



COVID-19 COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

Bell County Area

Spread the Word Not the Virus

A team of community advocates and civic leaders have joined forces to prevent the highly contagious spread of the coronavirus in targeted communities within the Bell County Area.

The goal of this Community Task Force is to ensure there are no racial disparities associated with the number of cases and fatalities found among densely populated, predominately Black communities within the Bell County Area.

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The Emergency COVID-19 Racial Disparities Task Force

1. Collection and reporting data regarding the number of COVID-19 cases identified by race and ethnicity statewide (per county and city).
2. Identifying safety bundles, guidelines, and uniform treatment plans including ventilator distribution in hospitals for all COVID-19 patients, irrespective of ability to pay.
3. Addressing the role that social determinants of health have on the increase of COVID-19 contagion in the African American population.
4. Addressing the possible role of implicit bias on COVID-19 testing, emergency room protocols, and medical treatment plans of the most at-risk patient population.
5. Building an effective public awareness and education campaign targeted to underserved communities with specific emphasis on reducing community spread.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COVID 19 CTF

Engage citizens of predominately Black communities on the current and most accurate information pertaining to COVID-19.

Educate citizens of predominately Black communities on the best practices for reducing the spread the of germs.

Equip citizens of predominately Black communities with the appropriate supplies needed to safeguard themselves, their families, and their neighbors from contracting COVID-19.

Ensure citizens of predominately Black communities have access to a COVID-19 testing site and are able to be tested at no charge if symptoms or exposure to the virus is evident.

Bell County COVID Counts as of 5/28/2020 at 12:00pm

324 Confirmed Cases

184 Recovered

50 Hospitalized

34 Admitted to ICU

3 Deaths

17,384 Cumulative Tests

Less than 2% of the tests were positive for the coronavirus

Cases per City

Belton 32

Harker Heights 26

Killeen 136

Temple 98

Cases by Race/Gender

White (39%) 126 cases

Black (24%) 78 cases

Not Reported (33%) 106 cases

Female 54% 174 cases

Male 46% 150 cases

Cases by Age

20-29 59 cases

30-39 57 cases

40-49 64 cases

50-59 59 cases

COVID-19 OUTREACH WITH CTF

Proposed Dates

June 19-20
July 17-18
Aug 21-23

#Supplies per City

<i>Belton</i>	<i>Temple</i>	<i>Killeen</i>
100 Jun	200 Jun	300 Jun
200 Jul	300 Jul	400 Jul
300 Aug	400 Aug	500 Aug

Rona Bag Starter Kit

5 cloth facial coverings
hand sanitizer
liquid hand soap
disinfectant wipes
thermometers

Dissemination

Option 1: Drive Up/Walk Up

Locations are identified and a neighborhood flyer is created. Residents are able to drive/walk up to the site to get supplies/materials

Option 2: Delivery

A residential leader of an identified housing complex will collect and deliver supplies/materials to the residents.

CTF members are provided a facial shield, mask, and gloves.

Timeline for June

May 28 - June 11	Collect Donated Items
June 12 - June 14	Shop for fillers
June 15 - June 18	Assemble Bags and Info
June 19 - June 20	Disseminate