

**...Back to School tips**  
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 and private vehicle commuters to school each day. Children may also be walking in single file instead of larger groups which may make it more difficult to notice them when they are crossing streets.

In 2018, according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), there were 765 traffic crashes in Texas school zones, resulting in 1 death and 15 serious injuries. The most common causes for these crashes were failure to control speed, driver inattention, and failure to yield the right of way. In addition, last year there were 2,357 traffic crashes involving school buses in Texas, which resulted in 5 fatalities and 42 serious injuries. Speed and driver inattention also were the top factors in those crashes.

Whether it is a parents' oldest just starting kindergarten, or they're taking that first trip to school in his or her own car, parents can play an important role in keeping their children safe. For young children, make sure they know the rules about school bus safety when it comes to boarding and getting off the bus. If transporting children to school, remember that children under 13 should always ride in the back seat in a car seat (including a booster), or seat belt, depending on whether they fit properly in the seat belt. Teen drivers and their parents should be aware of the Texas Graduated Driver License Law and the restrictions it puts in place, including no cell phone use and no more than one

passenger under 21 in the vehicle unless the passenger is related to the driver. And, most importantly, always stress buckling up on every trip — even on those short trips to and from school!

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Passenger Safety and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Community Health Educator, Milissa Wright from Coke, Concho, Menard, and Sterling Counties reminds drivers and children to follow these safety tips from TxDOT to avoid needless tragedies.

**Tips for Children Walking or Biking to School**

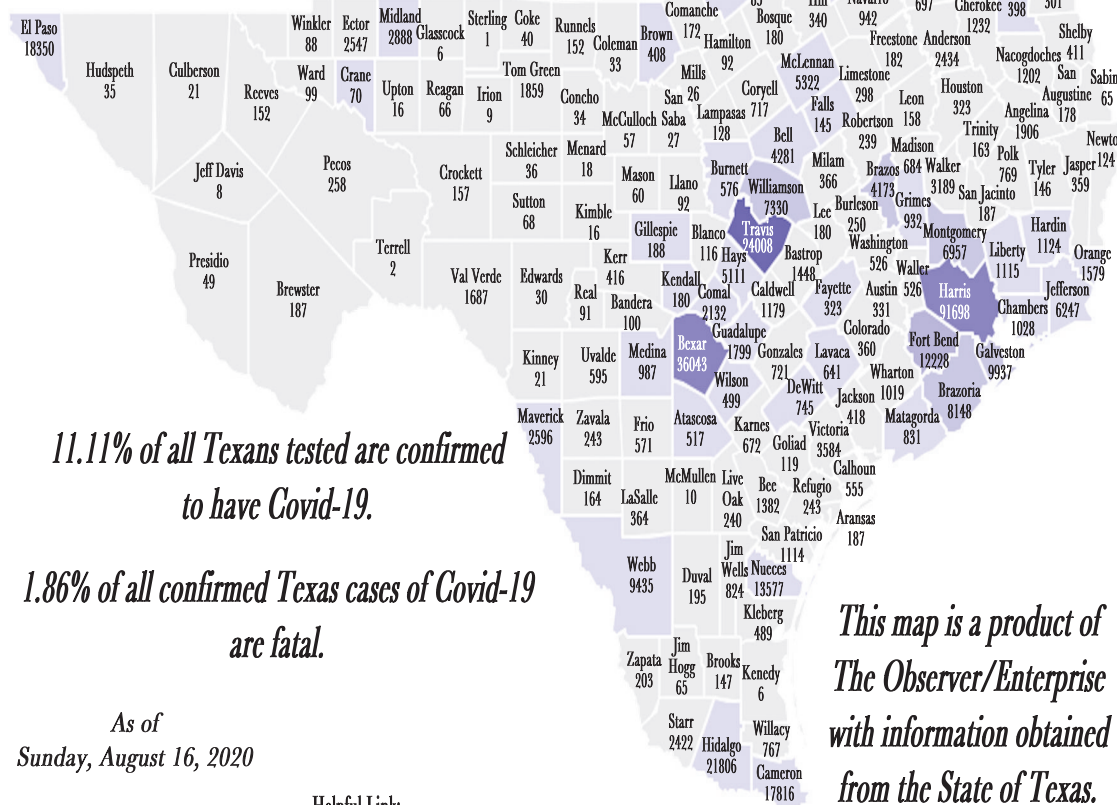
- Always walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- Cross the street at intersections or marked crosswalks. Look left, right, and left again before proceeding.
- Always obey crossing guards.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.
- Follow all traffic rules, signs, and signals.

**Tips for Driving in School Zones**

- Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law.

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4,816,487  
 Tested  
 535,582  
 Confirmed Cases  
 6,267  
 Hospitalized  
 9,983  
 Fatalities



**Confirmed Cases of Covid-19 in Texas**  
 251 of 254 Counties in Texas

*This map is a product of The Observer/Enterprise with information obtained from the State of Texas.*

	8-1	8-2	8-3	8-4	8-5	8-6	8-7	8-8	8-9	8-10	8-11	8-12	8-13	8-14	8-15	8-16
<b>Counties w/Covid-19</b>	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	251	251	251	251
<b>Confirmed Cases</b>	430,485	436,175	442,014	451,181	459,887	467,485	474,524	481,483	486,362	490,817	500,620	506,820	513,575	520,593	528,838	535,582
<b>Active Cases</b>	141,044	147,261	137,576	137,658	136,738	135,878	134,760	134,797	133,058	133,584	133,598	139,808**	128,526	127,274	125,732	125,487
<b>Fatalities</b>	6,837	6,979	7,016	7,261	7,497	7,803	8,096	8,343	8,459	8,490	8,710	9,034	9,289	9,602	9,840	9,983
<b>Hospitalized</b>	8,969	8,610	8,819	8,674	8,455	8,302	8,065	7,872	7,437	7,437	7,216	7,028	6,879	6,632	6,481	6,267
<b>Tested</b>	4,028,066	4,078,363	4,143,342	4,178,213	4,221,329	4,263,342	4,306,978	4,329,258	4,379,446	4,400,049	4,421,806	4,549,474	4,611,777	4,657,625	4,774,992	4,816,487
<b>Recovered</b>	282,605	***	297,422	306,262	316,652	323,804	331,668	338,343	344,845	349,833	358,312	367,354	375,760	383,717	393,266	399,572
<b># Daily New Cases</b>	9,539	5,690	5,839	9,167	8,706	7,598	7,039	6,959	4,879	4,455	8,913	6,200	6,755	7,018	8,245	6,204
<b># Daily New Active Cases</b>	-142	6,217	-9,685	82	-920	-860	-1,118	37	-1,739	526	14	6,210***	-11,282	-1,252	-1,542	-245
<b>#Daily New Fatalities</b>	268	142	37	245	235	306	293	247	116	31	220	324	255	313	238	143
<b># Daily New Hospitalizations</b>	-367	-359	209	-145	-219	-153	-237	-193	-435	0	-221	-188	-131	-247	-151	-214
<b># Daily New Testing</b>	38,036	49,397	64,979	34,871	43,116	42,013	43,636	22,280	50,188	20,603	21,757	127,668	62,303	45,848	117,367	41,495
<b>% Confirmed of those Tested</b>	10.68	10.69	10.66	10.79	10.89	10.96	11.01	11.12	11.10	11.15	11.32	11.14	11.13	11.17	11.07	11.11
<b>% Active</b>	32.76	33.76	31.12	30.51	29.73	29.06	28.39	27.99	27.35	27.21	26.68	26.36	25.02	24.44	23.91	23.43
<b>% Hospitalized</b>	2.08	1.97	1.99	1.92	1.83	1.77	1.69	1.63	1.52	1.51	1.44	1.38	1.33	1.27	1.22	1.17
<b>% Fatal</b>	1.58	1.60	1.58	1.60	1.63	1.66	1.70	1.73	1.73	1.72	1.73	1.78	1.80	1.84	1.86	1.86
<b>% Recovered</b>	65.64	***	67.28	67.88	68.63	60.26	69.89	70.27	70.90	71.27	71.57	72.48	73.16	73.70	74.78	74.60