

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.
- Key Areas of Interest: Feeding, PPE for Healthcare Providers
- 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

- Working on feeding and sheltering plans
- Seeing an increase in SNAP benefit applications but haven't seen a backlog. Anything on hold is being worked fast
- Call 512-413-0204 with questions

Texas Division of Emergency Management – Recovery

- Continue to manage the database of donated PPE orders through <https://texas.gov/#covid19>

Texas Department of State Health Services

- Medical volunteers can register through <https://texas.gov/#covid19> , which will redirect them to <https://www.texasdisastervolunteerregistry.org/>
- In the process of establishing a team within DSHS to vet 500+ volunteers who have already registered in the Texas Disaster Volunteer Registry
- Will be adding an “I Need Volunteers” button to Texas.gov for healthcare systems to request medical volunteers

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

- On alert to deliver medical supplies. Also working with Ag producers for ag
- New handwashing video available on <https://howdyhealth.org/>

Texas General Land Office

- Prepared to help with State requests for transporting PPE; TDEM has asked other state agencies with vehicles to offer drivers/vehicles for material transport.
- Still focusing on Harvey survivors

FEMA Region VI

- P-EBT
 - Joint effort between SNAP and Child Nutrition Programs that is focused on those without access to the child nutrition program
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-guidance-coronavirus-pandemic-ebt-pebt>
- Non-Congregate Sheltering FAQ - <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/31/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-non-congregate-sheltering>
- The National Mass Care Strategy has been updated for COVID-19 - <https://nationalmasscarestrategy.org/>

Adventist Community Services

- Received grant from National HQ for churches active in response

- Alvarado SDA Church, serving about 180 families weekly,
- Austin Spanish First SDA Church, servings 150 families weekly, w/20 volunteers
- Beaumont SDA Church, servings 200 families bi-weekly
- Fort Worth SDA Church, just received approval from Tarrant County food Bank, will start up within a week
- Garland Faith Community SDA Church, 170 families weekly, w/10 volunteers
- Elgin SDA Church, serving 120 families weekly
- Grandview SDA Church, serving 40 families weekly
- Houston Gulfhaven SDA Church, servings 100 families weekly
- Houston Spanish Northwest SDA Church, serving 1,000 every 2 weeks
- Joshua SDA Church, serving 180 families weekly
- Keene SDA Church, serving 200 families weekly, w/75 volunteers (University Campus Church)
- Laredo Spanish North SDA Church, serving 90 families weekly, w/10 volunteers
- Laredo Spanish South SDA Church, serving 80 families weekly, w/6 volunteers
- San Antonio Spanish SDA Church, serving 150 families every two weeks, w/15 volunteers

American Red Cross

- Have created a Partner Portal that will be demonstrated during the next Texas VOAD meeting (4.17.20)
- Donated 10,000 masks and PPE to each FEMA region
- Continue to track public health declarations and emergency orders

Catholic Charities – Galveston / Houston

- Nothing new to report

Catholic Charities – Fort Worth

- Nothing new to report

Convoy of Hope

- Nothing new to report

Disability Rights Texas

- Created online intake and resource sharing protocols.
- Accepting all calls relating to housing issues, etc.

Feeding Texas

- Nothing new to report

ITDRC

- Responding to requests in 23 states (including many in TX)
- projectConnect – <https://www.itdrc.org/projectconnect>

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - Texas District

- Nothing new to report

Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response

- Nothing new to report

Mission Presbytery

- Nothing new to report

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- Nothing new to report

Southern Baptist of Texas Convention

- Continue to mobilize Churches to respond locally (food banks, feeding, etc.)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- Exhausted supply of PPE, may have hygiene kits available

The Salvation Army

- Nothing new to report

Texas Search and Rescue

- Continue to support mobile testing operations, blood drives, etc.
- Reaching out to food banks to offer logistical support

Americares

- Sent shipments of PPE and Gift in Kind requests to support 5 of our Hurricane Harvey partners
- We will begin offering individual support sessions for staff members of our Hurricane Harvey partners starting 4/6. Our Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Coordinators will provide guidance for stress management, effective coping skills, and accessing available resources.
- Developing pandemic-related mental health and psychosocial support webinars for our partners
- <https://www.americares.org/emergency-program/coronavirus-global-health-emergency/>

OneStar Foundation

- Nothing new to report

Operation Blessing

- 10,200 N95 masks have been distributed to local law enforcement from their warehouse in Grand Prairie
- Helping with food distribution around the country

San Antonio VOAD

- Nothing new to report

Team Rubicon

- Set up an additional warehouse in Houston
- Currently finding substitute PPE for future operational work

United Way of Texas

- Local United Ways are fielding roughly 50% of the total 211 calls
- Many local United Ways have established relief funds to support a wide variety of immediate nonprofit and/or client needs - <https://www.uwtexas.org/covid-19>

Golden Crescent COAD

- Supporting local Salvation Army with homeless shelters (Victoria TX) and COVID-19 concerns

United Way of Baytown

- Participating in local food drives

- Donated masks and gloves to local Methodist hospital

Big Country VOAD

- The Abilene based Big Country VOAD is in close communication with all member organizations. DDC7, District Coordinator, Greg Goettsch and City of Abilene OEM & Public Health continue to reach out to Big Country VOAD when needs arise.
- We are on standby for the potential of supporting volunteer coordination for food distribution through the Food Bank of West Central Texas, local food pantries, and home delivered meals organizations if needed.
- State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) data is being worked by local data custodians for determining hot spots of people living in isolation who may need well-checks and food.
- Boots on the Ground is coordinating a volunteer yard mowing program for elderly and disabled in Abilene.
- The Salvation Army-Abilene has adjusted their emergency shelter operations to align with CDC safety guidelines.
- Our local mental health authority has ramped up efforts on social media to support people struggling through these unusual times.
- Local Red Cross staff and volunteers are continuing to respond to individuals and families affected by fires as well as educational information for staying well and healthy.

Texas VOAD COVID-19 Wiki

- Please access the Texas VOAD COVID-19 Wiki through www.txvoad.org , as updates are being made daily, including resources and meeting minutes.

Next Meeting: 4.17.20 @ 11am