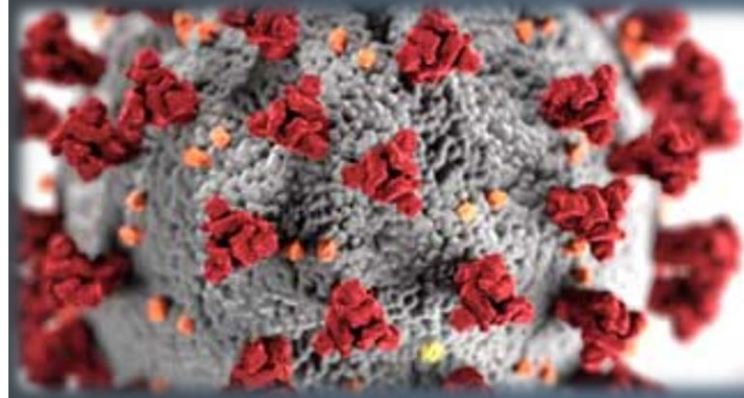




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# COVID-19 Update

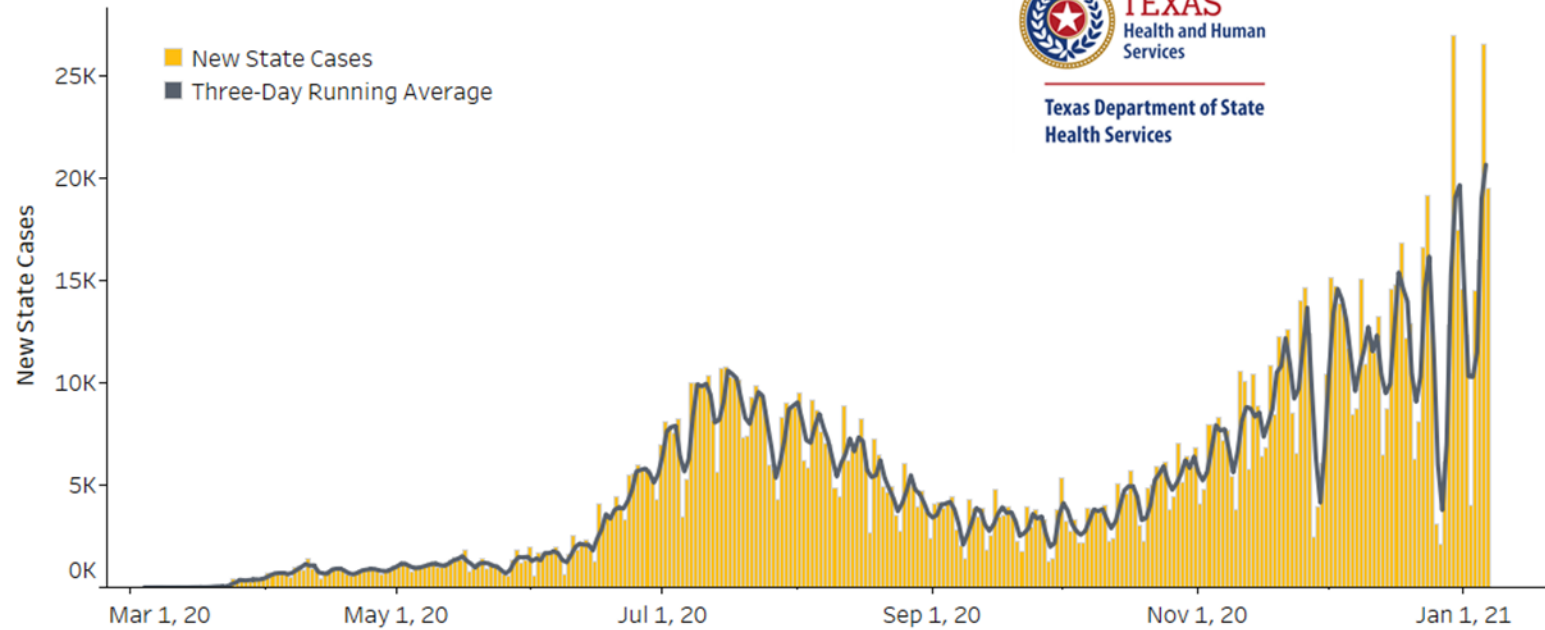
January 8, 2021

**John W. Hellerstedt, MD, Commissioner**  
**Texas Department of State Health Services**

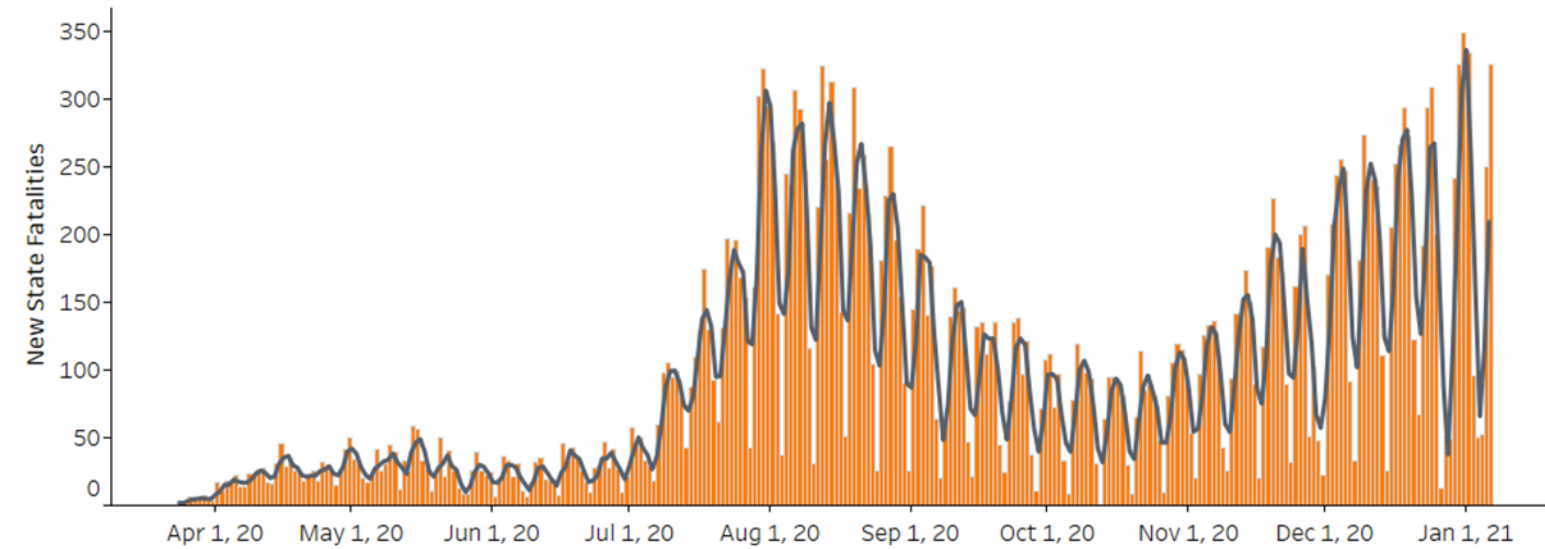
# DSHS Texas COVID-19 Timeline

- **January 23, 2020:** DSHS launched the [dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/](https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/) website and prepared #TexasDSHS social media campaigns
- **January 31, 2020:** DSHS activated the State Medical Operations Center (SMOC)
- **March 4, 2020:** DSHS announced the first positive test result for COVID-19
- **March 17, 2020:** DSHS announced the first death of a person with lab-confirmed COVID-19
- **March 19, 2020:** DSHS Commissioner Hellerstedt declared a Public Health Disaster
- **October 2020:** DSHS assembled the Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel (EVAP)
- **December 14, 2020:** DSHS distributed the first COVID-19 vaccine doses
- **January 6, 2021:** 1,646,382 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in all 254 Texas counties with 28,545 fatalities

## New Texas Cases by Day



## New Texas Fatalities by Day



These preliminary data are current as of 1:00pm on 1/6/2021.

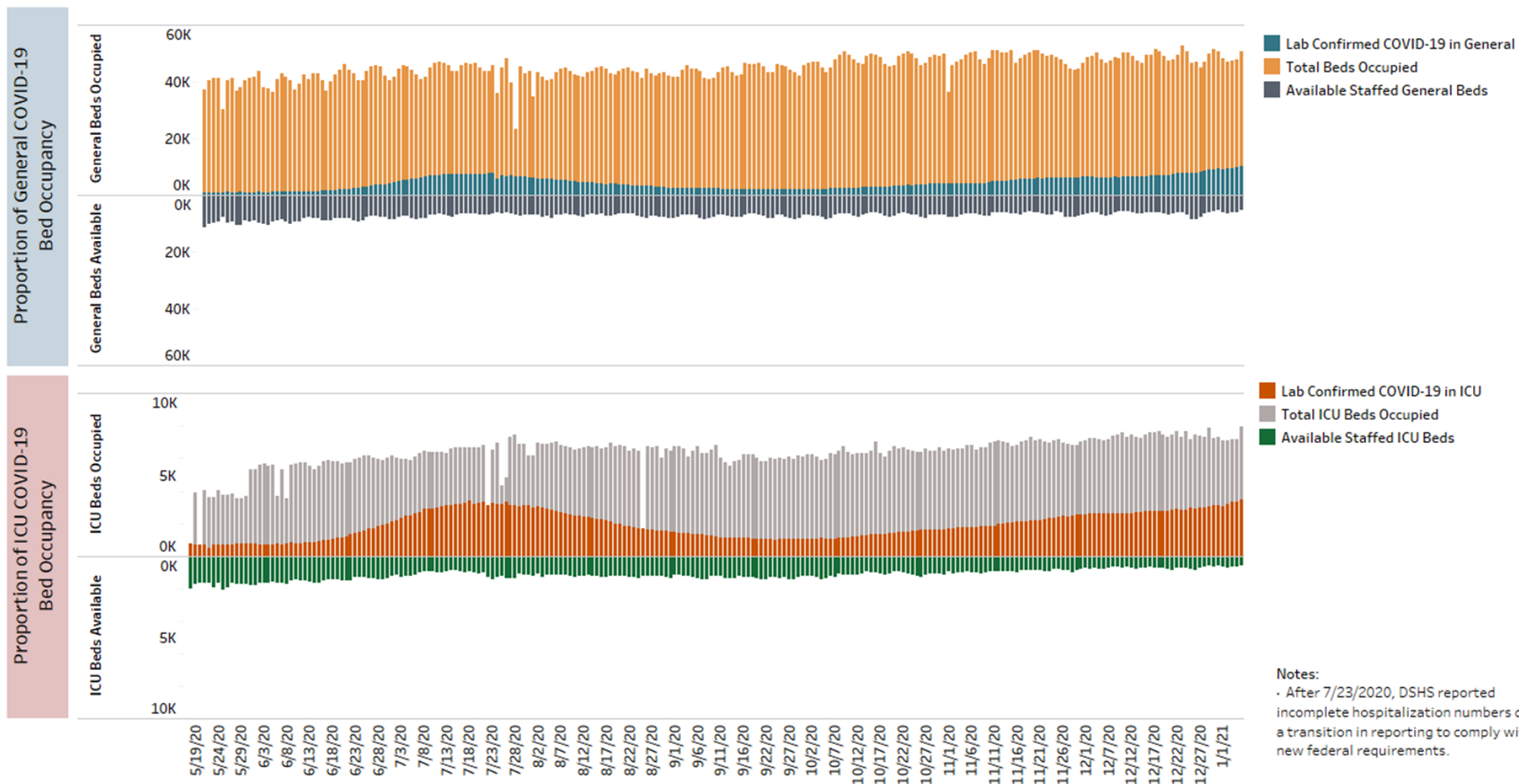
Note: As of July 27, DSHS is reporting COVID-19 fatality data based on death certificates. The metric used in these charts reports total newly reported fatalities (as opposed to the date of death).



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## Hospitalizations Over Time

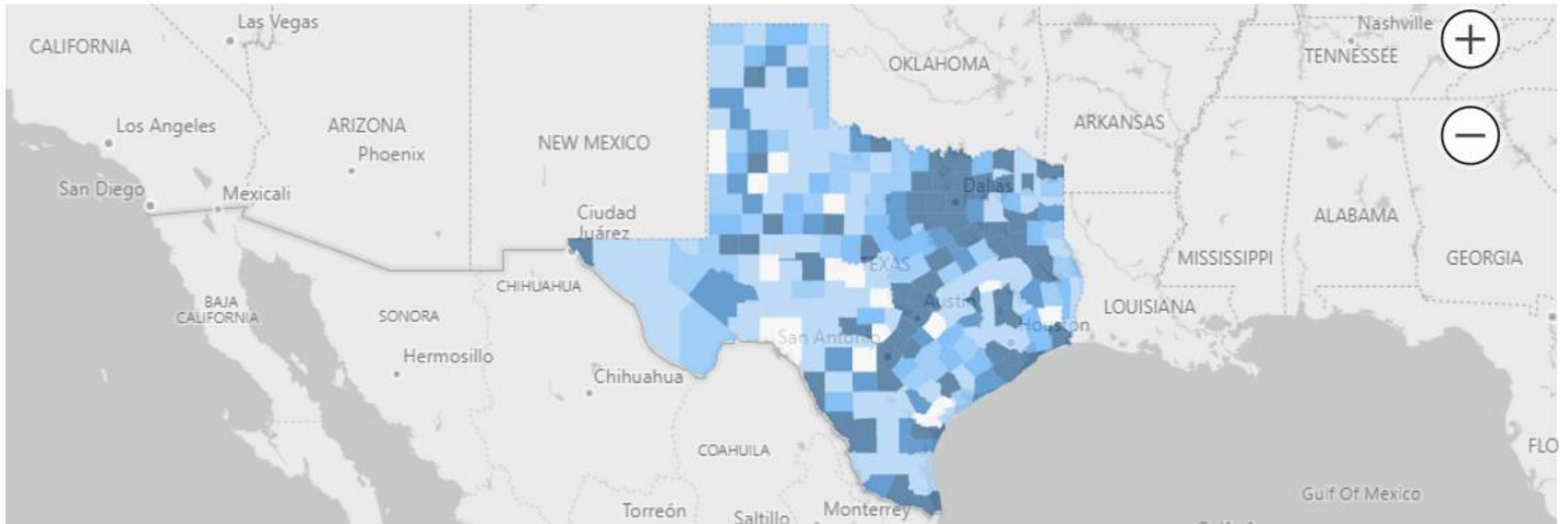
Total Texas Proportion of Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 Occupancy of General and ICU Beds out of Total Hospital Beds as of:  
Tuesday, January 5, 2021



These preliminary data are current as of 1:00pm on 1/6/2021.

Notes:  
• After 7/23/2020, DSHS reported incomplete hospitalization numbers due to a transition in reporting to comply with new federal requirements.

### Total Lab Confirmed Patients in Hospital



# DSHS Roles during the Pandemic

- Coordination of local and state public health efforts
- Statewide management and provision of lab testing and capacity
- Data collection, analysis, and reporting
- Health care system support and deployment of medical staffing to hospitals and nursing facilities
- Statewide public awareness
- Public health guidance for individuals and businesses, and consultation with local elected leaders
- Sourcing and allocating therapeutics and medications, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment
- Utilizing the established infrastructure to safely and appropriately disseminate vaccine



# DSHS Outputs as of Late December 2020

- Health system support: 2,478 State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs) filled
  - 11,041 Staff currently in the field
  - 1,076 Alternate care beds secured
  - 117 Isolation & Quarantine Sites
- Call Center: 32,879 calls and 29,253 emails received
- Contact Tracing
  - 2,790 State and local contact tracers active in Texas Health Trace
  - 47 Local and 8 regional health entities voluntarily participating in Texas Health Trace
  - 28 Local Health Authorities (14 performing contact tracing)





# Estimated COVID-19 Pandemic Expenditures

Category	Amount Obligated
Medical Staffing	\$2.2 Billion
Local Response	\$127.4 Million
Disease Surveillance	\$95.2 Million
Local Contracts	\$68.3 Million
Lab Costs	\$30.5 Million
Repatriation	\$5.5 Million
Other Costs	\$0.5 Million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.5 Billion</b>



# DSHS Coronavirus Website Updates

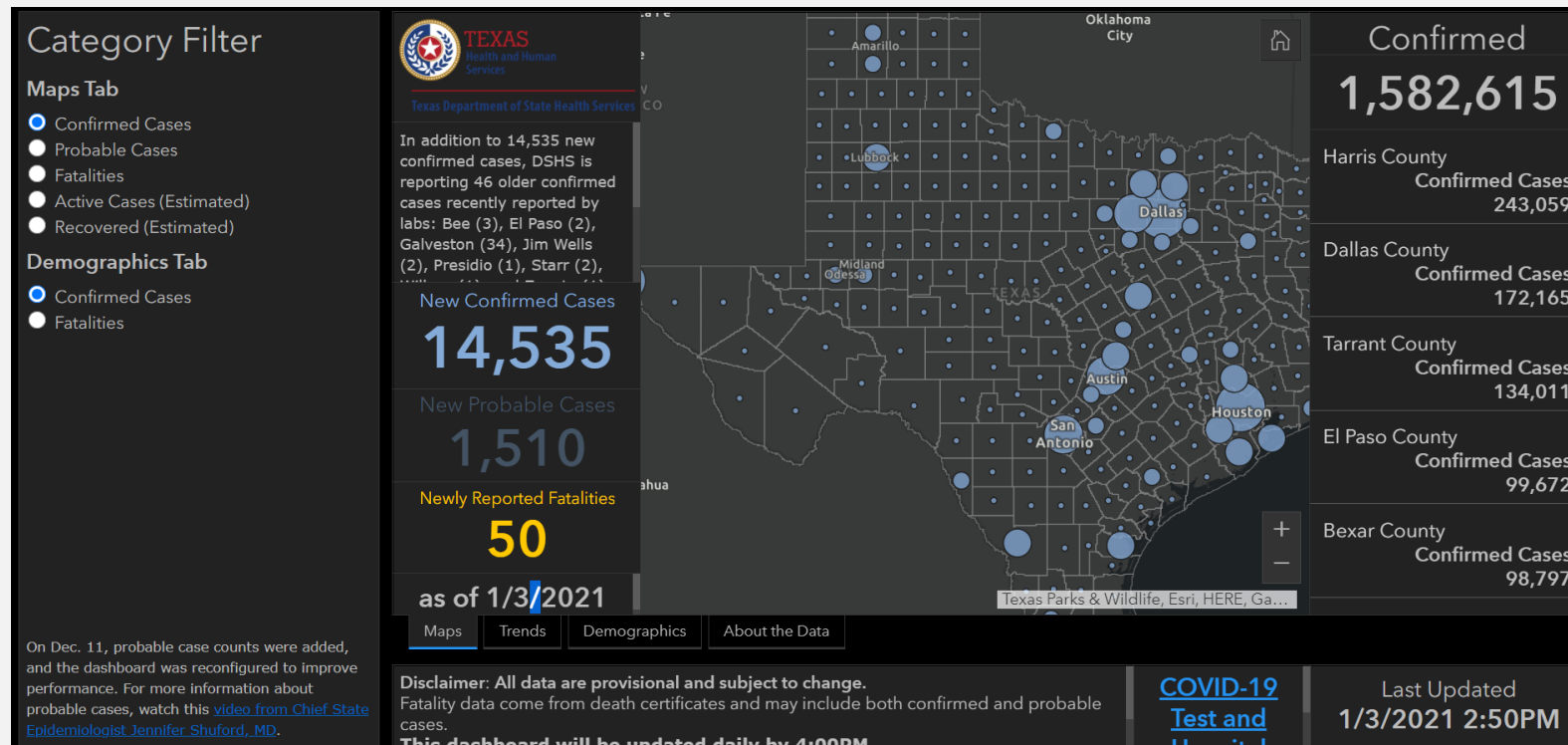
- DSHS coronavirus website [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus)
  - Information in English and Spanish
  - Interactive dashboards
  - Contact Tracing—*Answer the Call Texans!*
  - Therapeutics information
  - Testing information
  - Vaccine Information

The screenshot shows the DSHS website for COVID-19. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for HOME, COVID-19, ABOUT DSHS, NEWS, I AM A..., MOST POPULAR, RESOURCES, ONLINE SERVICES, and CONTACT US. Below this is a search bar and a language selector for 'Inicio en español'. The main heading is 'Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)'. A large banner features a 3D model of a coronavirus particle and the text 'COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019' with a 'TEXAS CASE COUNTS' button. Below the banner are links for 'OPENING TEXAS', 'Guidance | Contact Tracing | Testing Information | Additional Data', and 'Self-Checker'. A paragraph states that DSHS is working with the CDC in responding to the new coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The page is divided into three main content sections: 'COVID-19 Vaccine Information' (with a 'COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION >' button), 'COVID-19 Therapeutics' (with links for 'Resources for hospitals & healthcare professionals' and 'Resources for nursing homes and long term care facilities'), and 'Contact Tracing - Answer the call, Texans!' (with a paragraph about public health workers). On the right side, there's a sidebar with 'INFORMATION FOR:' categories: Public, Businesses & Employers, Travelers, Hospitals & Healthcare Professionals, Laboratories, Public Health, First Responders, Communities & Other Specific Groups, and News Media. Below this are buttons for 'Case Counts', 'Test and Hospital Data', 'County Trends', 'Vaccine Data', 'Public Schools', and 'Additional Data'.



# Improved Case Count Dashboard

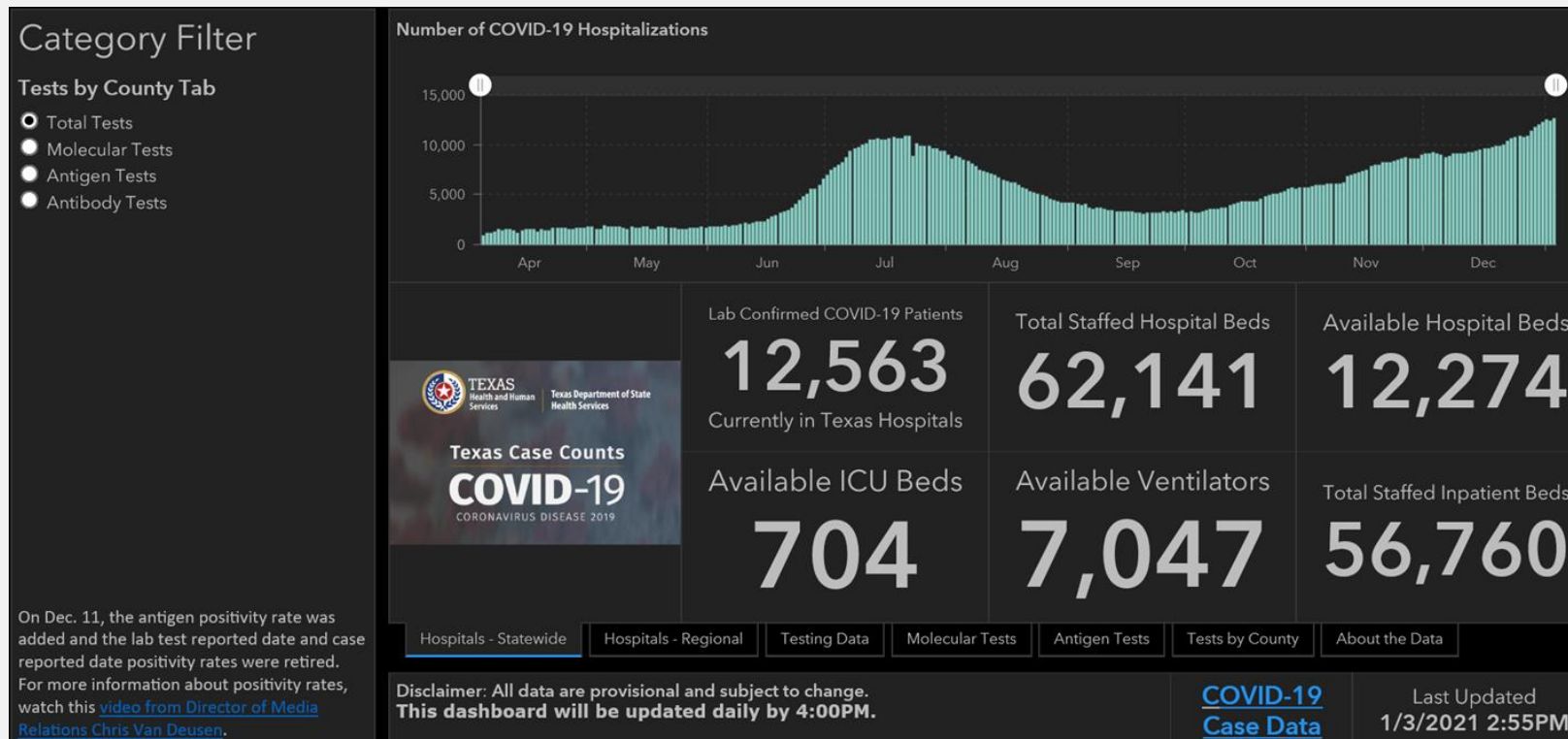
On Dec. 11, DSHS added probable case counts and reconfigured the dashboard to improve performance



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# Improved Hospitalizations Dashboard

On Dec. 11, DSHS added the antigen positivity rate and retired the lab test reported date and case reported date positivity rates



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# Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage

- COVID-19 Vaccine Information website launched December 2020: [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine)
  - Texas Vaccination Plan
  - Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel
  - Vaccine Provider Locations
  - Provider Enrollment



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A screenshot of the Texas Department of State Health Services website for COVID-19 vaccine information. The page features a navigation menu, a search bar, and a main content area with a large image of a coronavirus particle. Below the image are sections for "4 THINGS TO KNOW", "HEAR FROM TX EXPERTS", and "FAQS". A prominent "Alert" box contains information about updated CDC guidance on allergic reactions. The "What's Next with the COVID-19 Vaccine in Texas" section includes a "We Are Here" graphic with three stages: "LIMITED SUPPLY", "ADDITIONAL SUPPLY", and "BROAD SUPPLY". A quote from DSHS Commissioner John Hellerstedt is also present.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Information

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### COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

4 THINGS TO KNOW HEAR FROM TX EXPERTS FAQS

#### Alert

The CDC has issued [an updated guidance on allergic reactions associated with COVID-19 vaccines](#). Please visit the [CDC Clinical Considerations webpage](#) for all the latest updates.

#### What's Next with the COVID-19 Vaccine in Texas

We Are Here

<b>LIMITED SUPPLY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1A. Direct Care - Hospital, Long-Term Care, EMS 0-5, Home Health, Outpatient, ICU/urgent care, Pharmacies, Last Responders, School Nurses</li><li>1A. Long-Term Care - Residents of Long-Term care facilities</li><li>1B. Persons 65+ or 5+ with at least one chronic medical condition, including pregnancy</li></ul>	<b>ADDITIONAL SUPPLY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1C. Under consideration</li><li>2. Under consideration</li></ul>	<b>BROAD SUPPLY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Under consideration</li></ul>
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*"All providers that have received COVID-19 vaccine must immediately vaccinate healthcare workers, Texans over the age of 65, and people with [medical conditions](#) that put them at a greater risk of severe disease or death from COVID-19. No vaccine should be kept in reserve."*

- DSHS Commissioner John Hellerstedt, M.D.

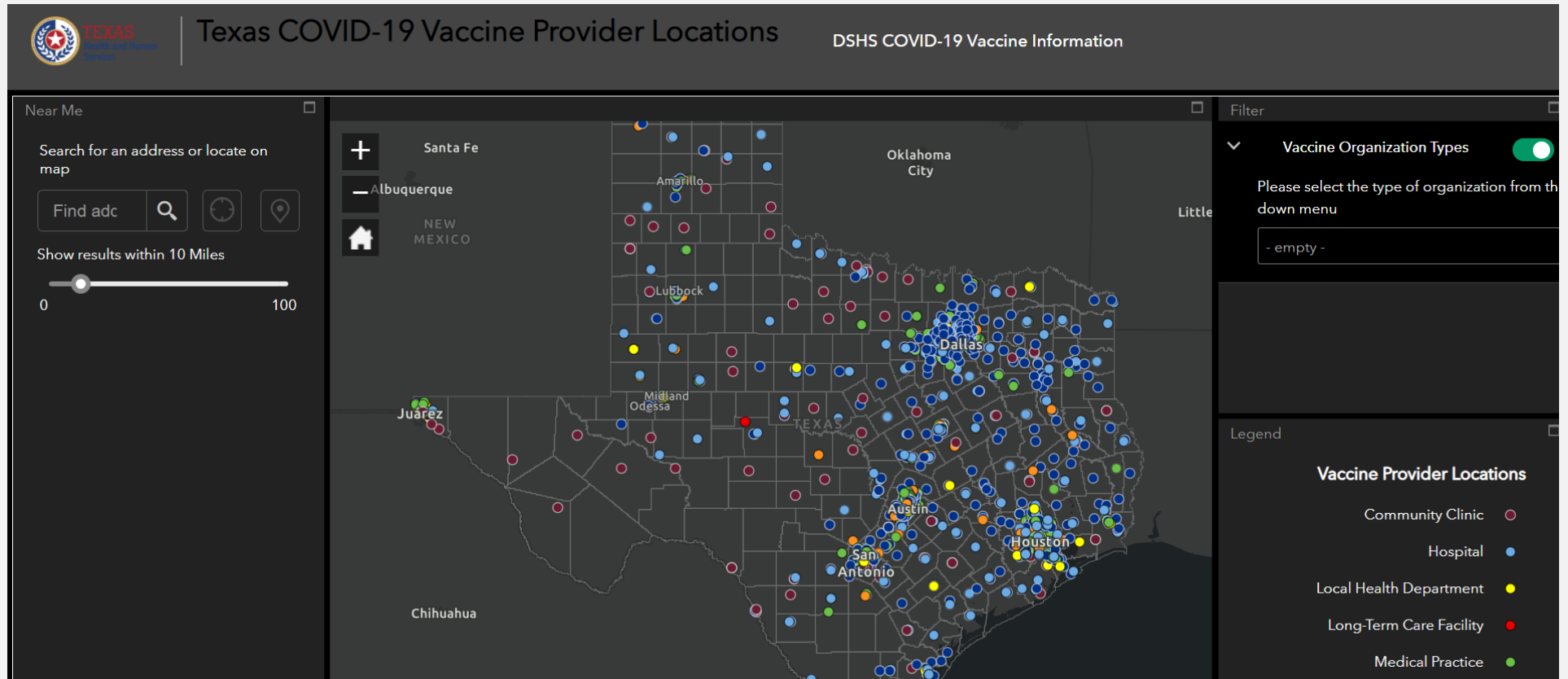
MORE INFORMATION

- Texas Vaccination Plan (pdf)
- Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel
- Vaccine Allocation Guiding Principles (pdf)
- Phase 1A: Who Gets Vaccine First (pdf)
- Phase 1B: Who Gets Vaccine Next (pdf)
- Vaccine Provider Locations
- Week 1 Vaccine Allocation (pdf)
- Week 2 Vaccine Allocation (pdf)
- Week 3 Vaccine Allocation (pdf)
- FAQs
- V-safe Information Sheet (pdf)
- CDC Vaccine Information
- FDA Vaccine Information



# Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Location Map

Information about vaccine providers in Texas



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# COVID-19 Vaccine Market Research

- Ongoing surveys with diverse Texans have driven campaign strategies and messaging
- September 2020 data:
  - 53% plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine once available, 19% will not, 28% unsure
  - Men (64%) are more likely than women (45%) to get the COVID-19 vaccine
  - Age 35–64 (56%) and age 65+ (61%) are more likely than age 18–34 (43%) to get the COVID-19 vaccine
  - Half of participants were very concerned the vaccine will not be tested enough and that there may be risks to receiving it, especially for those with pre-existing conditions





# COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign

- Bilingual, statewide COVID-19 vaccine campaign began in December 2020 with a focus on:
  - COVID-19 vaccine safety and effectiveness
  - Who, how, and when to get the vaccine
  - Addressing vaccine hesitancy, especially among at-risk populations
  - Encouraging mask use/distancing even as vaccination continues
  - Fighting misinformation
- Ongoing 2021 campaign will include TV, radio, digital, outdoor and community-based outreach
- Vaccine communications toolkit on [Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Tools](#) has fact sheets, videos, PSAs, social media posts for partners to use and share



# DSHS COVID-19 General Communications Tools

- [#HealthyTexas COVID-19 Communication Tools](#)
- Animations, videos, printable PDFs, social media shareable graphics.
- Minimum Recommended Health Protocols and safety checklists

[dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx#protocols](https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx#protocols)

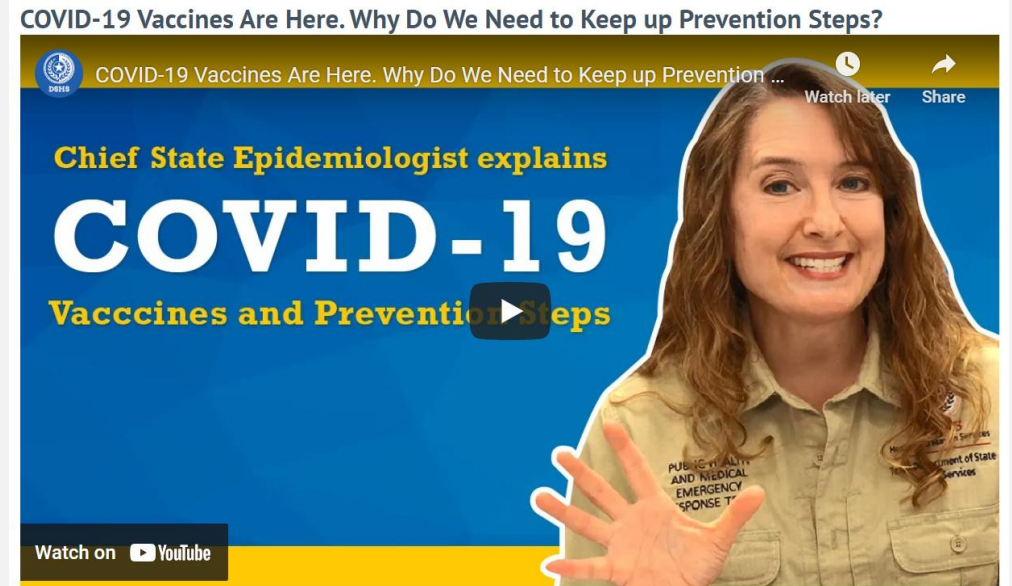


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A screenshot of the Texas Department of State Health Services website page for COVID-19 communication tools. The page features a navigation bar with links like HOME, COVID-19, ABOUT DSHS, NEWS, I AM A..., MOST POPULAR, RESOURCES, ONLINE SERVICES, and CONTACT US. The main content area is titled "#HealthyTexas COVID-19 Communication Tools" and includes a large graphic with "COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019" and a "TEXAS CASE COUNTS" button. Below this, there are three categories: "Animations and Videos", "Printable PDFs", and "Social Media Tools". A section titled "Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Tools" provides information on vaccine education and instruction. Another section, "Opening Businesses and Services: Safety Checklists", offers guidance on safe operation with health protocols. The right sidebar contains an "INFORMATION FOR:" list with categories like Public, Businesses &amp; Employers, Travelers, Hospitals &amp; Healthcare Professionals, Laboratories, Public Health, First Responders, Communities &amp; Other Specific Groups, and News Media. Below that is a "MORE RESOURCES" section with links to Vaccine Information, FAQs, Testing Information, Mental Health Support, Communication Tools, Executive Orders &amp; Disaster Declarations, DSHS Office Closures, and DSHS-Related Waivers. The page also includes a search bar, social media icons, and a language selector for Spanish.

# COVID-19 Prevention Messaging

- Get a vaccine as soon as you can
- Continue prevention steps even after vaccination
- Wear a face covering
- Limit contact with others, maintain a physical distance, and avoid crowds
- Fight pandemic fatigue!



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Wash hands with soap and water.



Wear a face covering.



Cover coughs and sneezes.



Avoid touching face.



Disinfect often touched surfaces.



Stay 6 feet apart.

# Thank you!



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