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COVID-19: Texas Update

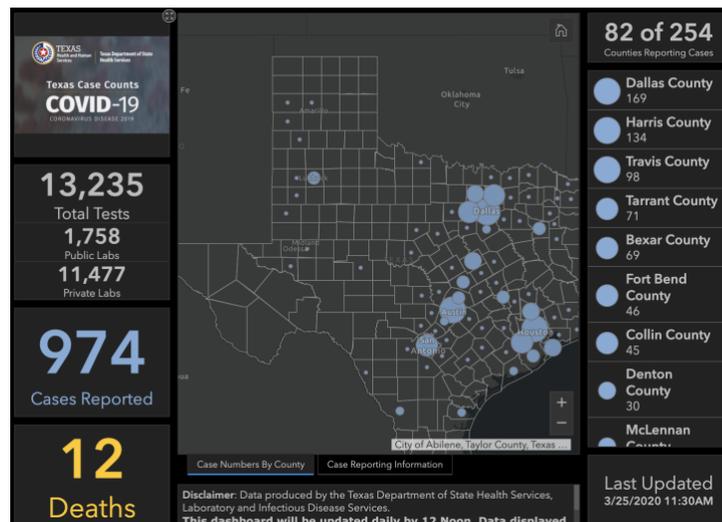
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1. A federally declared disaster

President Trump officially issued a [federal disaster declaration](#) for Texas ... and several other states, including California and New York ...

The Department of State Health Services reports 974 confirmed cases ... and 12 deaths ...

Check the [DSHS' dashboard](#) for the latest numbers.



Governor Abbott made several moves to ready the state for response and ease the burden of mitigation efforts on Texans:

- [Easing hospital licensing](#) ...
- [Waiving renewal regulations, fees for nurses](#) ...
- [Authorizing restaurants to resale bulk products direct to public.](#)

The state also asked USDA to permit SNAP benefits to be used at [To-Go restaurants](#).

2. The fight for a treatment and a vaccine ...

The debate surrounding possible treatment drugs rages on ...

At the polar extremes ...

[India has banned exports of hydroxychloroquine](#), the anti-malaria drug that has previously been touted by President Trump and ...

The [Nevada Governor has banned](#) the use of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19.

All eyes are New York, as [the state started clinical trials](#) on Tuesday regarding the use of hydroxychloroquine, chloroquine, and Zithromax (“Z-Pak”).

3. Major relief on the way?????

Late last night the Senate passed a \$2.2 trillion stimulus package; here’s a [preliminary look](#) at what’s in it:

- Direct payments to individuals
- Unemployment benefits were expanded ... both in amount and eligibility
- Loans for small businesses
- Loans for big business (and municipalities)
- Aid to state and local governments
- Funding for hospitals

The bill heads to the House of Representatives next, but a vote might not come until Friday as [the House grapples with procedure](#) as several members have tested positive and are in self-quarantine.

4. The social politics of disasters ...

Several social-related issues have come into focus as the nation deals with the unprecedented pandemic ...

Some hospitals nationwide are said to be considering [universal do-not-resuscitate orders](#) ...

In Texas, executive orders pausing all elective procedures has ignited discussions about whether elective abortions are covered by the order, [sparking a lawsuit](#) ...

And the Texas Attorney General has been [asked to opine](#) on whether local governments can prohibit the sale of firearms through a disaster declaration.

That is all today.