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Saluting the Blackwell High School Class of 2020

Formal commencement exercises for sixteen Blackwell High School seniors was held Saturday, May 16, 2020. This year's ceremony was held at the football stadium and looked different than in year's past. Due to Covid-19, those in attendance were asked to practice social distancing and some even remained in their vehicles.

This year's class members include Tara Cali Campos, Joel Eduardo Guia, Sydney Nicole Hayes, Michael Neal Lowry, Lacey Jane Harrison, Jared Paul Julian, Claider Cruz Mendieta, Haylee Maxine Cason, Katelyn Brook Robertson, Brendan Garrett Scott, Grant Andrew Gott, Madison Elizabeth Solis, Emily Shay Rasco, Jordan Kalee Jones, Emilee Kay Sanderson, and Drew Quintin Hardy.



BHS Honor Graduates! Blackwell High School honor graduates for 2020 have been announced. Valedictorian (left) is Haylee Cason, daughter of David Cason and Jeni Cason. The Salutatorian is Emilee Sanderson, daughter of James Sanderson and Heather Sanderson.

Re-Open Texas implementation and its effect on state Covid-19 numbers detailed

Texas Governor Greg Abbott began relaxing restrictions on Texans through Executive Orders issued on April 17, 2020. More orders along that line followed on April 27. These decisions were met with a full range of reactions bookended with completely opposite views. Some Texans feared the virus would get much worse while other Texans were relieved that they could go back to their jobs before there wasn't a job in which to return.

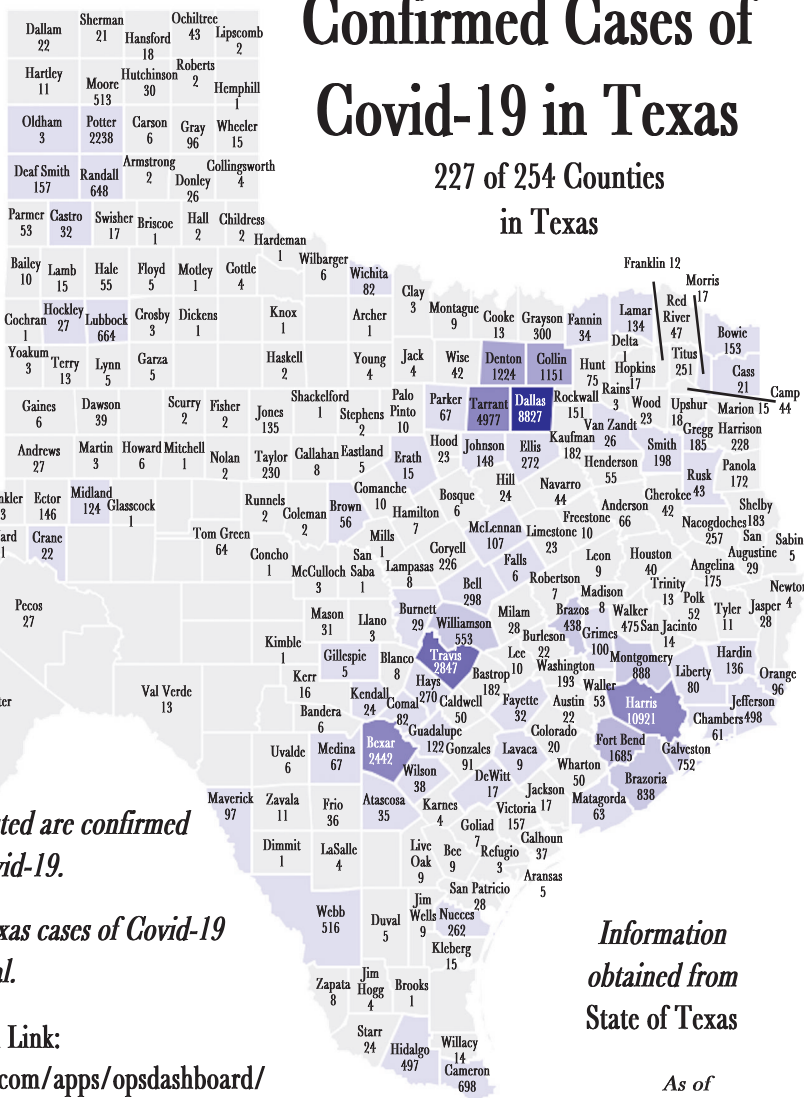
Insight into the success or failure of Re-Open Texas comes by looking at the various statistics measured on a daily basis in Texas. Although the first few categories appear discouraging, these numbers have been quite encouraging overall. The following statements are based on numbers reported from May 1, 2020, through May 25, 2020.

Number of Counties with Covid-19 Cases
On May 1, 210 of Texas' 254

counties had at least one case of Covid-19. Only 17 more counties reported cases between May 1 and May 25. Fifteen of

Confirmed Cases of Covid-19 in Texas

227 of 254 Counties in Texas



BJH Honor Graduates! Blackwell Junior High School honor graduates for 2020 have been announced. The Valedictorian (left) is Karter Cummings, son of Wiley Cummings and Tara Cummings. The Salutatorian is Jesus Gonzalez, son of Jesus Gonzalez and Celina Gonzalez.

these 17 counties had between 1 and 5 cases reported with two more coming in with between 5 and 10 cases. Texas. This number was 22,662 on May 25 for an increase of 8,371.

Fatalities from Covid-19 in Texas

On May 1, there had been 816 fatalities in Texas attributed to Covid-19. There were 1,527 on May 25 for an increase of 711.

Hospitalizations for Covid-19 in Texas

On May 1, there were 1,778 Texans hospitalized for Covid-19. On May 25, there were 1,511. This shows a decrease of 267 patients.

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906,074 Tested
55,971 Confirmed Cases
1,511 Hospitalized
1,527 Fatalities

6.17% of all Texans tested are confirmed to have Covid-19.

2.72% of all confirmed Texas cases of Covid-19 are fatal.

Helpful Link:

<https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9c9cf8b83>

Information obtained from State of Texas

As of Monday, May 25, 2020