

Welcome & Intro

- The purpose of this call is to gain situational awareness regarding plans for deployment and current operations from each VOAD member and partner, as well as provide local VOAD and LTRG networks with an opportunity to share what their unmet needs are.
- If you have specific public health questions related to COVID-19, please visit the Texas Department of State Health Services Website (www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus)

Texas Division of Emergency Management – Mass Care

- TDEM Mass Care continues to work on planning for mass care during a pandemic, as well as filling STAR requests for support
- ESF-6: TDEM Mass care is working with partners to analyze what mass care will look like during this pandemic. Mario Chapa (Texas Mass Care Coordinator) may be reaching out to different VOAD partners regarding plans for sheltering and evacuation

Texas Division of Emergency Management – Disaster Task Force

- Public Assistance – PNP/VOADs members across the state should be submitting projects for Public Assistance through TDEM. For assistance please reach out to TDEMrecovery.rpa@tedem.tx.gov.
- LTRGs are welcome to reach out to the State VAL for all questions, concerns, or assistance needed for COVID-19 as well as LTR focused on Hurricane Harvey, Imelda, or other disasters.
- [COVID-19 Resource Donations](#): Goods and services continue to be donated (homemade masks, etc.), and is being coordinated through the TDEM Recovery team. If you have a need or a request, please submit a STAR request. For those with donations to offer, please reach out to the recovery team.
- A [survey](#) has been distributed amongst VOAD members and partners to give Texas VOAD, TDEM Mass Care, and the TDEM Disaster Task Force an understanding of what resources may be available for COVID-19 response and future disasters. Completion of the survey will greatly assist with current situational awareness and provide the means to better collaborate and coordinate during future disasters.

Texas Department of State Health Services

- [Register to volunteer](#) (active / retired health care providers, medical students, or those seeking to assist)
- [Volunteer request for Medical Operations](#)
- The database currently has over 1000 volunteers, though only roughly 15% are licensed professionals.

General Land Office

- Hurricane Harvey benchmarks continue to be met for getting Harvey survivors back into homes that are safe, sanitary and secure.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

- Volunteers have made over 8000 masks (estimated worth: \$61,500)

FEMA Region VI

- FEMA continues to coordinate with TDEM and other partners
- Distribution of the RRCC – Daily Report has been paused in order to ensure that the information can be shared with partners

Feeding Texas

- 21 Food Banks continue to distribute food, with requests for food doubling in many areas
- El Paso Food Bank has ran-out of dry goods
- San Angelo Meals on Wheels has stopped delivering to seniors. The local Food Bank is funding an alternative method and will continue operations until resources are depleted
- 13 million pounds of food have been distributed since March 13, 2020
- Some Food Banks still need masks for staff and volunteers (paper or cloth masks for purchase or donation). Please email GBailey@feedingtexas.org if you are able to support this unmet need.

Coastal Bend COAD

- Weekly coordination calls began last Friday.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- [Online emotional and spiritual support](#) (Respite / Compassionate Fatigue) courses are available. Please email James_Ellor@Baylor.edu with any questions
- Disaster Behavioral Health Consortium - Developing a list of behavioral and emotional support systems through the state. It's anticipated to be completed early next week and will be distributed to VOAD members/partners.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- Have distributed over 2 million masks worldwide
- Sending out truckloads of bulk-food upon request, although supplies are starting to get low.
- Focused on responding to local disasters and following local safety guidelines since they vary across jurisdictions
- LDS has distributed a pattern for homemade masks. Over 65,000 masks have been requested but LDS is currently backlogged

The Salvation Army

- A territory-wide Emotional and Spiritual Care Hotline has been active for the last 3 weeks (1-844-458-HOPE; daily, 8am – midnight CST)
- Kathy will distribute material (posters/prayer cards for print) to all VOAD members. Distribution to any employees, volunteers, clients is welcome. Posters may be hung within facilities.

United Way of Texas

- Continues to work with HHSC to support 211. Majority of 211 specialists are working remotely
- Seeking partners or resources to fill a large number of requests for laptops, wireless internet access, etc.

Golden Crescent COAD

- Assisting the ISD with community resources
- Created a relief fund with the local United Way. \$90,000 has been raised to date for community assistance

Southern Baptists of TX Convention - Disaster Relief

- To connect with a Disaster Relief Chaplain, call 800.921.3287 (toll-free)
- Currently assisting the Houston Food Bank with field distribution sites and prepared lunches

Convoy of Hope

- On March 13, 2020, Convoy of Hope began delivering relief supplies to churches and partners throughout the United States in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Keep in mind, these organizations may be inactive as supplies are depleted.

- The Oaks Church (Red Oak, TX) A tractor-trailer load of non-perishable foods, snack items, cleaning supplies, hygiene items etc.
- Children’s Hunger Fund (San Antonio, TX) – A tractor-trailer load of snack items, etc.
- Lakewood Church (Houston) A tractor-trailer load of non-perishable foods, snack items, etc.
- Midwest Food Bank (Bedford) - A tractor-trailer load of frozen food, etc.
- Children’s Hunger Fund (San Antonio) - A tractor-trailer load of frozen food, etc.
- North Texas District Rural Ministry (Malakoff) - A tractor-trailer load of non-perishable foods, beverages, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, baby items, etc.
- Trinity Church (Cedar Hill) - A tractor-trailer load of non-perishable foods, beverages, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, baby items, etc.
- Grace Church (Houston)- A tractor-trailer load of non-perishable foods, water, hygiene items, etc.

Next Meeting (* calls are now bi-weekly): 5.1.20 @ 11am