

# Texas Department of Public Safety

## Operational Medicine Unit (OMU)

### Bulletin #20210113.00

This Bulletin addresses immediate and important Life Safety and health concerns for DPS employees, contractors, visitors, and customers.

Internal trends show the need for reminders and confirmation of existing screening, recording, reporting, and personal protective equipment practices and processes.

1. Following the practices and processes below have proven to reduce exposures, diminish the spread of illness, and lessen the closure of offices and operations.
2. Unfortunately, it has also proven that not following these practices and processes have had detrimental consequences to our ability to maintain operations and avoid closures and quarantines.
3. If you have ANY symptoms associated with COVID-19 we ask that you stay home. If you come to work sick you will be sent home at screening.

Essential practices to follow based on recommendations from CDC Critical Infrastructure Workers guidelines, FEMA and OSHA guidelines. **DPS Employees are required to wear a facemask when:**

1. Facemasks in the Workplace
  - a. Interacting with the Public
  - b. While in common work areas and open office spaces
  - c. While in open area workspaces with more than one person in attendance
  - d. While working in a shared workspace
  - e. While conversing with another employee in person
  - f. While attending an in-person meetings with one or more individuals
  - g. While within 6 feet of another individual
  - h. While riding in vehicles with others
2. Face mask are not required if you have an individual office as long as there is no other individual in your office **AND** you are at a minimum 6 feet away from a common travel area or you can close your door (once someone enters your office everyone must wear a mask)
3. Social Distancing at work
  - a. Remain 6 feet away from co-workers and customers with a mask on.
  - b. Minimize the number of employees in the same location for meetings, workspaces, etc.
4. Hand washing/sanitizing
  - a. Use hand sanitizer following the use of copy machines, touching door handles, handling packages, etc.
5. Disinfecting work areas daily
  - a. Disinfect common work areas such as copy machines, break rooms bathrooms, door handles
  - b. Shared work spaces should be cleaned at the beginning and end of each shift
  - c. Wipe down keyboards, phones, counter tops, etc.

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DPS employees will follow the established practices and processes to minimize the impact of COVID-19 to operations and other employees. The DPS current practices and processes cannot be adjusted, removed, replaced, or otherwise changed without Deputy Director Approval.

**Symptoms**

Figure 1: Symptoms and DPS cases relationship

Cough	42%
Headache	38%
Body Aches	38%
Fatigue	31%
Nasal Congestion	32%
Asymptomatic	27%
Loss of Taste/Smell	32%
Sore Throat	23%
Chills	22%
Runny Nose	21%
Chest Congestion	19%
Diarrhea	13%
Nausea	11%
Shortness of Breath	12%
Other	6%
Vomiting	2%
Fever	1%

Figure 1 provides statistics the OMU has captured showing the variety of symptoms presented with the positive COVID-19 cases within DPS so far. The most common symptoms are highlighted in yellow.

As of to date, the OMU has assessed approximately **6727** DPS employees, which is approximately **67%** of the agency. DPS has had **1610** positive COVID-19 cases, and **1** confirmed death.

There have been 39 employees hospitalized due to COVID-19 with this highest age group 40-49 at 34.7%.

We have seen an increase in multiple employees in the same office test positive who were not utilizing PPE when around others. The common issues in every case is not wearing a mask around others.

**DPS INTERNAL STATISTICS AS OF 1/13/2021 AT 15:38 HOURS**

	Remain COVID-19 Positive	Remain on 10 Day Quarantine	Remain on 7 Day Quarantine	Cleared to Work	Employee on Emergency Leave	Need Follow-up	Deaths Related to COVID-19	Reported Totals	Percentage
All Regions	196	4	3	6364	51	108	1	6727	
HQ Region	34	1	1	549	3	13	0	601	8.93%
Region 1	33	1	0	1511	11	15	0	1571	23.35%
Region 2	36	2	0	1347	10	17	0	1412	20.99%
Region 3	30	0	0	991	4	25	0	1050	15.61%
Region 4	10	0	0	477	9	6	0	502	7.46%
Region 5	14	0	1	539	5	9	1	569	8.46%
Region 6	24	0	1	801	6	20	0	852	12.67%
Region 7	15	0	0	149	3	3	0	170	2.53%
Percentage	2.91%	0.06%	0.04%	94.60%	0.76%	1.61%	0.01%		

Figure 2: All employees assessed by OMU as of 01/13/2021

Figure 2 provides an overview of our current and overall total numbers of employees managed by the OMU.

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Updated OMU Quarantine Guidelines

The below guidelines may be modified by OMU case managers as warranted to protect the health and safety of DPS employees.

**Below is the current quarantine guidelines for supervisors and employees to follow:**

**Exposure** is less than 6' for 15 minutes or more without appropriate PPE.

**Employee is exposed** to a confirmed COVID-19 case without appropriate PPE, employee is quarantined:

- 10 days after last exposure without a test (if employee does not have symptoms), *or*
- 7 days after last exposure with negative viral test conducted 5-7 days from last exposure (if employee does not have symptoms)

**Employee is symptomatic** for COVID-19, then employee is quarantined until:

- 10 days from symptom onset with last 7 days symptom-free

**Employee has COVID-19**, then employee is quarantined until:

- If symptomatic, 10 days from symptom onset with last 7 days symptom-free
- If asymptomatic, 10 days from date test was taken

**Employee's household member is exposed** to a confirmed COVID-19 case without appropriate PPE, then employee is quarantined until:

- 10 days after household member's last exposure (if household member does not have symptoms)

**Household member is symptomatic** for COVID-19, then employee is quarantined until:

- 10 days after household member's symptoms resolve, *or*
- 7 days after household member's symptoms resolve and a negative viral test for the employee conducted 5+ days from household member's last symptom

**Household member has COVID-19**, then employee is quarantined until:

- If household member is symptomatic:
  - 10 days after household member's symptoms resolve, *or*
  - 7 days after household member's symptoms resolve and a negative viral test for the employee conducted 5+ days from household member's last symptom
- If household member is asymptomatic
  - 10 days after household member's test date

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