuals staying at this shelter with numbers expected to grow.
- Family Shelter remains open. Clients remain in facility practicing social distancing. Established area for Families with school aged children for ongoing studies with laptops from the school districts.
- Soup kitchen serving meals through canteen, to abide by the CDC guidelines and avoid any unnecessary contact. Rent and utility, food box assistance continuing.

Gregg – Longview

- Shelter 24-hour operation serving additional meals to clients.
- Soup kitchen providing To-Go meals 7 days a week for dinner.
- Food pantry grocery baskets including fresh produce donated by Sysco Systems due to restaurants not placing orders.
- Working with SWEPCO (electric company) to provide utility assistance through the Neighbor to Neighbor program.
- Worship services have moved fully online which has seen a 3000% increase in traffic to our Facebook page including viewers from Australia and England.

Galveston – Galveston

- Extended its shelter hours to 24 hours to better serve the needs of the community

- Feeding continues, however has been moved to 'drive thru" grab and go.
- Increased client assistance
- Emergency shelter is operating 24-hours and serving 3 meals a day.
- 40 community meals are being served from the canteen in the parking lot.
- Food boxes and rent/utility assistance is available for the public.

Grayson – Sherman

- Emergency Shelter is now open 24 hours to meet the needs of the community
- Providing meals and snacks for shelter clients
- Social services staff and volunteers are providing grocery distribution to those in need

Harris – Houston Area Command

- Houston Family Residence preparing 350 bag lunches daily for feeding homeless community from Canteen
- At the request of the City, opening up our Houston Harbor Lights facility for isolation and quarantine facility
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- TX HQ providing a laundry unit for the Harbor lights location
- Houston NW Corps – Providing Emotional & Spiritual Care
- Pasadena Corps – Providing Food Pantry and Food Boxes to in need residents in the community and providing hot meals to homeless population.
- Aldine Westfield Corps is providing Emotional & Spiritual Care via telephone
- International Corps is providing food pantry items to those in need
- Brown bag lunches (about 300 – 350 per day), water and hygiene kits in downtown.
- Working with the city on sheltering – Army to manage 145-bed shelter at a city rec hall for 2 weeks. During this time, the city will repair Harbor Light center to be used as shelter. We will provide staffing, costs covered by city. ARC will provide meals.
- Coordinating drive-through food delivery

Pasadena

- Providing Food Pantry, Food Kits and Food Boxes to Harris County Residents and Hot Lunch Meals to our Homeless Population.
- Meals on wheels daily food delivery for 85 home bound seniors, and 75 weekly boxes (meals for the week) for seniors in our community.
- Spiritual phone help, counseling.
- Fresh produce distribution once every two weeks for more than 400 families.
- FB live daily devotions and Sunday services.

Hidalgo – McAllen

- Effective 3/23/20 Shelter operations have gone to 24/7
- Soup Kitchen providing 3 meals a day to shelter residents
- McAllen Canteen is providing grab and go meals in the community those in need.
- Providing Food Boxes, hygiene kits, and rental assistance through Social Services
- Needs are: Cleaning/Sanitation Supplies, paper goods, wipes and baby supplies
- Providing Emotional & Spiritual Care by phone.

Hood – Granbury

- Providing Emergency Financial assistance for Utilities and Shelter.

Howard – Big Spring

- BGC - Working to add Virtual Club Program for kids (Coming Soon)
- Possible Food Service for kids (Coming Soon)

Jefferson – Beaumont

- Providing and delivering food boxes and hygiene kits to community
- Continued feeding hot meals (dinner) to community through Shelter kitchen in to go containers
- Purchase and deliver groceries items to Boys & Girls Club parents as needed.
- Providing shelter/lodging, rent and utility assistance
- Collaborated with local Food Bank to help package senior boxes (450 boxes)
- Working to add Virtual Club Program for kids (Coming Soon)

Kerr – Kerrville

- BGC providing childcare BGC program experience for essential front-line workers (Begins April 20)

Lamar – Paris

- Providing rent and utility assistance, and food boxes for those who have been laid off or furloughed.
- Seen an increase of people and families at Soup Kitchen.

Lubbock – Lubbock

- Hope Totes – box filled with cleaning supplies, hygiene items and food delivered by RRU to vulnerable seniors and families with children
- Feeding lunch and dinner at the shelter via the canteen, grab and go service.
- Providing meals utilizing canteen stationed outside family services facility (closed dining room).
- Distributed about 21,000 lbs of goods via Hope Tote program. Delivered to homes initially, however, since last week, now distributing them via drive-thru distribution points. Added distribution in neighboring counties - Crosby, Lamb and Garza Counties.
- Received a \$75k grant from Community Foundation of West Texas and the United Way to provide rent and utility assistance to those impacted by COVID-19.
- Sheltering 110 people per night (our capacity)
- Participating in the delivery of PPE from TDEM/National Guard facilities to medical facilities in the area.
- Providing food vouchers (through a partnership with the South Plains Food Bank) to COVID-19-impacted people.
- Beginning an initiative called Busy Bags, where we distribute activity bags to families with children out of school and/or childcare.
- In conversations and will be contracting with local restaurants to provide meals for the people we're feeding.

- Planning to deploy a mobile social services unit (RRU set up as a mobile social services office) to outlying counties to provide on-site rent and utility assistance to people who can't make it to Lubbock to apply for assistance.

McLennan – Waco

- Shelter operations have been extended to 24/7 due to increased need in the community
- Social Services continues to operate providing meals 7 days a week and food pantry items, grab and go service.
- Providing emergency sheltering and meals.
- Extended hours to include a day shelter for the homeless (making us 24/7 operation), serving Saturday lunches off the canteen – new service, providing 180 lunches each Saturday.
- Working with City on “isolation” plan for homeless who test positive, which may include Corps, but more likely includes feeding at alternate location.
- Made 50 cloth masks and provided them to Booth Gardens residents, staff, and soldiers.

McCulloch – Brady Service Unit

- Providing food curbside Monday - Thursday and do deliveries on Friday. Partnering with local food bank and several local agencies and businesses. Tow truck company picked up the food for them! Providing food, water and some supplies, doing welfare check-ins. We have a quickly growing volunteer base and our volunteer coordinator keeps us within guidelines to be safe on how many to serve at a time.

Midland - Midland

- Delivered packages which included Sunday school material, snacks, a little encouragement, family activity, toilet paper.

Navarro - Corsicana

- Delivered Hope Boxes to Corps Families
- Providing food boxes, hotel lodging, and other items (clothing, hygiene kits)
- Extended hours to better serve the needs in the community, while reclassifying some Family Store Staff to help. Open Daily 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturdays 10 AM-2 PM.
- Assisted the Health Department put together a food box and health box for a Family currently quarantined due to a COVID-19 Positive Family Member. We included War Cry Magazine's and Peer Magazine for the teens in the home.
- Visited and deliver care packages to medical personnel at the hospital.

Orange – Orange

- Providing increased social services and food distribution to those affected
- Providing groceries and hygiene kits through the food pantry
- Rent & Utility Assistance (as funds are available)
- Boys & Girls Club – Activity bag delivered to every club member each week along with a meal and snack for the day
- Providing ESC support to BGC members and families

Potter – Amarillo

- Relocated some high-risk shelter guests out of shelter into transitional housing, 15

apartments for 27 people. Worked with the City of Amarillo to furnish location from the Family Store. Staff and local police officers moved furniture.

- Coordinating with the City of Amarillo & Health Department to isolate, test, and quarantine homeless individuals as needed.
- Relocated some high-risk shelter guests out of shelter into transitional housing, 15 apartments for 27 people. Worked with the City of Amarillo to furnish location from the Family Store. Staff and local police officers moved furniture.
- Providing food, toiletries, and comfort items to those in hotel quarantine rooms.

Reagan – Big Lake Service Unit

- Providing daily meals to essential personnel/volunteers in community (roughly 25 a day)

Smith - Tyler

- Operating at capacity of 200 people in shelter, providing 3 meals each day – drive up pick up. Home schooling 22 children in the shelter.
<https://www.easttexasmatters.com/community/east-texas-live/the-salvation-army-is-seeking-help-as-they-come-to-the-aid-of-people-affected-by-the-covid-19-pandemic/>
- Providing To Go meals to the community
- Received donation of 14 pallets of chicken
- Promotion of ESC hotline
<https://www.facebook.com/300220824639/posts/10158191451614640/>

Travis – Austin

- Downtown Shelter is currently being deep cleaned by a professional cleaning crew
- 109 shelter residents from the downtown shelter exited the shelter into a local hotel in coordination with the City of Austin
- Prior to the downtown shelter temporary close, The Salvation Army Austin EDS was providing meals to clients effected by COVID-19 at the downtown shelter
- ASWC has about 75 clients and the Rathgeber Center for Families has about 70 clients
- The downtown shelter will be opened ASAP once all precautions have taken place. Date TBD

Webb – Laredo

- Feeding hot meals (breakfast/lunch) to community through Community Kitchen in to go containers.
- Providing rent and utility assistance.
- Emergency shelter is operating 24/7 and serving 3 meals a day.
- Providing boxes of food/groceries.

Wichita – Wichita Falls

- Extended monthly nights for the homeless.
- Helping community members with food Monday–Friday with hot pick up lunches and food boxes from food pantry.

Young – Graham Service Unit

- Provided one hotel stay on 3.27

Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Tarrant – NTX Area Command (Dallas, Arlington, Garland, Irving, Lewisville, McKinney, Ft Worth, Oak Cliff, Plano, Waxahachie)

- 13 NTX locations providing Food Pantry - <https://www.salvationarmydfw.org/p/about/covid-19-location-updates>
- Delivery of food boxes to shut-ins and senior citizens.
- All shelter and housing facilities operating at capacity = 1,300 people per week.
- Increased feeding at four shelters, 2 Adult Rehabilitation Centers, and 2 senior living facilities.
- Approx. 700 people per week provided homeless recovery service via programs at shelter and housing in the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington, and Denton.
- Enhanced services at shelters where children are in residence to provide educational programming and activities, as well as resources for them to participate in school learning programs.
- **Arlington** Youth Education Town – providing online and video opportunities
- **Garland** - Fresh food distribution every Monday 1:30 pm, Drive-up Food Box Distribution Monday-Friday (phone interviews by phone 9-12 Noon) pick up at 1:30-3:00 pm, Financial assistance Monday-Friday 1-4pm
- Partnering with local Emergency Management Team to deliver food and essentials to quarantined families
- Providing pastoral care and support in addition to live streaming weekly prayer time on Wednesdays, as well as Sunday service
- **Irving** – Partnering with Papa Johns and other community restaurants to provide meals for Boys & Girls Club members and families, working on a plan to add virtual club
- **Lewisville** – Continuing to provide free lunch to the community every day – sack lunch instead of sit down meal.
- Continuing case management and meeting in the mobile kitchen – staff at the front, clients in the back to maintain distancing.
- Providing lunch to children via canteen covering 7 days a week.
- **McKinney** - Fresh food give away and food boxes.
- **Ft Worth Northside** - ESC with Corps and program members. Checking on program participants (daycare families, seniors, and corps families) and delivering food as needed.
- **Oak Cliff** – Partnering with the county to prepare and deliver lunch to seniors who typically attend the daily senior's program at the corps.
- **Plano** - Food pantry is currently drive through and is open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday's from 10Am to 2pm.
- Delivery of food boxes to the elderly and immune system compromised which are scheduled for Tuesday & Thursday's. By appointment only.
- Boys & Girls Club – Activity Bag delivered to every club member each Monday Color Wars - Score Card full of activities and chores. Working on a plan to add virtual club <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odhH7SUIxOE&feature=youtu.be>
- **Waxahachie** – Food pantry 3 days a week, also providing rent and utility assistance.

Meals Served	84,399	Infant Supplies	764
Drinks/Snacks	100,701	Water (Cases/gallons)	3,520
Lodging Provided	20,298	Spiritual Contacts	2,240

Cleaning Kits/Supplies	298	Showers Provided	75,336
Hygiene Kits	4,769	PPE	10,368
Food Boxes	8,544	MRE's	720

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: <https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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BUYOUT AND TRANSFER OF SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS	§	BETWEEN EAST RIO HONDO WATER
	§	SUPPLY CORPORATION AND CITY OF
	§	RIO HONDO 2020 AREA
COUNTY OF CAMERON	§	

PREAMBLE

This Buyout and Transfer of Service Area Agreement (“**Buyout and Transfer Agreement**”) made this ____ day of _____, 2020, by and between the City of Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas (“**City**”) and East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation, Cameron County, Texas (“**East Rio Hondo**”), a non-profit water supply corporation of the State of Texas, sometimes collectively referred to hereinafter as the “**Parties**. ”

I. RECITALS

1. City presently holds a certificate of convenience and necessity (“**CCN**”) to provide potable water and sewer service to customers located in an area adjacent to East Rio Hondo’s current CCN boundary consisting of approximately 21.6 acres located southeast of the intersection of Industrial Drive and Robertson Road in Cameron County, Texas (“**City Transfer Area**”) as shown on the map attached hereto as *Exhibit “A”* and incorporated herein for all purposes, under the rules and regulations of the Public Utility Commission (“hereinafter referred to as “**PUC**”). East Rio Hondo desires to install water and sewer pipelines within the City Transfer Area and to provide the customers located within the City Transfer Area with potable water and sewer service, and City desires that, after East Rio Hondo has completed the installation of water and sewer pipelines within the City Transfer Area, East Rio Hondo provide potable water and sewer service to the customers in the City Transfer Area.

II. COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS

2. City agrees to convey and assign, and does hereby convey and assign, to East Rio Hondo the right to serve customers within said City Transfer Area, and East Rio Hondo agrees to purchase, and does hereby purchase, such rights.

3. The consideration for the City Transfer Area is the conveyance of property by Quit Claim Deed of the 0.607 acres out of Block 16 and Block 27 of Rio Hondo Park Townsite as referenced in Volume 6129, Page 197, Official Records, Cameron County, Texas (*Exhibit "B"*), and the 3.35 acres, being a part of Block 255, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, as referenced as Tract 3 in Volume 1573, Page 32, Official Records, Cameron County, Texas. (*Exhibit "C"*) (collectively referred to as the "*Property*"). East Rio Hondo shall convey the Property to City ("*Final Closing*") at such time as the conditions for Final Closing set forth herein are satisfied.

4. Prior to Final Closing for the City Transfer Area, City and East Rio Hondo agree to join and support an application to the PUC requesting approval of the transfer of the City Transfer Area from the area of City's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to the area of East Rio Hondo's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("*Application*"). East Rio Hondo shall have the PUC Application filed, and all administrative costs, surveying fees, experts' fees, and attorney's fees relating thereto ("*Fees*") shall be paid fully and solely by City.

City Transfer Area Release

5. This Buyout and Transfer Agreement is subject to City obtaining a release of any Security Agreement in favor of USDA-RD and/or the TWDB ("*City Transfer Area Release*") covering the City Transfer Area. All costs for obtaining such releases shall be paid fully and solely by City prior to Final Closing. Upon delivery of the City Transfer Area Release by USDA-

RD and/or TWDB to City, City will give notice to East Rio Hondo and send East Rio Hondo a copy of said City Transfer Area Release.

Property Release

6. This Buyout and Transfer Agreement is further subject to East Rio Hondo obtaining a release of any Security Agreement in favor of USDA-RD, CoBank, and/or the TWDB ("**Property Release**") covering the conveyance of the Property to City. All costs for obtaining such releases shall be paid fully and solely by City prior to Final Closing. Upon delivery of the Property Release by USDA-RD, CoBank, and/or TWDB to East Rio Hondo, East Rio Hondo will give notice to City and send City a copy of said Property Release.

Final Closing

7. Final Closing with respect to the City Transfer Area shall occur not more than forty-five (45) days after all of the following conditions for Final Closing have been completed:

- i. The Property is conveyed;
- ii. PUC has approved the transfer and designated East Rio Hondo as the holder of the CCN for the City Transfer Area by written order delivered to East Rio Hondo and City;
- iii. City has obtained a written release of any security interest in favor of the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (hereinafter referred to as "**USDA-RD**") and/or the Texas Water Development Board ("**TWDB**") and a copy of such release has been delivered to East Rio Hondo; and
- iv. East Rio Hondo has obtained a written release of any security interest in favor of the USDA-RD, CoBank, and/or the TWDB and a copy of such release has been delivered to City; and;
- v. Fees have been paid by City to East Rio Hondo.

General Provisions

City Transfer Area

8. i. Subject to the requirements for Final Closing set forth herein, and until such time as East Rio Hondo completes all pipeline installations, City hereby agrees to continue to supply potable water and sewer service to the customers located within the City Transfer Area under the terms of the City's Ordinances and as currently provided to City's commercial customers located within the City's jurisdictional limits pursuant to its current commercial rate structure as amended from time to time. This provision shall survive the consummation and Final Closing of this Buyout and Transfer Agreement.

ii. On the first day of the first billing cycle to occur after thirty-five (35) days have elapsed since both 1) the Final Closing has occurred; and, 2) the City has received notice from East Rio Hondo of its completion of the water and/ or sewer pipeline installations, City shall cease supplying said service to the City Transfer Area and East Rio Hondo shall begin supplying potable water and/ or sewer service to the then-current customers or members possessing service to property within the City Transfer Area. Such potable water and sewer service shall be provided at East Rio Hondo's then-current lawful rates as established by East Rio Hondo and upon payment of the membership fee. No additional meter fee, hook-up fee, or other additional charge or deposit will be charged to such customer or member as a condition for such initial or continued service. This provision shall survive the consummation and Final Closing of this Buyout and Transfer Agreement.

9. East Rio Hondo agrees to provide written notice in the change of service provider to any and all customers within the City Transfer Area within thirty (30) days prior to the date of change of service provider to the City Transfer Area.

10. Any lines and property interests owned by City which run through the City Transfer Area which are necessary for service of water to customers of City within its remaining certified area shall not become the property of East Rio Hondo but shall remain the property of City.

11. This Buyout and Transfer Agreement has been approved by the appropriate bodies of East Rio Hondo and City and evidenced by appropriate minutes of the governing bodies, copies of which are attached hereto as *Exhibits "D" and "E"*, respectively, and are executed by the appropriate officers of same.

12. Failure to perform any covenant and agreement herein shall entitle the non-breaching party to enforce the provisions hereof by specific performance or injunctive relief in addition to any remedy in damages that either party may be entitled to.

13. It is the intent of East Rio Hondo and City, and they do hereby specifically agree, that this Buyout and Transfer Agreement creates no third-party beneficiary rights or interest in or to the supply of any treated water or facility relating thereto, nor to any existing or potential retail customers of East Rio Hondo or City.

14. No amendment, modification, or alteration of the terms hereof shall be binding unless the same be in writing, dated and subsequent to the date hereof and duly executed by the parties hereto.

15. No waiver by the parties hereto of any default or breach of any term, condition, or covenant of this Buyout and Transfer Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach of the same or other term, condition, or covenant contained herein.

16. Each party represents and warrants that (i) it has carefully reviewed this Buyout and Transfer Agreement, (ii) it has at all times been represented by and consulted with legal counsel concerning this Buyout and Transfer Agreement, (iii) any questions that it has pertaining to this

Buyout and Transfer Agreement have been answered and fully explained to it by its counsel, (iv) its decision to execute this Buyout and Transfer Agreement was not based on any statement or representation, either oral or written, made by any person on behalf of the other party, (v) this Buyout and Transfer Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties, (vi) neither party has assigned, conveyed, hypothecated or transferred any interest in any cause of action relating to the above-described claim, (vii) each party understands that the other party is relying upon these representations and warranties in entering into this Buyout and Transfer Agreement, and (viii) this Buyout and Transfer Agreement may not be amended, modified, or changed orally.

17. The conveyance made in the Buyout and Transfer Agreement is made without warranty, express or implied, and the internal lines and meters, to the extent they exist, are conveyed "AS IS" and "WHERE IS."

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**EAST RIO HONDO WATER SUPPLY
CORPORATION**

By: _____
Brian E. Macmanus, General Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard W. Fryer, Attorney for
East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared BRIAN E. MACMANUS known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he is the GENERAL MANAGER of East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation, that he executed the same as the act of East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation, for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas

CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS

ATTEST:

_____ By: _____
Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Attorney for the
City of Rio Hondo

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared GUSTAVO OLIVARES, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he is the MAYOR of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas, that he executed the same as the act of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas, for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas

Exhibit A (City Transfer Area Map)

Exhibit B

Exhibit C

Exhibit D (East Rio Hondo Minute Except)

Exhibit E (City of Rio Hondo Minute Except)



Texas SmartBuy Membership Program

What is the the Texas SmartBuy Membership Program?

Created by legislation in 1979, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' (CPA) Texas SmartBuy Membership Program offers members a unique opportunity to make the most of their purchasing dollars and efforts by using the State of Texas volume buying power.

Who can join?

- Local governments
- School Districts
- Utility Districts
- Appraisal Districts
- Junior Colleges
- MHMR community centers
- State-funded assistance organizations
- Housing and Transportation Authorities
- Assistance organizations

Sections 271.081-271.083, Local Government Code, and Sections 2155.202 and 2175.001(1), Government Code, provide the legal authority for the program.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-002

AN ORDINANCE NO. 2020-002 : AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, GOVERNING THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY CEMETERY, PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AND PROHIBITING FURTHER INTERMENTS AS STIPULATED, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR POLICIES WRITTEN OR CUSTOMARY IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Rio Hondo City Commission deems it necessary implement Ordinance No. 2020-002 in order to implement rules for the Rio Hondo Community Cemetery, seize all interments and related policies and procedures to maintain the Community Cemetery.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS:

RIO HONDO COMMUNITY CEMETERY
City of Rio Hondo

SECTION 1. GENERAL RULES GOVERNING RIO HONDO COMMUNITY CEMETERY OPERATION:

The following rules shall apply within the Rio Hondo Community Cemetery.

- The COMMUNITY CEMETERY was donated to the City of Rio Hondo for the interment of human remains subject to the rules established in this ordinance, and any applicable federal or state laws.
- All plots in the COMMUNITY CEMETERY are owned and operated by the City of Rio Hondo and interment rights are conveyed to the purchaser by deed for the purpose of burial only. The rights of the Purchaser are subject to such rules and ordinances as may be enacted or amended, from time to time, by the City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo.
- The rules and regulations herein contained are designed for the protection of the rights of all. The rules adopted have been determined to be reasonably necessary and incidental to achieve the a forestated objectives.
- The City of Rio Hondo will not be responsible for any property loss or damage at the COMMUNITY CEMETERY.

- Any person who destroys, defaces, or commits any act of vandalism on any portion of the COMMUNITY CEMETERY shall be guilty of a criminal offense punishable in accordance with State law and these rules.
- Hours of Operation are from 8am to 6pm.

SECTION 2. RULES SPECIFICALLY GOVERNING BURIAL PLOTS IN RIO HONDO COMMUNITY CEMETERY

The following rules govern the use of burial plots in the Rio Hondo Community Cemetery:

- No grave shall be opened from the date of passage of this ordinance.
- Only upon the death of the plot owner, it is the duty of the heirs, devisees, or guardian to file with the cemetery management legally accepted proof of their right to use the plot. Burial on a plot may not be permitted until such proof is presented.

SECTION 3. RULES GOVERNING RIO HONDO COMMUNITY CEMETERY MANAGEMENT

The purchase of a plot in the Rio Hondo Community Cemetery has ceased.

- The City of Rio Hondo will be managing authority for the Rio Hondo Community CEMETERY.
- All administrative matters pertaining to the operation of the COMMUNITY CEMETERY shall be under the direction of the City Manager or his delegate.
- The City of Rio Hondo will maintain all appropriate records of purchases, property deeds of the cemetery, maps, and contracts.
- The City of Rio Hondo there are no further account for the deposits and financial records of the cemetery.
- The City of Rio Hondo shall provide for the continuing care, maintenance, operation, and improvements to the COMMUNITY CEMETERY. In general, this shall include: road maintenance, mowing, pruning, landscaping or removal of plant material, policing of the grounds, pest control, leveling of monuments, and such other maintenance as may be necessary to keep the COMMUNITY CEMETERY presentable at all times.

- Cemetery care does not include the purchase, erection, repair, or replacement of monuments, headstones, markers, or any other item on a space.
- SECTION 4. COSTS AND FEES

Purchasing of Plot(s) is no longer available at the Community Cemetery.

SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

INTERMENT

All interments shall not occur at the Community Cemetery from the date of passage of this ordinance unless all proper deeds are presented to the City Administrator. All opening and closing of grave sites will be done by a licensed funeral director.

DISINTERMENT

Disinterment shall be permitted only in accordance with applicable State and Local laws and rules.

The cost of the City's participation in disinterment will be charged to the plot owner or his duly authorized representative. The City shall have no liability for any damage resulting from interment.

Any disinterment shall be done under the direction and supervision of a licensed funeral director.

SECTION 6. PLANTING AND OTHER DECORATIONS AT THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY CEMETERY

- Grass, flowers, shrubs, trees, or other types of vegetation shall be planted only by or at the direction of the City Manager or his delegate in accordance with a landscape plan for the entire cemetery. Plantings by individuals are prohibited and shall be removed by the City.
- The placing of potted plants, cut flowers, baskets, floral pieces, funeral designs, decorations, and all other objects of a temporary nature is permitted adjacent to the monument only on the following occasions: Flag Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, All Soul's Day, and Christmas. Cut or artificial flowers must be placed in a vase. No glass containers are allowed, and the digging of holes for the placement of potted plants and baskets is prohibited.
- The City of Rio Hondo may remove all such items twelve (180) or more days after placement.

- Funeral tributes placed at the time of burial will be allowed to remain on a plot for a minimum period of forty-eight (48) hours, after which they may be removed by city employees. Relatives and interested parties must recover any desired memento or tribute prior to that time. Funeral tributes may include floral designs and floral accents.
- The following are prohibited within the COMMUNITY CEMETERY except as constructed by the City of Rio Hondo: fences, curbing, enclosures, edgings, iron works and wire works.
- The City Manager or his delegate shall have the right to remove all flowers, potted plants, wreaths, baskets, floral pieces, funeral designs, decorations and all other objects of a temporary nature when they become withered, unsightly, a safety concern, or an obstruction to maintenance.
- The City Manager or his delegate is empowered to and may enter upon any plot and remove anything that may have been erected or placed thereon contrary to the provisions of this section, and may remove any dead or damaged tree, shrub or vine.

MONUMENTS

No above-surface monuments shall be permitted in the Community Cemetery.

All plans for memorials must be submitted to the cemetery management for approval before installation. The City shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the disallowance of monuments which did not receive prior approval.

Monuments and markers must be set during regular working hours. These hours are 8:00am through 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Installment of any monument shall be done by a certified and bonded installer.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective on June 9, 2020 and after publication.

SECTION 9. PUBLICATION

The City Secretary of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas is hereby authorized and directed to cause a true and correct copy of the caption of this Ordinance to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas.

First Reading April 13, 2020

Second Reading May 26, 2020

Attest:

City Secretary

Mayor, City of Rio Hondo

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-003

AN ORDINANCE NO. 2020-003 : AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, GOVERNING THE RIO HONDO ARROYO PARK CEMETERY, PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF FEES, RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, FACILITIES & GROUNDS FEES AND OTHER FEES AND POLICIES AS STIPULATED.

WHEREAS, the Rio Hondo City Commission deems it necessary to further enact Ordinance No. 2020-003 in order to implement rules for the Rio Hondo Arroyo Park Cemetery, fees, and related policies and procedures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS:

RIO HONDO ARROYO PARK CEMETERY

City of Rio Hondo

SECTION 1. GENERAL RULES GOVERNING RIO HONDO ARROYO PARK CEMETERY OPERATION:

The following rules shall apply within the Rio Hondo Arroyo Park Cemetery (RIO HONDO CEMETERY).

- The RIO HONDO CEMETERY is set apart for the interment of human remains subject to the rules established in this ordinance, and any applicable federal or state laws.
- All plots in the RIO HONDO CEMETERY are owned and operated by the City of Rio Hondo and interment rights are conveyed to the purchaser by deed for the purpose of burial only. The rights of the Purchaser are subject to such rules and ordinances as may be enacted or amended, from time to time, by the City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo.
- The rules and regulations herein contained are designed for the protection of the rights of all. The rules adopted have been determined to be reasonably necessary and incidental to achieve the a forestated objectives.
- The City of Rio Hondo will not be responsible for any property loss or damage at the RIO HONDO CEMETERY.
- Hours of Operation are from 7 am to 6 pm. The speed limit is five (5) mph on roads inside the RIO HONDO CEMETERY.

- Any person who destroys, defaces or commits any act of vandalism on any portion of the RIO HONDO CEMETERY shall be guilty of a criminal offense punishable in accordance with State law and these rules.

SECTION 2. RULES SPECIFICALLY GOVERNING BURIAL PLOTS IN RIO HONDO ARROYO PARK CEMETERY

The following rules govern the use of burial plots in the Rio Hondo Arroyo Park Cemetery:

- Burial plots are intended for the interment of human remains only; interment of pets or non-human remains is prohibited.
- All plots shall be sold in increments of one plot or more upon completion of an application in the form attached. Plots are sold for no purpose other than for the burial of human remains without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, or religion.
- Plots shall be sold for use by the purchaser and certain family members only and shall not be purchased for resale. Only family members related to the purchaser within the second degree by affinity or within the third degree by consanguinity may be buried in a plot.
- When a plot is conveyed by city authorities to two persons, they take title as tenants in common; however, the remains of one person only may be interred in any plot.
- Any sale of a plot by a purchaser or his/her heirs shall be only to the City of Rio Hondo and shall be only for the total amount paid by the purchaser at the time of his/her purchase from the City of Rio Hondo.
- The deed to a plot conveys only the right of burial therein. The City of Rio Hondo shall at all times remain the owner of the real property and the City or cemetery management shall retain control and supervision of all plots that have been sold. The City of Rio Hondo or cemetery management of the RIO HONDO CEMETERY shall have the right to enter any plot and modify or remove any structure, object, improvement or adornment on such plot which may be placed thereon in violation of these rules, or which may be considered unsightly, dangerous, or injurious to the plot, adjoining plots, or to the general appearance of the cemetery.
- No grave shall be opened on a plot except at the request of the purchaser, purchasers, or their qualified heirs. A request to open a grave to receive the remains of any persons other than the purchaser, purchasers, or their qualified family members as provided in this Ordinance shall be made in writing attested to by the

purchaser, purchasers, or their qualified heirs, or shall be made through a court order.

- Upon the death or judicially declared incompetency of a plot owner, it is the duty of the heirs, devisees, or guardian to file with the cemetery management legally accepted proof of their right to use the plot. Burial on a plot may not be permitted until such proof is presented.
- All plots shall be plainly marked by the cemetery management.

SECTION 3. RULES GOVERNING RIO HONDO ARROYO PARK CEMETERY MANAGEMENT

The purchase of a plot in the Rio Hondo Arroyo Park Cemetery represents the buyer's right to utilize the burial plot for himself/herself, or a designated and qualified family member, but the real property itself remains the property of the City of Rio Hondo, and is subject to the rules and regulations contained herein. The City agrees to provide perpetual care of the plots, as follows:

- The City of Rio Hondo will be the managing authority for the Rio Hondo Arroyo Park Cemetery.
- All administrative matters pertaining to the operation of the RIO HONDO CEMETERY shall be under the direction of the City Manager or his delegate.
- The City of Rio Hondo will maintain all appropriate records of purchases, deeds, maps and contracts.
- The City of Rio Hondo will maintain a separate account for the deposits and financial records of the cemetery.
- The City of Rio Hondo will assign a manager or sexton to oversee the operations of the cemetery.
- The City of Rio Hondo shall provide for the continuing care, maintenance, operation, and improvements to the RIO HONDO CEMETERY. In general, this shall include: road maintenance, mowing, pruning, landscaping or removal of plant material, policing of the grounds, pest control, leveling of monuments, and such other maintenance as may be necessary to keep the RIO HONDO CEMETERY presentable at all times.

- Cemetery care does not include the purchase, erection, repair, or replacement of monuments, headstones, markers, or any other item on a space. • Only the City of Rio Hondo may open or close any gravesite.

SECTION 4. COSTS AND FEES

The following prices, costs, and fees for plots and certain services are adopted:

Burial Plots

Adult: Size 4'X 9'

Price per space: \$600.00

Infant/Child: Size: not to exceed 42-inches long and 24-inches wide

Price per space: \$ 400.00

Purchasing of Plot(s)

Need. (before death occurs) Individuals may pay for the plot(s) by one of two methods, namely: 1) full payment at time of purchase or 2) twenty-five (25%) percent down and the remaining balance in twelve or less equal monthly payments. Any outstanding balance must be paid in full before burial takes place.

At Need. (when death occurs) Plots must be purchased and paid in full before burial occurs.

Opening and Closing

The fee for opening and closing an adult gravesite must be done by a licensed funeral director.

- Notice for opening a grave must be given to the cemetery management at least 12 working hours prior to time of interment.
- Notice for opening a grave for Saturday or Sunday interment shall be provided not later than 12:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the burial.

SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

INTERMENT

All interments shall be made at the expense of the plot owner.

While a funeral or interment is being conducted all nearby work of any kind shall cease.

Visitors to the RIO HONDO who are not members of a funeral procession or party are forbidden to intrude upon a funeral party or to loiter around an open grave.

Outer Burial Container

An outer burial container shall be required for each burial. Funeral directors performing the burial shall be responsible for the sale and delivery of the outer burial container. Outer burial containers made of wood shall not be permitted.

Burial Equipment

It shall be the responsibility of the funeral director to provide the cemetery burial equipment to be used during the burial ceremony, such as tents, chairs, lowering devices, etc.

DISINTERMENT

Disinterment shall be permitted only in accordance with applicable State and Local laws and rules.

The cost of the City's participation in disinterment will be charged to the plot owner or his duly authorized representative. The City shall have no liability for any damage resulting from interment.

Any disinterment shall be done under the direction and supervision of a licensed funeral director.

SECTION 6. PLANTING AND OTHER DECORATIONS AT THE RIO HONDO ARROYO PARK CEMETERY

- Grass, flowers, shrubs, trees, or other types of vegetation shall be planted only by or at the direction of the City Manager or his delegate in accordance with a landscape plan for the entire cemetery. Plantings by individuals are prohibited and shall be removed by the City.
- The placing of potted plants, cut flowers, baskets, floral pieces, funeral designs, decorations, and all other objects of a temporary nature is permitted adjacent to the monument only on the following occasions: Flag Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, All Soul's Day, and Christmas. Cut or artificial flowers must be placed in a vase. No glass containers are allowed, and the digging of holes for the placement of potted plants and baskets is prohibited.
- The City of Rio Hondo may remove all such items twelve (60) or more days after placement.
- Funeral tributes placed at the time of burial will be allowed to remain on a plot for a minimum period of forty-eight (48) hours, after which they may be removed by city employees. Relatives and interested parties must recover any desired

memento or tribute prior to that time. Funeral tributes may include floral designs and floral accents.

- The following are prohibited within the RIO HONDO except as constructed by the City of Rio Hondo: fences, curbing, enclosures, edgings, iron works and wire works.
- The City Manager or his delegate shall have the right to remove all flowers, potted plants, wreaths, baskets, floral pieces, funeral designs, decorations and all other objects of a temporary nature when they become withered, unsightly, a safety concern, or an obstruction to maintenance.
- The City Manager or his delegate is empowered to and may enter upon any plot and remove anything that may have been erected or placed thereon contrary to the provisions of this section, and may remove any dead or damaged tree, shrub or vine.

MONUMENTS

No above-surface monuments shall be permitted in the Arroyo Park Cemetery. In all areas monuments are to be made of granite or better quality material are required.

All plans for memorials must be submitted to the cemetery management for approval before installation. The City shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the disallowance of monuments which did not receive prior approval.

An installation fee of \$50.00 shall be charged for any monument or marker to be placed in the RIO HONDO CEMETERY.

Monuments and markers must be set during regular working hours. These hours are 8:00am through 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Installment of any monument shall be done by a certified and bonded installer.

SECTION 7: Ordinance No. 2020-003 of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas, Application, to Plots "Exhibit A Contract"

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective on May 26, 2020 and after publication.

SECTION 9. PUBLICATION

The City Secretary of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas is hereby authorized and directed to cause a true and correct copy of the caption of this Ordinance to be published in

a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas.

First Reading April 14, 2020

Second Reading May 26, 2020

ATTEST:

City of Rio Hondo

City Secretary

Mayor

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-001

ORDINANCE 2020-001 REPLACING ORDINANCE 177 TRUK ROUTE AND ESTABLISHING A TRUCK ROUTE IN THE CITY OF RIO HONDO; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF RIO HONDO CURRENTLY HAS AN EXISTING TRUCK ROUTE IN THE CITY;

WHEREAS, TRUCK TRAFFIC ON THE EXISTING TRUCK ROUTE IN THE CITY IS CAUSING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS IN RELATION TO SCHOOLS, PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS;

WHEREAS, TRUCK TRAFFIC ON THE EXISTING TRUCK ROUTE IS CAUSING PREMATURE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY DESIRES TO PROTECT THE LIFE SPAN OF CERTAIN ROADS; DECREASE THE RISK OF DANGER TO PERSONS; AND INCREASE THE SAFETY OF CITIZENS BY DIVERTING TRUCK TRAFFIC TO A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS: For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- (1) "City" is the City of Rio Hondo, Texas.
- (2) "Deviating Truck" is a truck which leaves and departs from a truck route while traveling inside the city.

(3) "Person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

(4) "Truck" is all truck tractors, van trailers, semitrailers, house trailers, and/or any vehicle designed or operated for the transportation of property, whose body weight or whose rated or licensed combined body and load weight exceeds seventeen thousand (17,000) pounds, (eight and one-half tons).

(5) "Truck Route" is a way over certain street, as designated herein, over and along which trucks coming into and going out of the city must operate.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS: All trucks within the City shall be operated only over and along the truck routes herein established and on the other designated streets over which truck travel is permitted.

(1) Exceptions. This Ordinance shall not prohibit:

(a) Operation on street of destination. The operation of trucks upon any street where necessary to the conduct of business at a destination point, provided streets upon which such traffic is permitted are used until reaching the intersection nearest the destination point.

(b) Emergency vehicle. The operation of emergency vehicles upon any street in the city.

(c) Public Utilities. The operation, of trucks owned or operated by the city, public utilities, any contractor or material man, while engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of streets, street improvements, or street utilities within the city.

(d) Detoured Trucks. The operation of trucks upon any officially established detour in any case where such truck could lawfully be operated upon

the street for which such detour is established.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATED STREETS FOR TRUCK USE. The following streets and no others shall be used for truck traffic and shall constitute the "Truck Route" which is hereby established within the, city:

- (1) State Highway 106, also known as Colorado Avenue, from where it enters the west city limits of Rio Hondo to where it exits the east city limits of Rio Hondo;
- (2) State Highway 1846 also known as South Reynolds Street from the intersection FM 106 to where it exits the city limits and
- (3) On Robertson Street from its intersection with State Highway 106, also known as Colorado, Avenue, to the north to the city limits.

SECTION 4. TRUCK TRAFFIC IN THE CITY.

(1) Outside Origin.

- (a) One destination point. All trucks entering the city for a destination point in the city shall proceed only over one of the streets designated for truck traffic/use, and shall deviate only at the intersection with the street upon which such traffic is permitted, nearest to, the destination point. A deviating truck shall return to the truck route by the shortest permissible route.
- (b) Multiple inside city? destination points. All trucks entering the city for multiple destination points shall proceed only over one of the streets designated for truck traffic/use, and shall deviate only at the intersection with the street upon which such traffic is permitted, nearest to the first destination point. Upon leaving the first destination point, a deviating truck shall proceed to other destination points by the shortest direction and only upon streets upon which such traffic is permitted as stated in this Ordinance. Upon leaving the last destination point a deviating truck shall return to the truck route by the shortest permissible route.

(2) Inside Origin.

- (a) Outside destination point. All trucks on a trip originating in the city and travelling in the city for a destination point outside the city shall proceed by the shortest direction and only upon streets over which such traffic is permitted to a truck route as herein established.
- (b) Inside destination points. All trucks on a trip originating in the city and travelling in the city for destination points in the city, shall proceed only over streets upon which such traffic is permitted as stated in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Enforcement

(1) City Administrator Maintain Maps. The City Administrator shall keep and maintain accurate maps setting out truck routes and streets upon which truck traffic is permitted; the maps shall be kept on file in the office of the City Secretary and shall be available to the public during hours of City Hall operation.

(2) Public Safety Officer Maintain Signs. The Public Safety Officer of the City shall cause all truck routes and

those streets upon which truck traffic/use is

prohibited to be clearly sign-posted to give notice that this Ordinance is in effect.

(a) Failure to Post. No person shall be charged with violating the provisions of this Ordinance by reason of operating a truck upon a street wherein truck travel is prohibited unless appropriate signs are posted on such street.

(3) Weigh-in. The Public Safety Officer and City

Policemen shall have the authority to require the person driving or in control of any commercial vehicle not proceeding over a truck route or street over which truck traffic is permitted to proceed to any public or private scale available for the purpose of weighing and determining whether this Ordinance has been complied with, and such person's failure or refusal to proceed as required shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance punishable as hereinafter prescribed.

SECTION 6. Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not to exceed Two Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

SECTION 7. Ordinances repealed.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

SECTION 8. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid

provision or application and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective on April 15th, 2020

SECTION 9. PUBLICATION

The City Secretary of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas is hereby authorized and directed to cause a true and correct copy of the caption of this Ordinance to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas.

First Reading _____ Second Reading _____ Third Final
Reading _____

ATTEST:

CITY OF RIO HONDO

City Secretary

Mayor

