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COVID-19: Texas Update

April 1, 2020

1. Extended and expanded mitigation measures ...

In a [press conference](#) from the Texas Capitol, Governor Abbott announced that he was extending ... and expanding ... mitigation measures through a new [Executive Order](#).

- The Governor's mitigation measures will remain in effect until April 30 ...
- Schools will remain closed until at least May 4 ... raising the likelihood that they will not reopen this year ...

Governor Abbott tied his newest order to federal guidance, including a definition of essential services in line with the [Department of Homeland Security's guidance](#) on essential critical infrastructure workforce.



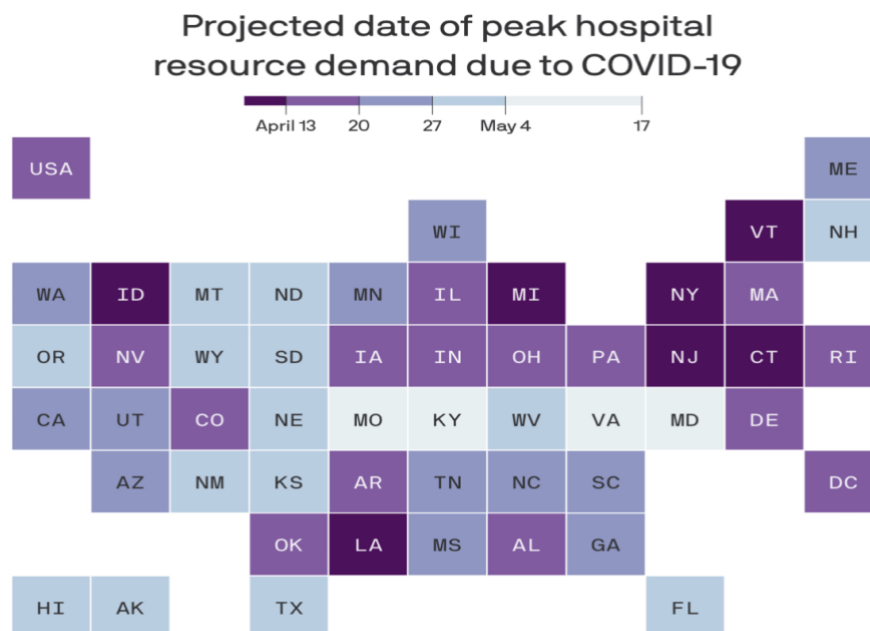
The Order permits [churches to conduct services](#) ... so long as they are abiding by proper social distancing measures if they are conducting in-person services. He also encouraged churches to hold virtual or drive-up services.

2. Federal officials issue dire projections on number of deaths ...

The White House's [coronavirus coordinator projected](#) that 200,000 Americans could perish ... Dr. Birx predicted these dire numbers even "if we do things together well, almost perfectly."

President Trump predicted that the number of deaths would not peak for another two weeks ... and Dr. Fauci, the nation's leading infectious-disease expert, said that he expects a new outbreak of the virus in the fall.

Here's data on when different states will see peaks:



Data: [IHME](#) COVID-19 health service utilization forecasting team. Cartogram: Andrew Witherspoon/Axios

3. Other tidbits ...

Governor Abbott announces the [Comfort Food Care Package program](#) to provide meals for at-risk families across Texas.

The [Fifth Circuit](#) has promptly stayed a federal district court order which had reopened abortion clinics a day before ...

That is all today.