

COVID-19 UPDATE



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Reopen Texas: Return to Work the Right Way

Restaurant Industry - May 27

11:30 am Central Standard Time (10:30 MDT)

WEBINAR SERIES

UT Health School of Public Health Webinar Series: Resources for the Restaurant Industry

On April 17, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued an order to reopen businesses, using a phased approach. General guidelines for specific industry

sectors are included in the Governor's order, but each workplace is unique and, now that reopening has begun, employers still harbor many questions on how to implement best practices to ensure the safety of their employees and patrons. This week, UT Houston School of Public Health will take a look at what the immediate future holds for our restaurant industry.

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Juárez COVID-19 Response Fund Making an Impact

JUÁREZ COVID-19

In partnership with the Fundacion Paso del Norte para la Salud y Bienestar, the Paso del Norte Community Foundation established the Juarez COVID-19 Response Fund to support COVID-19 response efforts in Ciudad Juarez. To date, more than \$140,000 has been raised for two important initiatives.

First, with generous support from the Hunt Family Foundation, Paso del Norte Health Foundation and other corporate and individual donors, more than \$120,000 in personal protective equipment has been purchased for hospitals and health care workers across Ciudad Juarez.

Second, with support from the Hunt Family Foundation and Fundacion Pedro Zaragoza, additional funds are being raised to support the purchase and delivery of food to the most vulnerable families in Ciudad Juarez. In the past weeks, 4 tons of food were distributed among 131 families in the outskirts of Juárez.

Additional resources are needed for both initiatives.

Contribute through [PayPal](#)

Donate through the [Paso del Norte Community Foundation](#)

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)



Families with children who received SNAP food benefits for March 2020, children who are certified for free or reduced-price school meals during the 2019-20 Texas school year, or children who attend a school that offers free meals to all students (Community

Eligibility Provision or Provision 2) may be eligible to receive Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to buy food from any retailer that accepts the Texas Lone Star Card.

P-EBT is a one-time benefit of up to \$285 and will be issued on an EBT card to assist families during this unanticipated school closure. Children up to 21 years old who are certified for free or reduced-price meals at school in Texas during the 2019-20 school year and all children who attend a school that offers free meals to all students (Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2) are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits. Families who received SNAP benefits for the month of March 2020 and have children 5-18 years old as of May 17, 2020, do not need to apply for those children. These families will receive P-EBT benefits on their current Lone Star Card by May 22. No further action is required of you.

Families with children up to 21 years old who are certified to receive free or reduced-price meals during the 2019-20 school year need to apply for P-EBT. (This includes families who received SNAP benefits for the month of March 2020 and have children under 5 and between 19 and 21.) Eligible families will receive a school email with a link to the P-EBT application the first week of June. You will have until June 30, 2020 to complete the application. Once approved, a P-EBT

card will be mailed to your household.

[more information >>](#)

Additional Testing Options Available for People with and without Symptoms



City of El Paso Drive Thru Testing

When: Mon. - Sat. | 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: The drive-thru address will be provided when the appointment is made.

Cost: Free of charge

How: Call (915) 212-0783 Mon. - Sat. | 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Who: Anyone experiencing symptoms.

Texas Military Department

Mobile Testing

When: May 26 through June 2

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Armijo Recreation Center and Pool; 710 E 7th Ave, El Paso, TX
Nations Tobin Park; 8831 Railroad Dr., El Paso, TX

Esperanza Acosta Moreno Library; 12480 Pebble Hills Blvd, El Paso, TX

Memorial Swimming Pool; 3251 Copper Ave., El Paso, TX

Cost: Free of charge

How: Make an appointment 24 hours prior to the testing date either [online](#) or by calling 512-883-2400.

Who: Anyone with or without symptoms

Questions about your test results? Email help@txcovidtest.org

Walmart Testing

When: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays weekly | 7 a.m.-10 a.m.

Where: 4530 Woodrow Bean, El Paso, TX 79924

1850 N Zaragoza Rd., El Paso, TX 79936

7555 N Mesa St., El Paso, TX 79912

Cost: Free of charge for eligible residents; [more information](#)

How: Appointments must be made through [eTrueNorth's online portal](#)

CVS Testing

When: Beginning Friday, May 22, 2020. Days and hours will vary per store.

Where: 8041 N. Mesa Street, Suite A

1780 N Lee Trevino Drive

12051 Tierra Este Road

Cost: CVS officials report that the pharmacy will accept insurance at the drive-thru test sites; and uninsured patients will be covered under a program funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

How: Register in advance at [CVS Minute Clinic](#).

Rural Testing

When: May 26 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: El Paso County ESD #2 Fire Station; 11440 N. Loop, Socorro, TX

When: May 27 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: El Paso County ESD #2 District Office; 16001 Socorro Road, Fabens, TX

When: May 28 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: West Valley Fire Department; 510 Vinton Road, Anthony, TX

When: May 29 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Montana Vista Fire Station #2; 5411 Paso View Drive, El Paso, TX

When: May 30 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Tornillo ISD Administrative Building; 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, TX

When: June 1 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Horizon First Baptist Church; 17018 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX

When: June 2 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: San Elizario Fire Station; 1415 San Antonio Rd., San Elizario, TX

Cost: Free of charge

How: Make an appointment 24 hours prior to the testing date either [online](#) or by calling 512-883-2400.

Who: Anyone experiencing symptoms.

Questions about your test results? Email help@txcovidtest.org

Urgent Care for Families Testing

When: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Leo Cancellare Pool, at 650 Wallenburg Dr.

Cost: Free of charge for those who have Medicaid, Medicare, those who are uninsured, and accepts all forms of insurance.

How: Appointments are available [online](#).

Healthy and Safety Resources and Downloadable/Printable Posters and Social Media Tools Now Available



In partnership with the City of El Paso, MCA Foundation, UTHealth School of Public Health, Better Business Bureau and Paso del Norte Health Foundation, resources are available for businesses to help communicate health and safety guidelines for the office/business/workplace to employees, visitors and patrons.

You can find a toolkit of bilingual posters and social media posts in the Business Resource Center under “*How can I Communicate with Customers*” tab.

Learn more at the EPCovid19.org [Business Resource Center](#)

TEXAS COVID-19 DATA RESOURCE
A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT OUR CURRENT MOMENT

REOPENING ANALYSIS
The federal government recently released criteria for states to follow as they consider opening up. How does the state of Texas and its 254 counties measure against this criteria? Read here for a detailed and accessible analysis of the data.
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STATE EXPLORER
The impacts of COVID-19 on Texas has been both wide and deep. In an effort to track the toll taken on the lives of Texans and the deep economic hardships endured across the state, we have organized a series of data visualizations at the statewide level.
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COUNTY EXPLORER
Not every community has felt the effects of COVID-19 equally. Through partnerships with multiple stakeholders across the state, we've worked to document those local impacts being felt across each of our 254 counties. Read here to explore county-level data.
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Texas 2036 Launches Statewide COVID-19 Data Resource

This past Friday, Texas 2036 launched a COVID-19 tracking dashboard to share health and economic data by county across Texas. Texas 2036 is a nonprofit organization established to make policy decisions through accessible data, long-term planning and statewide engagement in recognition of the State of Texas's 200th anniversary.

EP COVID-19 Information Hub

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The EP COVID-19 Information Hub has important information for parents, veterans, employers and employees.

The website is updated daily. If you have information you'd like to share, click [HERE](#).

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