Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that range from the common cold to the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak evolves, the CDC strongly encourages businesses, cities, school districts, and event organizers to prepare for the possibility of outbreaks in our East Texas communities.

Municipalities, Businesses, Schools, and Cities should consider plans for the following situations:

- Emergency Management Plans are current & those responsible have situational awareness
- Standard Viral Respiratory precautions and PPE apply (healthcare)
- Long Term Care Facilities and Patient-Intake facilities should replicate response to a flu outbreak
- Review & update your Continuity Of Operations Plans (COOP)
- Prepare their capacity for work to be done remotely
- Consider when to close facilities and/or cancel events
- Conduct information campaigns for your employees and customers/clients
- Provide your PIO’s contact information to the East Texas PIO Network, in preparation of a Joint Information Center to be the central resource of coordinated public communications
- Absenteeism procedures should follow your agency’s guidance on closures (similar to flu)

Updates from the CDC and from DSHS are available on their websites


Local inventory of state and national updates are available on NET Health’s website below:

MyNETHealth.org > Services > Public Emergency Preparedness > Coronavirus