

COVID-19 Registry
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Texas Only*

The [COVID-19 Registry](#) is a community registry designed to track the health and economic impacts of COVID-19, with a focus on the Houston area, and provide health departments with real-time information on the virus's spread across time and across neighborhoods, who is being affected and how.

Key preliminary findings as of today:

1. *Far more respondents are experiencing symptoms than are being tested.*

For example, 27% of respondents have either registered a high temperature or experienced feverish symptoms suggesting a high temperature. But only about 3% of respondents have been tested. Another 3.5% attempted to find a testing location but were unable to do so.

2. *The vast majority of respondents have changed their behavior.*

More than 90% of respondents say they are washing their hands more often, avoiding crowded places, separating themselves by six feet from other people, and staying home. About 70% say they are cleaning surfaces more often, avoiding touching their face, and/or wearing facemasks.

3. *Most respondents with a job are working from home.*

47% of all respondents say they are working from home. 21% are going to work at their regular location of employment, while the remaining 32% are not employed.

4. *Respondents are experiencing significant economic setbacks.*

Among all respondents, 41% say they have suffered a loss of income. 12% say they have lost their job, and 15% say they have seen their hours reduced. In addition, 6% are having difficulty paying rent, and 10% are having difficulty paying utilities or other monthly bills.

5. *Respondents are experiencing significant mental health issues.*

Importantly, 28% of respondents say they feel nervous or anxious more than half the time. Roughly 18% say they are afraid more than half the time that something awful might happen.

The more people who join the registry, the more helpful we can be to health systems, health departments, community groups, and city and county governments. We encourage everyone to join the [COVID-19 Registry](#), whether you are experiencing symptoms or not.

** As of 4/20/2020, ~2,100 Texas residents have joined the registry and taken the survey, the vast majority of whom live in the Houston region. Respondents are not representative of the population at large. More respondents are filling out the registry survey every day and followup surveys will be conducted every two weeks. This Public Summary Report will be updated periodically.*

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