



COVID-19 Response and Recovery Update

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- Programs and Initiatives



COVID-19 Landscape: A Health and Economic Crisis



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DAILY NEW COVID-19 CASES



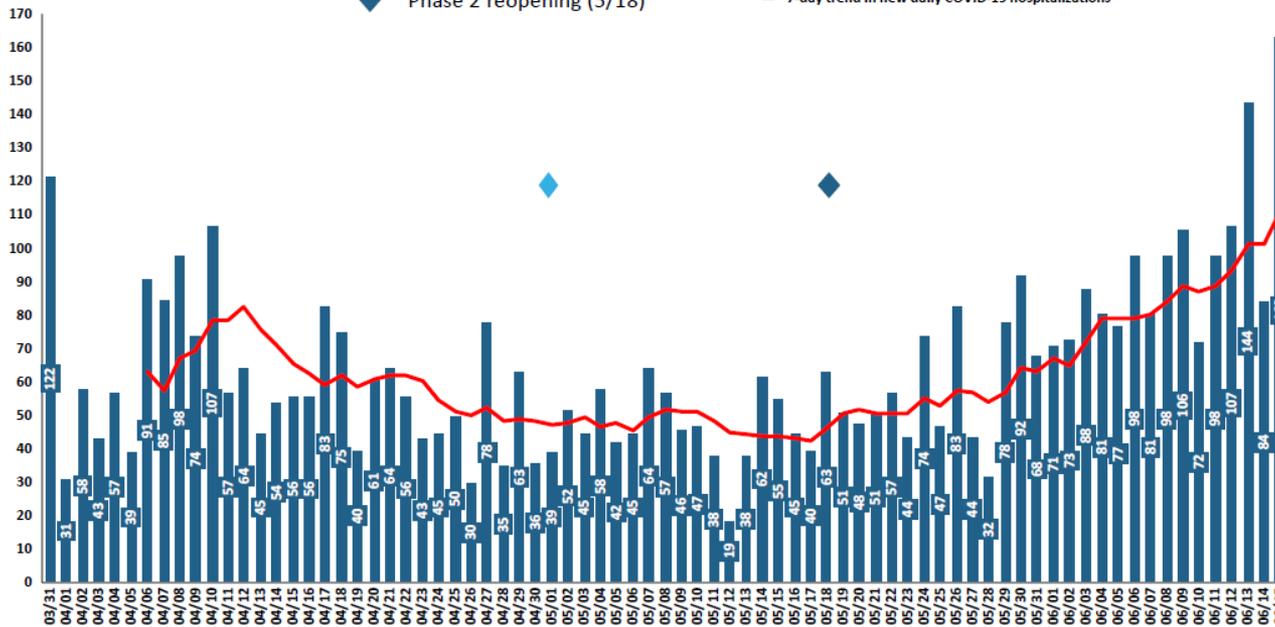
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TMC DAILY NEW COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS

ICU & Med Surg hospitalizations

- ◆ Phase 1 reopening (5/1)
- ◆ Phase 2 reopening (5/18)

- Daily COVID-19 Hospitalizations
- 7-day trend in new daily COVID-19 hospitalizations



Monitoring threshold:

Threshold is exceeded by the occurrence of a positive 7-day average growth

Current status:

4.1% average growth in the COVID-19 daily hospitalizations trend

Notes:

While new daily cases may fluctuate for a variety of reasons (e.g., testing), the daily hospitalization trend shows an objective view of how COVID-19 impacts hospital systems

Source: TMC institution clinical census

TMC TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

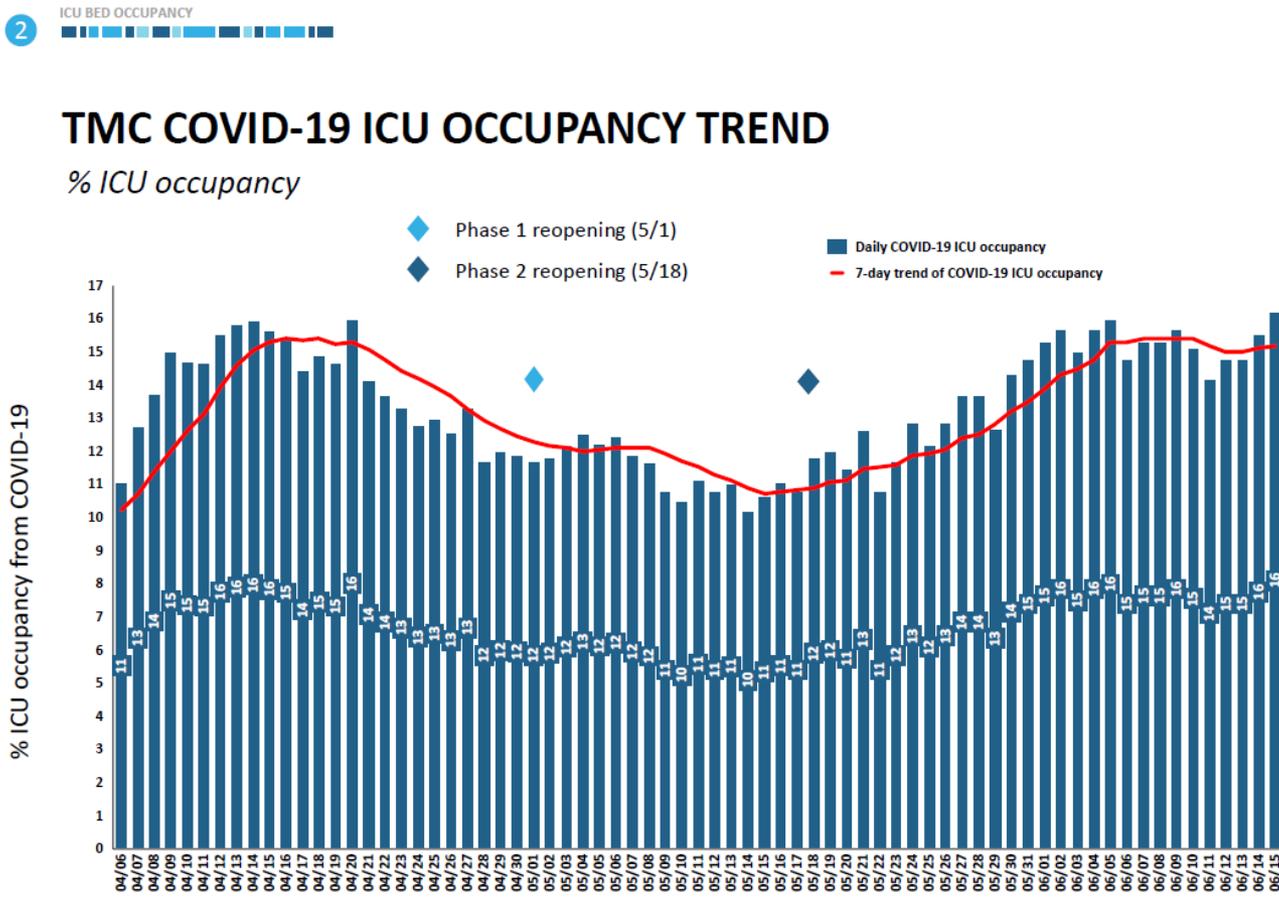
"TMC" refers to the group of individual hospitals and institutions that make up Texas Medical Center

This document is solely intended to share insights and best practices rather than specific recommendations. Individual institution data is shown as reported and has not been independently verified

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Monitoring threshold:
Threshold is exceeded by the occurrence of a positive 7-day average growth

Current status:
-0.2% average growth in the COVID-19 ICU occupancy trend

Notes:
While new daily cases may fluctuate for a variety of reasons (e.g., testing), the ICU occupancy trend shows an objective view of how COVID-19 impacts hospital systems

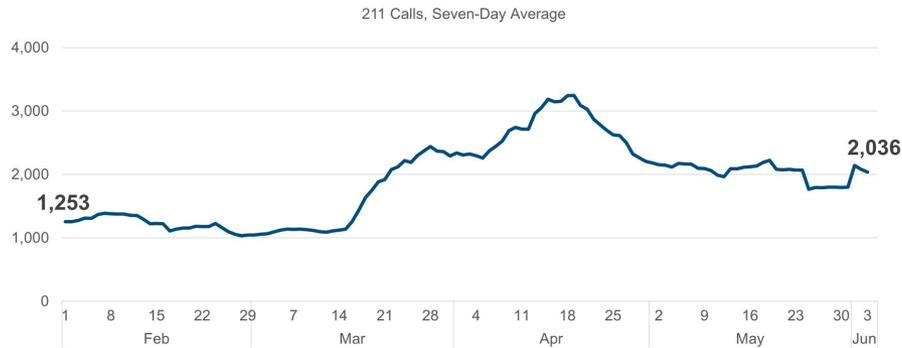
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Unemployment Insurance Claims – March 21 to May 2

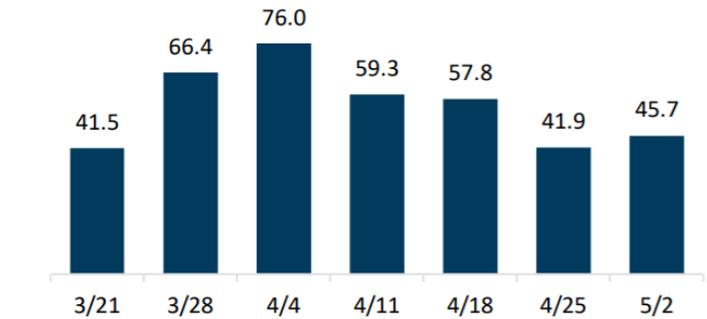
Requests for Assistance (United Way 211 Calls)

The volume of calls to United Way asking for food, rent, utility and job search assistance remains well above normal.



Source: United Way 211 Hotline

Metro Houston Initial Claims, 000s



Source: Texas Workforce Commission

Guiding Principles for Health and Economic Recovery



- Public Health and Safety
- Prioritize Vulnerable and At-Risk Communities and Populations
- Collaboration – Value Partnerships
- Longer-Term Resilience



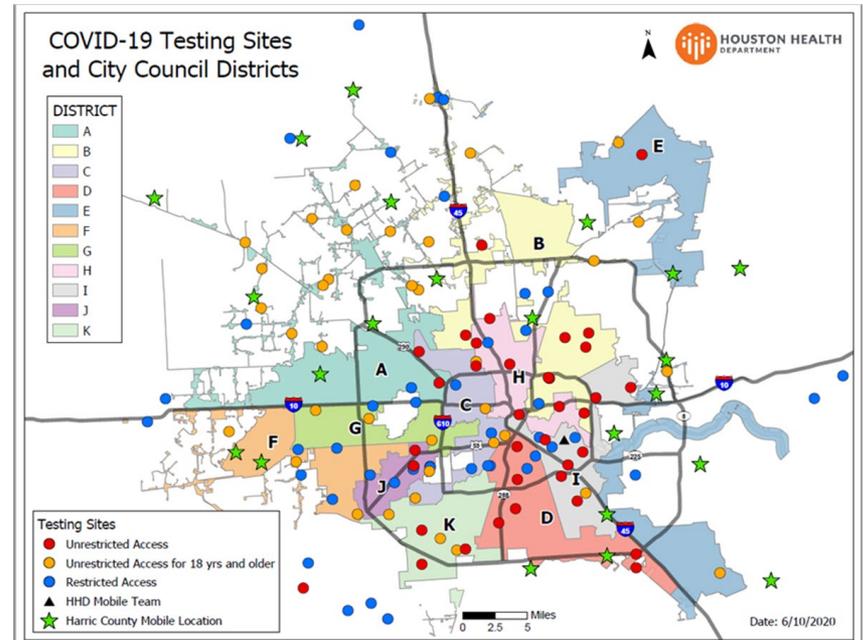
The COVID-19 Tool Kit



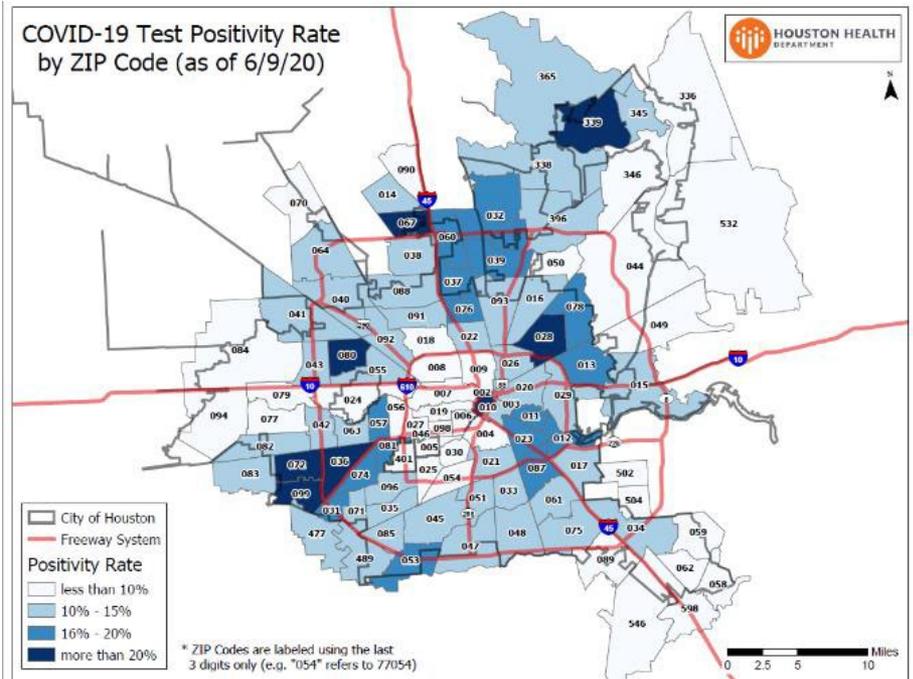
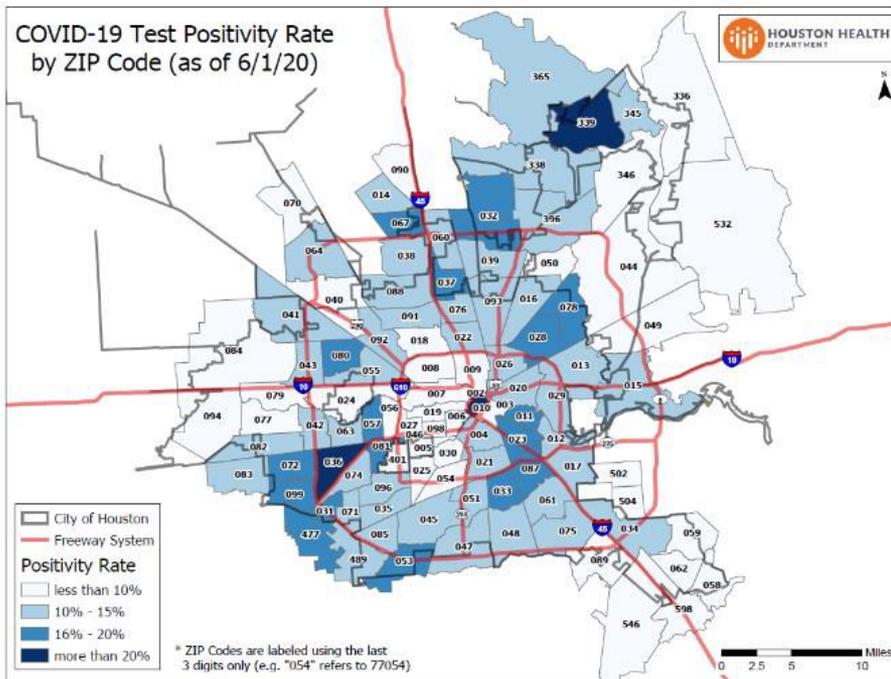


Testing: Phase One

- From large/centralized sites to dispersed model
 - Accessible and Free
- Prioritized to high-risk/Vulnerable communities
 - Health/socio-economic factors
- Fixed sites, mobile units, strike teams
- >24 sites by end of May
 - With Federal/State/Local partners



Testing: Phase Two





Contact Tracing

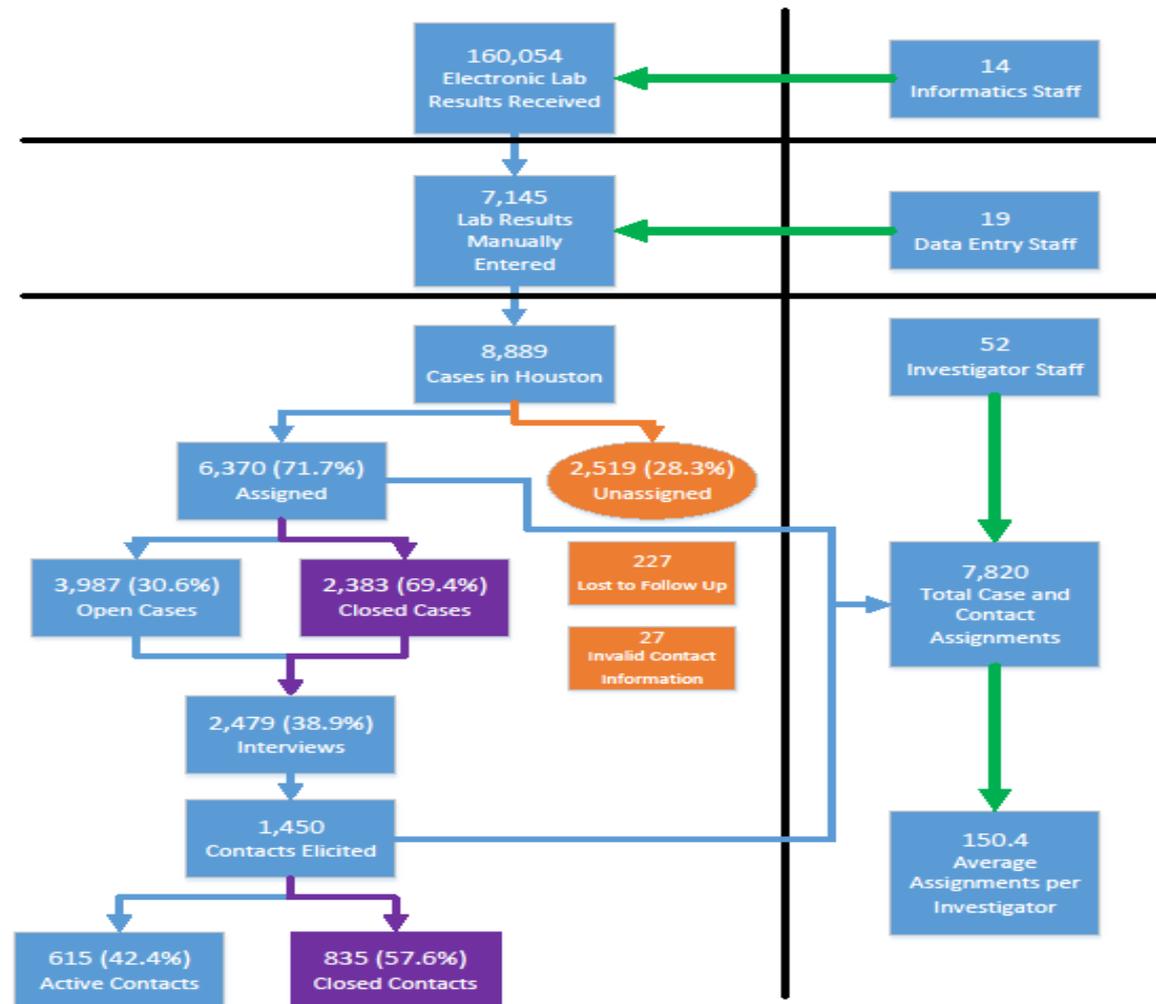
- An Established Methodology for HHD
- Goal: Each New Case Contacted w/in 24 hours
- Initially ~120 Contact Tracers via Redeployment
- Building to 300 CT's.....>90 new CT on board
- Established CT Center at GRB





Contact Tracing

COVID-19 Data from 2/7/2020 to 5/31/2020



Nursing Homes and Elder Care



Strategic Intervention

- **Phase I:** Infection Control Assessment (265 facilities)
- **Phase II:** State-led testing @ ~70 nursing homes
 - >12,000 staff & residents tested
- **Phase III:** Began systematic testing on May 29
 - 66 facilities & 1500 tests to date
- **Phase IV:** Weekly NH Testing Strategy
 - All staff tested weekly
 - Residents tested if symptomatic or if Staff test positive

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)



- Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF):
 - ~\$405 million allocated to CoH
- Priorities/Principles:
 - Health
 - Vulnerable communities
 - Resiliency
- Criteria to qualify:
 - Must be directly related to Covid Response/Recovery.
 - Must not be an existing project or previously funded.
 - Must be spent by end of 2020.

Approach to Funding Allocation



- Deliberate/Disciplined process
- Submissions from each department – ranked
- Each Director then put through challenge process to assess
 - Qualification for CRF
 - Impact of the expenditure
- Challenge team:
 - Recovery Team/Mayor’s office/Finance/Legal
- High-graded & Recommended ~200 items for approval.

Potential Sources of Funding



Department of Health & Human Services



Department of Transportation Security Administration



Federal Emergency and Management Agency



Department of Housing and Urban Development



Department of Justice



Federal Aviation Administration

Approach to Parks and Summer Youth Programs



- **Low Touch/Low Grouping/Large Space – June 1**
 - Golf
 - Tennis
 - Community Centers with Gymnasiums – 19 of 60
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- **Medium Touch/Medium Grouping/Large Space – June 13**
 - Sports Fields
 - No Permits, No Programming
 - Skateparks
- **High Touch/High Grouping/Confined or Limited Space – TBD**
 - Playgrounds
 - Splashpads
 - Pools
- **Summer Youth Enrichment Programs**
 - Use of large community centers with large gym only
 - Staff to student ratio decreased from 1/25 to 1/8
 - 19 program sites

Houston Parks and Recreation Department
REOPENING SCHEDULE

WHAT'S OPEN?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">All Parks and TrailsDog Parks*19 Community Centers*Golf Courses*Tennis CentersDisc Golf CoursesCroquet CourtBenches and Picnic TablesSummer Meals/Curbside Meals for Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SkateparksVolleyball CourtsAlkek Velodrome*Lake Houston Wilderness Park for Overnight Camping*Sports Fields for Open Play (no more than 4 players may be allowed together for activity)HPARD Youth *Tennis, *Soccer, & *Footgolf (no more than 4 players may be allowed together for activity)
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OPENING JUNE 13
National Get Outdoors (GO) Day

CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

<ul style="list-style-type: none">All Swimming PoolsPlaygrounds and SpraygroundsOutdoor Exercise EquipmentWeight Room at Community CentersSports Fields for League PlaySports Fields for Practice (groups of 5 or more)Soccer Mini-Pitch Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basketball CourtsCommunity Center RentalOutdoor Area & Pavilion RentalsMemorial Fitness CenterMetropolitan Multi-Service CenterNorth Wayside Sports Center41 Community Centers
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*With restrictions in place

SAFETY TIPS FOR VISITORS

- Practice social distancing outdoors
- Remain 6 ft apart from other people who are not part of your household
- Do not recreate in large groups
- No group gathering allowed on trails or in the parking lot
- Use hand sanitizer regularly
- If you feeling sick, stay at home

All dates are subject to change based on city and state guidelines.
For the latest updates, including information on other amenities not listed here, please visit www.houstonparks.org

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The logo for Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD), featuring a stylized green leaf and the text "HPARD HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT".

Homeless Programs – COVID-19



Prevention • Response • Recovery

- Homeless Testing Program
- City/County Homeless Medical Isolation Recovery Facility
- Emergency Response Auxiliary Shelter(s)
- City/County COVID-19 Homeless Housing Initiative
- City/County COVID-19 Mental Health Crisis Housing Center
- Hygiene Resources for the Unsheltered Homeless
- Increased Outreach

Scenario Planning



Organizations Involved:

- City of Houston (Recovery Team/HHD)
- County (HCPH)
- TMC
- Setrac
- GHP
- Harris Health



Scenarios Covered:

- Category 4 hurricane
- Inadequate social distancing leads to contagion at restaurants, bars, and beaches
- Hospital infection spike and ICU surge
- Consistently elevated infection rate over a long period of time
- Infection spike in one community/neighborhood



Digital Access



The Problem: **Disparity in Educational Access**

At least 200,000+ Students and 20,000+ Teachers in the Houston metro area are not able to access or provide digital learning due to one or more missing component in the connectivity continuum.

The Solution:
Robust and Complete Access to Digital Learning for Households with School-Aged Children in all the City of Houston.





Small Business Economic Recovery and Resilience

- Small Business Loans and Grants
- COVID-19 Minority and Women Owned Small Business Recovery & Resilience
- Support for neighborhood/community restaurants and increased food access



Source: Houston Chronicle

Housing Stabilization Task Force



The task force will address three pressing needs:

- **Reduce** evictions
- **Mitigate** impacts on tenants and landlords
- **Stabilize** households for the benefit of public health

Communications



Recovery Team Director of Communications:

- Aligning internal City messaging.
- Coordinating with entities outside the city.
- Developing tailored to individual communities.

Mask Up Campaign:

- 10 billboards
- PSA Advertisements
- Celebrity Ambassadors

HER Task Force:

- Vulnerable community outreach
- Health Care Street Teams

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Website

- Launched Tuesday



COVID-19 Response and Recovery Website



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COVID-19 Recovery Initiative

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A Message from Mayor Sylvester Turner

Welcome to my COVID-19 Recovery website. Here you will find the City of Houston's COVID-19 recovery approach led by my Relief and Recovery Czar, Marvin Odum and his team.

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Website



Contact Tracing

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Testing

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Business Resources

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Frequently Asked Questions

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Newsroom





COVID-19 Health Equity Response Initiative

June 12, 2020



309,820

H.E.R. Masks Distributed



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Free Testing Centers Open



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HHD Nursing Homes Assessed



976

COVID-19 Tests provided to Houston's Homeless



95

Individual Financial Counseling



59,921

HPARD Summer Meals



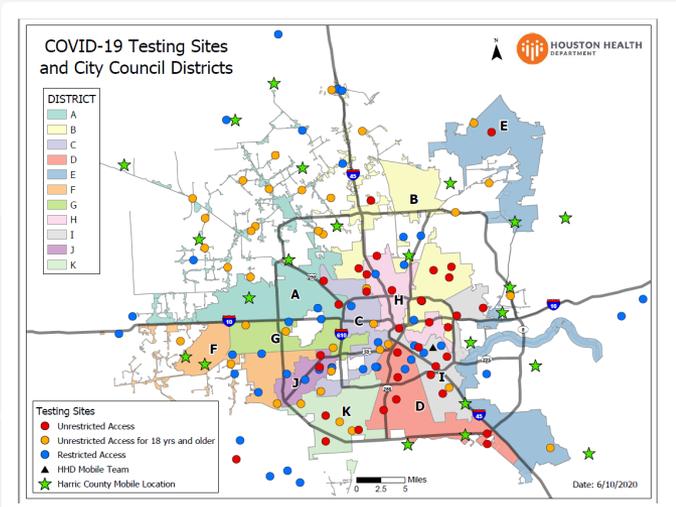
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Mayor's Office Food/Supply Deliveries



249

OBO Business Assistance




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Mask Up! Billboards

Q&A