COVID-19 Update
February 25, 2021

Austin Public Health
Jason Pickett, MD, Alternate Health Authority
25 February 2021

237 Confirmed new cases

304 Confirmed COVID-19 Inpatients (38 in Alternate Care Site)

102 Confirmed COVID-19 ICU Inpatients

71 Confirmed COVID-19 Inpatients on Ventilators

35 Confirmed COVID-19 Admissions

50 Confirmed COVID-19 Discharges
Total cases Reported: 76016
Confirmed Cases Transferred by APH: 1418
Travis County Confirmed Cases: 74598
Travis County Deaths: 727
Travis County Recovered: 72717
Travis County History of Hospitalization: 3062

Onset date of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Travis County, 2020

Race
- Asian: 2.8%
- Black: 7.6%
- Native American/Alaskan: 0.4%
- Other: 14.3%
- Pacific Islander: 0.1%
- Unknown: 17.4%
- White: 57.3%

Ethnicity
- Hispanic: 46.4%
- Non Hispanic: 35.9%
- Unknown: 17.6%

Age Group | Count | Female | Male
---|---|---|---
<1 | 454 | 199 | 252
01-09 | 3034 | 1482 | 1513
10-19 | 7656 | 4025 | 3631
20-29 | 19189 | 10037 | 9152
30-39 | 15426 | 7785 | 7641
40-49 | 11234 | 5679 | 5556
50-59 | 8502 | 4253 | 4249
60-69 | 5006 | 2501 | 2505
70-79 | 2465 | 1321 | 1144
80+ | 1632 | 1020 | 612
Total | 74598 | 38302 | 36300

*These numbers are provisional and subject to change.

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COVID-19 Austin MSA New Admissions
COVID-19 AUSTIN MSA CURRENT HOSPITALIZATIONS, ICU ADMISSIONS, AND VENTILATOR USE
No 7-day average until Feb 27

- Sustained severe weather event Feb 13-19
  - Testing sites closed
  - Data collection site without power or water
- Hospitals operating in disaster mode
  - Computer interruption affecting data reporting
  - Clinicians may have altered testing behaviors due to extreme workload
- Patient behavior change:
  - Delayed presentation to hospitals
  - Change in overall patient types
  - Dialysis patients with shortness of breath: more or less testing?

- 7 day average drives changes in risk based guidelines
- Whatever data we get from 2/13-19 may not accurately reflect the disease spread in community
Regional Infusion Center

- TDEM opened on 1/6
- 658 patients treated
- Current capacity: 90/day
- Regional Call Center
Austin/Travis County Alternate Care Site

- 37 patients in ACS on 2/24
- 154 patients treated and discharged
- Capacity to care for up to 75 patients.
- Average LOS: 9 days
Austin/Travis County Alternate Care Site

Patients by DSHS Region 7 Counties at the ACS

ACS Patients from Within the Austin MSA
City of Austin - Travis County COVID-19
Count of Weekly Hospitalizations by Race/Ethnicity
(Austin MSA)

WEEKLY DATA

- Hispanic-All Races
- White Non-Hispanic
- Other Non-Hispanic
- Black Non-Hispanic
- Asian Non-Hispanic
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Non-Hispanic

COUNT

Jan 18-Jan 24: 457
- Hispanic-All Races: 177
- White Non-Hispanic: 200
- Other Non-Hispanic: 7
- Black Non-Hispanic: 60
- Asian Non-Hispanic: 5
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Non-Hispanic: 13

Jan 25-Jan 31: 372
- Hispanic-All Races: 142
- White Non-Hispanic: 175
- Other Non-Hispanic: 5
- Black Non-Hispanic: 40
- Asian Non-Hispanic: 10
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Non-Hispanic: 5

Feb 1-Feb 7: 314
- Hispanic-All Races: 133
- White Non-Hispanic: 128
- Other Non-Hispanic: 8
- Black Non-Hispanic: 36
- Asian Non-Hispanic: 8
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Non-Hispanic: 6

Feb 8-Feb 14: 246
- Hispanic-All Races: 86
- White Non-Hispanic: 122
- Other Non-Hispanic: 6
- Black Non-Hispanic: 28
- Asian Non-Hispanic: 4
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Non-Hispanic: 6

Feb 8-Feb 15: 191
- Hispanic-All Races: 67
- White Non-Hispanic: 82
- Other Non-Hispanic: 7
- Black Non-Hispanic: 29
- Asian Non-Hispanic: 29
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Non-Hispanic: 6
Austin - Travis County COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Weekly Dashboard

For more information on COVID-19 visit:
http://austintexas.gov/covid19

Reported by Austin Public Health. Data
Refreshed: 2/18/2021
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Accession Estates (AL)
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0

Arbor Terrace Lakeway (AL)
Cases within last 14 days: 1
Cases within last 28 days: 5

Arden Courts (AL)
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0

Auberge at Bee Caves (AL)
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0

Auberge at Onion Creek (AL)
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 3

Austin Healthcare and Rehab (NH)
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0

Austin R&NC (NH)
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0

Austin SSIC (IC)
Cases within last 14 days: 3
Cases within last 28 days: 9

Austin Wellness and Rehab (NH)
Cases within last 14 days: 0
Cases within last 28 days: 0

Cases
3,318

New Cases Within Last 14 Days
25

New Cases Within Last 28 Days
189

Deaths
273

Travis County Percent Positivity
8.1%

Data from February 1-February 17, 2021
Source: Data.CMS.gov
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Travis County Influenza Report

Figure 2. Percentage of Visits Due to Influenza-like Illness Reported by Travis County Participants in ILINet: 2017-2021⁴,⁶,⁸,¹¹,¹⁴
## COVID-19: Risk-Based Guidelines

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### Stage 1
- Practice Good Hygiene
- Maintain Social Distancing
- Wear Facial Coverings

### Stage 2
- Practice Good Hygiene
- Maintain Social Distancing
- Wear Facial Coverings

### Stage 3
- Practice Good Hygiene
- Maintain Social Distancing
- Wear Facial Coverings

### Stage 4
- Practice Good Hygiene
- Maintain Social Distancing
- Wear Facial Coverings

### Stage 5
- Practice Good Hygiene
- Maintain Social Distancing
- Wear Facial Coverings
Stage 4 Recommendations

- High-risk individuals should stay home, except for essential trips such as buying groceries

- Everyone should limit non-essential travel

- All interactions outside of the household should include masking and 6-ft distancing

- Businesses should reduce operating capacity to 25-50%

- Schools should limit attendance at sporting events to players, coaches, and parents
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UPDATE: Weather Delays

Challenges:
- Patient/Staff transportation to and from sites
- Vaccine/Testing site Closures
- Compromised facility infrastructure
- Vaccine relocation

Weather Mitigation Plans
- Open additional sites
- Extended hours
- Additional days
- Goal: Administer ~37,000 vaccine
Vaccine Update

• 56,000 vaccines distributed

• Additional first & second allocations expected this week

• Vaccine Coalition Meets Monthly

• Anticipating 1-dose-vaccine pending Johnson and Johnson approval

67-year-old getting his 2nd shot
Vaccine Update: Second Dose

APH Patients

• CDC Update: No maximum time between doses.
• We will reach out to individuals who received their first doses from APH to provide a date, time and location.
• The technology is evolving.
• Phone center is now functional.
Vaccine Notifications

Austin Public Health (APH) has received the second dose shipment for people who got their first dose through APH the week of Jan 11. APH has started contacting those people by email or phone with information on second dose appointments. Staff will work through the weekend to continue scheduling. Please note that appointments are required for both doses and walk-ups will not be accepted.

While the second dose should be administered as close to the recommended 28-day interval as possible, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released guidance that allows for second doses to be administered up to six weeks (42 days) after the first dose.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have additional questions on second doses, please visit our FAQ at austin.tx.gov/vaccine-faq.

The Department of Health Public Health (JPH) has received the second dose of vaccine for those who received their first dose through APH the week of January 11. APH has contacted those individuals by email or phone with information about the second dose. Individuals who received their first dose through APH have been contacted to arrange appointments for their second doses. If you have any questions or concerns about your appointment, please contact APH at 512-978-6872.

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State Allocations

- Automatic shipping of second doses four weeks after first dose allocation = ease of scheduling in the future.
- Second doses will mirror first dose allocations.
- State determines allocations to APH.
- Federal working on establishing notification process.
COVID-19 Vaccination in Central Texas.

Until the vaccines are widely available, please continue to physically distance and wear a mask.

VACCINE HUBS

OTHER VACCINE PROVIDERS

VOLUNTEER
Thank you