

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Texas Legal Services Center \(https://texaslawhelp.org/directory/legal-resource/texas-legal-services-center\)](https://texaslawhelp.org/directory/legal-resource/texas-legal-services-center) [1]

Texas Legal Services Center has created this page to provide the public with aggregated links to news and information about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic from credible sources such as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), [legal aid](#) organizations, and Texas government and health authorities. As this is a rapidly evolving situation, this page will be routinely updated.



Low-income Texans can call the toll-free legal hotline (800-504-7030) to be connected to local legal [service](#) providers for help with civil legal issues related to the COVID-19 crisis. Local [legal aid](#) providers can also be found using our [Legal Help Finder tool. \(https://texaslawhelp.org/legal-help/legal-help-finder\)](https://texaslawhelp.org/legal-help/legal-help-finder) [2]

Check out our [Events Page \(https://texaslawhelp.org/events\)](https://texaslawhelp.org/events) [3] for information on ongoing virtual and phone legal clinics. Our [Live Chat online tool \(https://texaslawhelp.org/node/192\)](https://texaslawhelp.org/node/192) [4] is also available for legal assistance.

Major Agencies and Websites with the Latest Information

- **[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) \(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)** [5]
- **[World Health Organization \(WHO\) \(https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019\)](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)** [6]
- **[Texas Department of State Health Services \(http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/)** [7] (**[DSHS](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/)**) [7]
- **[Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center \(https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/\)](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/)** [8]
- **[Texas Tribune \(https://www.texastribune.org/\)](https://www.texastribune.org/)** [9]

Know Your Rights During COVID-19: Legal Resources and FAQs

- **[Employment and Financial Resources \(https://texaslawhelp.org/article/employment-and-financial-issues-during-covid-19\)](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/employment-and-financial-issues-during-covid-19)** [10]
- **[\(https://texaslawhelp.org/article/employment-and-financial-issues-during-covid-19\)](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/employment-and-financial-issues-during-covid-19)** [10] See this section for information on the [stimulus checks FAQs, \(https://texaslawhelp.org/article/covid-19-stimulus-check-](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/covid-19-stimulus-checks)

[faqs](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/covid-19-unemployment-benefits) [11] [unemployment benefits](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/covid-19-unemployment-benefits), [12] [employee wage and leave rights](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/employment-and-financial-resources-during-covid-19#toc-3), [13] [resources for small businesses](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/employment-and-financial-resources-during-covid-19#toc-3) [14], [15] [bankruptcy](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/employment-and-financial-resources-during-covid-19#toc-7) [16], and more.



Estate Planning (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/estate-planning-and-covid-19>) [17]

- See this section for information about advance directives, designations of guardian in advance, powers of attorney, small estate affidavits, supported decisionmaking, transfer on death deeds, and more.

Family Law (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/family-law-issues-during-covid-19>) [18]

- See this section for information on how the COVID-19 crisis has affected family law issues including but not limited to: the courts during the COVID-19 crisis (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/how-covid-19-could-affect-your-family-law-case>) [19], child visitation (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/coronavirus-and-child-visitation>) [20], child support, (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/child-support-and-covid-19>) [21] CPS matters (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/family-law-issues-during-covid-19#toc-3>) [22], and domestic violence (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/family-violence-and-covid-19>) [23].

Health and Public Benefits (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/health-care-and-public-benefits-during-covid-19>) [24]

- See this section for information on navigating health care access and resources during the COVID-19 crisis. This includes resources for uninsured Texans (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/health-resources-uninsured-texans-covid-19>) [25] and immigrant communities

(<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/immigrant-rights-and-healthcare-access-during-covid-19>) [26], [private insurance](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/health-care-and-public-benefits-during-covid-19#toc-2), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/health-care-and-public-benefits-during-covid-19#toc-2>) [27] [public benefits](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/health-care-and-public-benefits-during-covid-19#toc-3), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/health-care-and-public-benefits-during-covid-19#toc-3>) [28] [mental health resources](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/health-care-and-public-benefits-during-covid-19#toc-8), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/health-care-and-public-benefits-during-covid-19#toc-8>) [29] and more.



Property and Landlord-Tenant (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/property-law-issues-during-covid-19>) **[30]**

- See this section for information on how the COVID-19 crisis has affected issues like [evictions](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/evictions-during-covid-19-pandemic), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/evictions-during-covid-19-pandemic>) [31] [utility services](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/help-with-utilities-during-covid-19), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/help-with-utilities-during-covid-19>) [32] [mortgage payments](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/foreclosures-during-covid-19), foreclosures, (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/foreclosures-during-covid-19>) [33] [internet](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/internet-access), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/internet-access>) [34] and more.

Individual Rights and Court Procedures (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/individual-rights-and-navigating-court-proceedings-during-covid-19-pandemic>) **[35]**

- See this section for information on participating in [court proceedings remotely](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/if-i-cant-get-court-can-i-participate-telephone), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/if-i-cant-get-court-can-i-participate-telephone>) [36] [delaying hearings](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/how-ask-continuance), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/how-ask-continuance>) [37] [consumer protection issues](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/consumer-protection-issues), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/consumer-protection-issues>) [38] [voting rights](https://my.lwv.org/texas/voting-coronavirus), (<https://my.lwv.org/texas/voting-coronavirus>) [39] [immigrant rights](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/resources-immigrants-during-covid-19), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/resources-immigrants-during-covid-19>) [40] [disability rights](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/disability-rights-and-covid-19), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/disability-rights-and-covid-19>) [41] [sexual assault survivors' rights](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/information-survivors-sexual-assault-during-covid-19) (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/information-survivors-sexual-assault-during-covid-19>) [42], [shelter-in-place orders](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/shelter-in-place-orders), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/shelter-in-place-orders>) [43] [veterans resources](https://texaslawhelp.org/article/veterans-and-covid-19), (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/veterans-and-covid-19>) [44] and other issues affecting individual rights.

Court Emergency Orders, Closures, Postponements, and Updated Procedures Due to COVID-19

For information regarding Texas court emergency orders, court postponements, closures, and updates due to COVID-19, [read more here.](#)

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/court-closures-postponements-and-updated-procedures-due-covid-19> [45]



COVID-19 Resources for Texans (Non-Legal)

For information regarding community resources like meals for schoolchildren and seniors, local social services, and consumer assistance programs, [read more here.](#) (<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/covid-19-resources-texans-non-legal>) [46]

City and County-Specific Resources

- Public health updates from major Texas cities: [Austin](#) (<http://www.austintexas.gov/COVID19>) [47], [Corpus Christi](#) (<http://www.cctexas.com/coronavirus>) [48], [Dallas](#) (<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus.php>) [49], [Fort Worth](#) (<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health/disease-control---prevention/coronaviruas.html>) [50], [El Paso](#) (<http://www.elpasotexas.gov/public-health>) [51], [Houston](#) (<https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/>) [52], [Lubbock](#) (<https://ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments/health-department/about-us/covid-19>) [53], [San Antonio](#) (<https://www.bexar.org/3234/COVID-19>) [54]
- [List of COVID-19 County Public Health Entities](#) (<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/regions/2019-nCoV-Local-Health-Entities/>) [55]
- The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is working with other Texas state agencies to prepare effective guidance for public school districts across Texas. [Read here for more on the TEA's guidance, FAQs and information on school closures and Spring Break procedures.](#) (<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>) [56]

- Texas State Law Library has created a research guide to help Texans navigate some of the legal issues they may face during the COVID-19 outbreak. [Read more here \(https://guides.sll.texas.gov/disaster-emergency\)](https://guides.sll.texas.gov/disaster-emergency) [57]. Follow their [social media \(https://twitter.com/slltexas?lang=en\)](https://twitter.com/slltexas?lang=en) [58] for resources too.



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