

CITY OF SEGUIN

COVID-19 Update to City Council

APRIL 7, 2020



It's real.

City Council Virtual Meeting

Presentation and update to City Council regarding
COVID-19 and provide direction to staff

COVID 19 Case Update 3/24/20

	Global	United States	Texas on March 16 th	Texas on March 24 th
Confirmed Cases	329,935	32,717	57	715
Deaths	14,386	409	0	11

4 cases in Guadalupe County: Cibolo- March 20th and Schertz- March 22nd 2 cases in the unincorporated areas of Seguin

No Cases Reported in Seguin

COVID 19 Case Update 4/7/20

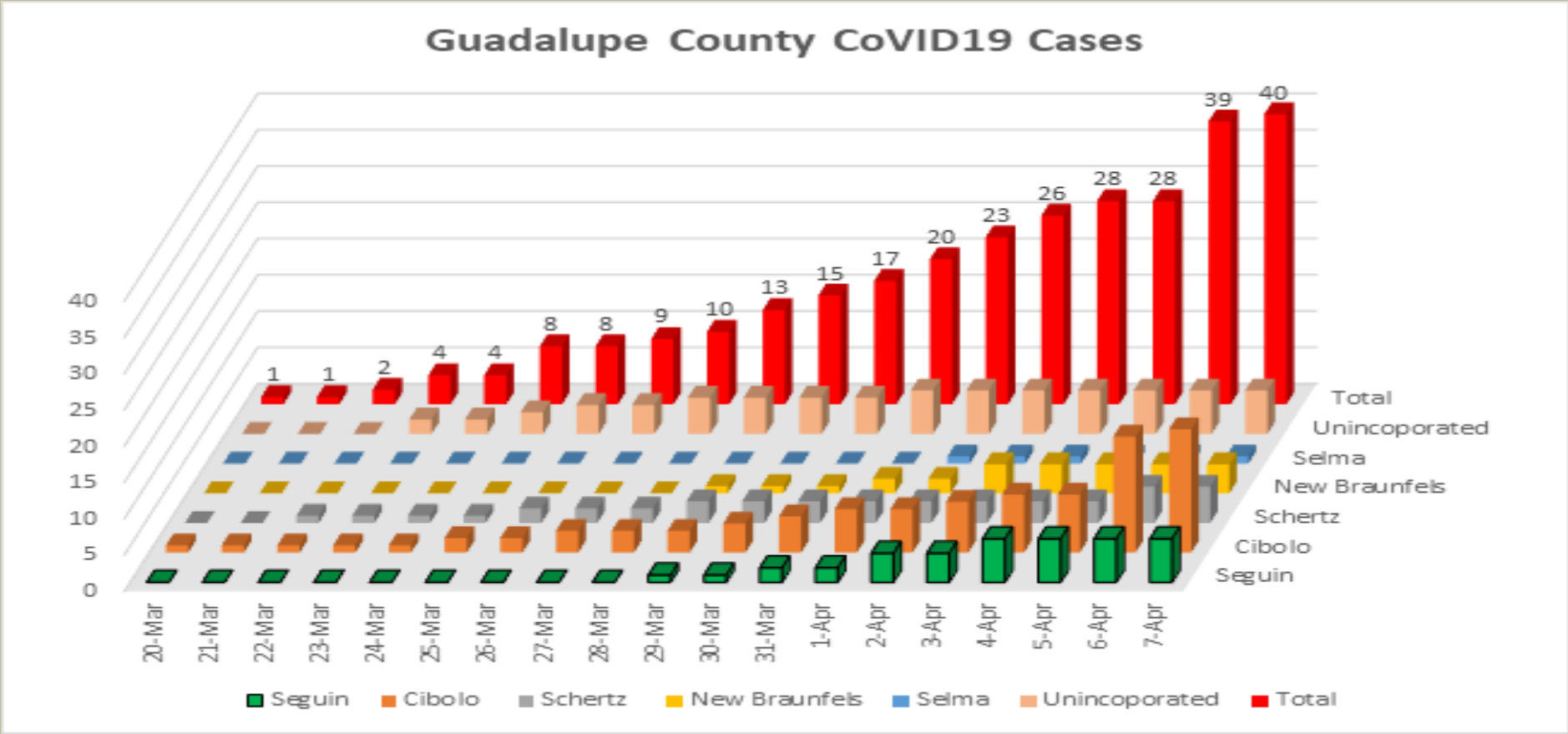
	Global	United States	Texas on March 24th	Texas on April 7th
Confirmed Cases	1,345,048	366,614	715	7,276
Deaths	74,565	10,783	11	140

40 cases in Guadalupe County: Cibolo- 14, Schertz-8 New Braunfels- 4, Selma-1, Unincorporated areas of Guadalupe- 7

6 have recovered

6 Cases Reported in Seguin

COVID 19 Case Update 4/7/20



Efforts To Date:

- **Executive Team established to develop core policy issues**
 - Assistant City Manager
 - Public Information Officer
 - Human Resources
 - City Attorney
 - Public Safety

- **Daily conference call with Texas Dept. of State Health Services**

- **Director's Team creating measures to protect employees and citizens including:**
 - Social Distancing
 - Work from Home Potential
 - Staggered shifts
 - Increased disinfection practices in work areas
 - Use of Technology for remote meetings

- **Weekly Conference Calls with Hospital starting last week**

Hospital Update:

- **Preparing for a “Surge”**
 - **“Surge” - pandemic creates a spike greater than the resources**
 - **Procedures that are elective have been cancelled**
 - **Personal Protective Equipment**

- **Meeting with federal and state health officials including STRAC (Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council) to assist in monitoring of resources for the region**

- **69 Tests Conducted- 13% positive rate**
 - **48 Complete- 39 Negative, 9 Positive**
 - **21 Pending**

- **Private Physicians also have access to tests**

Timeline of events:

- **March 17th- Seguin Mayor signs State of Local Disaster**
 - **Allows the City to request financial aid and assistance**
 - **Allows the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus**

- **March 20th- Governor Abbott signs Executive Order**
 - **Bans gatherings of 10 or more**
 - **Dining in restaurants**
 - **Closing of gyms, bars, massage parlors**

Timeline of events:

➤ **March 23rd- Mayor Signs 2nd Disaster Declaration to include the following:**

- bars, wineries, breweries;
- restaurant dining rooms (take-out and delivery will remain permitted);
- gyms, health clubs, fitness clubs, yoga studios;
- movie theaters;
- bowling alleys;
- game rooms and other indoor amusement facilities;
- private clubs;
- nail salons, hair salons, barber shops, beauty salons and hair removal services;
- spas and massage parlors;
- tattoo and piercing shops, and;
- other social gatherings, including churches, whether indoor or outdoor, where 10 or more persons congregate and where the business is not providing an essential service.

➤ **March 24th- City Council ratifies Mayor's Order**

Timeline of events:

- **March 31st- Governor extends decree to April 30th and suspends school until May 4th. Deems religious activities as essential service but recommends following of CDC guidelines.**
- **April 3rd – County Judge creates a Stay Safe/Stay Home Order**

****For All Intents and Purposes, The Governor's Order, the County's Order and the City's Order are all substantially similar****

Working with Big Box Retailers- Walmart, Home Depot, HEB

Numerous complaints via social media on overcrowding of stores

➤ HEB

- **One Way In- One Way Out**
- **Social Distancing Signage**
- **Limiting Occupancy During Peak Hours**

➤ Walmart

- **One Way In- One Way Out**
- **Social Distancing Signage**
- **Limiting Occupancy to 5 customers per 1,000 square feet**

➤ Home Depot

- **One Way In- One Way Out**
- **Social Distancing Signage**
- **Limiting 150 customers**

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➤ Future Possible Occupancy Restrictions

Building Square Footage	Customers
Less than 3,000	10 People
3,001 to 10,000	20 People
10,001 to 50,000	50 People
Over 50,000	100 People

Community Reminders:

- **Practice Social Distancing**
- **Wash Your Hands**
- **Do Not Go Out In Public If You Are Sick- Quarantine Yourself From Your Family**
- **Do Not Take Your Family To The Grocery Store If At All Possible**
- **Be Patient At The Grocery- Do Not Reach Around People**

Community Reminders:

- **CDC recommends people wear masks while in public especially when within 6ft of someone.**
 - **Encourage community to not use n95s or surgical masks-please leave for health care professionals.**

Helping our Business Community

- **Weekly Conference Calls with Manufacturer's Association**
- **Seguin EDC and Main Street working together to get information out to help support local businesses affected by this pandemic**
 - **Small Business Association Emergency Disaster Loan Programs**
 - **Small Business Resources Links and Updates**
 - **Remote Working Tools**
 - **Local Business Promotions**
 - **Take Out Curbside Businesses**

* Resources found at seguinedc.com/coronavirus-updates

Financial Update

➤ General Fund

- Collected 99.89% of our budgeted revenues through March 26th
- Sales tax through January 2020- 11.36%
 - ✓ Now collecting on Residential utilities
 - ✓ March Sales tax impact will not be known until May
- Building Permits- 74.29% of budgeted revenue collected
- Court Collection and Rental Fees will be down for the months of March and April
- Travel and Training Budgets not being used
- Only necessary expenditures are being approved
- \$2M Emergency Fund

Financial Update

➤ Utility Fund

- **92 Payment Arrangements**
 - ✓ 59 paid in full
 - ✓ 21 have made payments
 - ✓ 12 have not made payments
- **45 Accounts that were scheduled for cut off in March that have not made payment arrangements**
 - ✓ March and April bills are now due
 - ✓ Balances Range from \$51.39 to \$674.64
 - ✓ Total due is \$16,028.68

- **Strong Fund Balance in Utility Fund**

Financial Update

➤ Utility Fund

- **Utility Assistance Program- administered by Community Council of South Texas**
- **Currently limited to \$300 maximum allowance**
- **Consideration to increase allowance to \$500**

COVID-19 Information page:

<http://bit.ly/SeguinCOVID-19info>

QUESTIONS?

PRIOR
INFORMATION

Key Department Changes:

- **All Lobbies closed to General Public including Development Services, Utility Billing, Visitor's Center and Municipal Courts**
- **Library Closed but providing drive-thru services**
- **Seguin Events Complex closed**
- **Animal Services- Pet adoptions and reclaims by appointment only**
- **All Non-essential boards and commission meetings cancelled**
- **City events cancelled or postponed until a later date**

Key Department Changes:

- **Working with Utility Customers to set up payment plans for utilities**
- **Waived credit card and processing fees in order to encourage citizens to pay on-line**
- **Disconnect and late fees for non-payment of utility accounts suspended**
- **Developed work from home policy for staff that are eligible**
- **Created flex schedules to minimize the number of staff that are in the office at one-time or who have child care issues**

Key Department Changes:

- **Splash Pad at Park West is closed**
- **All City Parks closed Easter weekend; Starcke Golf course closed Easter Sunday; **Wave Pool will be closed this summer-New Info****
- **Parks and Recreation will open employee daycare on March 26th- Did not happen, not enough employee participation- New Info**
- **Emergency protocols in place for police and fire**
- **Core services are still being provided throughout the City**