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# Best Practices: Entering COVID-19 Labs in NEDSS

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# Introduction



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## Objective:

- To review the steps to enter a positive COVID-19 lab report in NEDSS
- Source of lab reports (excluding ELRs):
  - E-fax and/or fax
  - Mail
  - Email

# COVID-19 Lab Report Entry Steps



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The following slides will outline these steps to search and enter lab reports

- Step 1: Conduct patient record search
- Step 2: If no results are found, add new patient
- Step 3: Complete & submit patient demographics
- Step 4: Add new lab report
  - Review samples of the hardcopy labs and their fields
  - Show where data elements from these labs will go in NEDSS

# Do NOT Enter these as a Lab Report...



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- Self-Reported test results **without** an actual lab report
- Reports from schools and/or businesses
  - Line List from schools are NOT lab reports
  - Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) reports BinaxNow test results to us that are collected in schools

# Keep in Mind.....



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- Majority of laboratories are sending COVID results electronically
- In-house performed tests and reference labs
  - Some labs will collect then send to another lab
  - Others will perform and report the test
  - Lab facility name can be different in NEDSS form the one on hard copy.
- Some test names do not clearly ID test type (i.e. Antigen, PCR)
  - Google test name to check and review test



# Lab Report Example 1

INFECTION PREVENTION  
120 E Harris Avenue  
SAN ANGELO TX 76903-5904

MRN: 20682121, DOB: [REDACTED] Sex: M  
Adm: 12/28/2020, D/C: —

12/28/2020 - ED to Hosp-Admission (Current) in Shannon Medical Center Intensive Care Unit (continued)

Clinical Notes (continued)

Electronically signed by: YANELA DUENAS MILIAN, MD 1/23/2021 6:21 PM

## Labs

### COVID-19 (in-house rapid PCR) (Final result)

#### Specimen Information

ID	Type	Source	Collected By
21H-023M0116	Swab	Nasopharyngeal	Lester Denson, RN 01/23/21 1653

### COVID-19 (in-house rapid PCR) (Abnormal)

Resulted: 01/23/21 1719, Result status: Final result

Ordering provider: Kenneth A. Perret II, MD 01/23/21 1645

Order status: Completed

Filed by: Carmen Longoria, TECH 01/23/21 1719

Collected by: Lester Denson, RN 01/23/21 1653

Resulting lab: SHANNON MEDICAL CENTER LAB

Narrative:

Positive results are indicative of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA; clinical correlation with patient history and other diagnostic information is necessary to determine patient infection status. Positive results do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses.

Negative results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for patient management decisions. Negative results must be combined with clinical observations, patient history, and epidemiological information.

This test is only for use under the Food and Drug Administration's Emergency Use Authorization.

Acknowledged by: Peggy Creel, RN on 01/23/21 1805

#### Components

Component	Value	Reference Range	Flag	Lab
COVID-19 (in-house rapid PCR)	Positive	Negative	A !	SMCHL

# Patient Search Example 1



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FIRST, search for patient

- Enter first 3 letters of first name AND enter last name for unique names for a more broad search
- Enter full first and last name and/or DOB for common names

**Patient Search**

Search Demographics  
*(By default, search uses 'Starts With'. To search using 'Contains', enter % at start of text or use Advanced Search)*

Last Name:  ←

First Name:  ←

DOB:  ←

Current Sex:  ▾

Search Identifiers

Event ID Type:  ▾

Patient ID(s):   
*(Separate IDs by commas, semicolons, or spaces)*

[Advanced Search](#)

# Existing Patient Record Example 1



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- If the patient is already in the system, their name will appear.
- Click 'Patient ID' hyperlink to open their account.

Home | Data Entry | Open Investigations | Reports | Help | Logout

Search Results User : Katherine Bourne

[New Search](#) | [Refine Search](#) Add New

Your Search Criteria: Last Name Starts With 'ful', First Name Starts With 'dee', DOB Equal '08/22/1992', resulted in 1 possible matches. Would you like to [refine your search](#) or [add a new patient](#) ?

Results 1 to 1 of 1 | Remove All Filters/Sorts

Patient ID	Name	Age/DOB/Sex	Address	Phone/Email	ID
	Legal		Home	Home	

**\*\*IMPORTANT** to ALWAYS search for patient in multiple ways before adding lab in order to prevent duplicates



# Lab Exists in NEDSS: Example 1



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This patient already has this lab added to their patient record in NEDSS, so **do not enter manually**.

Lab Reports (1)			
Date Received	Reporting Facility/Provider	Date Collected	Test Results
01/23/2021 9:00 PM 	Reporting Facility: Shannon Medical Center Ordering Provider: KENNETH PERRET II	01/23/2021	SARS-CoV-2 RNA Resp QI NAA+probe: Positive Reference Range: (Negative) - (Final)

How to confirm it's the same lab:

- Specimen collection date
- Test name
- Test result
- Accession number/Specimen ID

Facility and Provider Information

\* Reporting Facility: Shannon Medical Center  
 Ordering Facility: SHANNON HEALTH SERVICE AREA  
 120 E HARRIS AVENUE  
 SAN ANGELO, Texas 76903-5904  
 325-658-1511  
 Ordering Provider: KENNETH PERRET II  
 120 E Beauregard Ave  
 SAN ANGELO, Texas 76903-5919

Order Details

\* Program Area: COVID-19  
 \* Jurisdiction: Public Health Region 9/10  
 Shared Indicator: Yes  
 Lab Report Date: 01/23/2021  
 \* Date Received by Public Health: 01/23/2021  
 Pregnancy Status:  
 Weeks:

Test Results  
[Collapse Subsections](#)

Ordered Test

Ordered Test: SARS-CoV-2 RNA Resp QI NAA+probe  
 Ordered Test Codes: 94500-6 (LN LOINC)/  
 Status: Final  
 Accession Number: 21H-023M0116  
 Specimen Source: Swab  
 Specimen Site:  
 Specimen Collection Date/Time: 2021-01-23 16:53:00.0  
 Patient Status at Specimen Collection:  
 Specimen Details: 257261003

Resulted Test

Resulted Test	Coded Result / Organism Name	Numeric Result	Units	Text Result	Ref Range From	Ref
SARS-CoV-2 RNA Resp QI NAA+probe	Positive				Negative	

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# Lab Report Example 2



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Medical Center Hospital  
500 W. 4TH Street  
Odessa, TX 79761-5001

Patient: [REDACTED]  
MRN: 000594031 Admit: 4/30/2021  
FIN: 1201843146 Disch:  
DOB/Age/Sex: [REDACTED] 76 years Male Admitting: Bastidas Palacios, Alexander  
Location: MCH ICU4; 4008; A

## Infectious Disease

Legend: c=Corrected, @=Abnormal, C=Critical, L=Low, H=High, F=Result Comment, i=Interp Data, \*Performing Lab  
Laboratory Director: CLIA#

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## Infectious Diseases

Procedure	Result	Units	Reference Range
SARS-CoV-2 PCR	Positive <sup>c</sup> <sup>01</sup>		
Influenza A virus PCR	Negative <sup>01</sup>		[Negative]
Influenza B virus PCR	Negative <sup>01</sup>		[Negative]
RSV PCR	Negative <sup>01</sup>		[Negative]

### Corrected Results

c1: SARS-CoV-2 PCR  
Result comment modified on 5/9/2021 18:32 CDT by Nuguid, Wesley ,MT Chemistry  
PUI: C050904  
Result comment added on 5/9/2021 18:22 CDT by Nuguid, Wesley ,MT Chemistry

### Result Comments

f1: SARS-CoV-2 PCR  
Critical results called to JARED PONCE CCU at 5/9/2021 18:31:54 CDT by WN. Read back and verified? Y

### Order Comments

01: SARS-CoV-2 /Flu A&B/RSV PCR  
PUI: C050904

# Lab Exists in NEDSS: Example 2



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Patient has a lab that looks like the same lab, but reported by DSHS lab. Ordered/collected from Medical Center Hospital.

Lab Reports (2)																								
Date Received	Reporting Facility/Provider	Date Collected	Test Results																					
06/01/2021 3:10 PM <b>E</b> Previously Associated to Investigation	Reporting Facility: TEXAS DSHS AUSTIN	05/09/2021	SARS-CoV-2 RNA XXX QI NAA+probe: Detected																					
<a href="#">Collapse Subsections</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Facility and Provider Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting Facility: TEXAS DSHS AUSTIN</li> <li>Ordering Facility: MEDICAL CENTER HOSP LAB 500 WEST 4TH ST 3RD FLOOR ODESSA, Texas 79761</li> <li>Ordering Provider: 2261 JAMES TURMAN RD Giddings, Texas 78942 979-542-4551</li> </ul>																								
<input type="checkbox"/> Order Details <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program Area: COVID-19</li> <li>Jurisdiction: Public Health Region 9/10</li> <li>Shared Indicator: Yes</li> <li>Lab Report Date: 05/28/2021</li> <li>Date Received by Public Health: 06/01/2021</li> <li>Pregnancy Status:</li> <li>Weeks:</li> </ul>																								
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This lab had all of the same info below:

- Specimen collection date
- Test name
- Test result
- Accession number/Specimen ID (Not provided on lab report from Medical Center Hospital)

# Lab Report Example 3



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PATIENT  
R  
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C  
E  
I  
V  
E  
D  
B  
Y  
[Redacted]

Room Num: OP

Rice, Robert FNP  
Pecos Valley Rural Health Clinic  
2335 S. Pigman St.  
Pecos, TX 79772  
(432) 447-3551

## Reeves County Hospital District

432-447-3551 Ext. 433/434 Fax 432-447-3700  
2323 Texas Street  
Pecos, TX 79772

CLIA# 45D0509176  
Paula Washington, MD Medical Lab Director

SAMPLE ID 873141	AGE 78	DATE REPORTED 12/23/2020 10:04
ENCOUNTER ID 20084175	SEX M	DRAW DATE 12/23/2020 09:46
PATENT ID 30303		DELIVERY DATE 12/23/2020 09:46
REQUISITION#		

## ID-NOW COVID-19

12/23/20 10:05

12/23/20 10:04

Relayed critical results to & RB by: ROBERT RICE, FNP  
called by: CM ( ID-NOW COV-19 )

12/23/20 10:04

Copy to INFECTION CONTROL & MM

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### ID-NOW COVID-19

12/23/20 09:46

A! Positive

#### LIMITATIONS

• The performance of the ID NOW COVID-19 was evaluated using the procedures provided in this product insert only. Modifications to these procedures may alter the performance of the test.

Ref. Range/Males

Negative

# Add New Patient Example 3



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- Search results for this example had '0 possible matches':
- Choose '**Add New**' in lower right corner to add new patient

Home | Data Entry | Open Investigations | Reports | Help | Logout

Search Results User : Katherine Bourne

[New Search](#) | [Refine Search](#)

[Add New](#)

Your Search Criteria: Last Name Starts With 'TestPatient', First Name Starts With 'TestPatient', DOB Equal '01/01/2001', Current Sex Equal 'Male', resulted in 0 possible matches. Would you like to [refine your search](#) or [add a new patient?](#)

| Remove All Filters/Sorts

Patient ID	Name	Age/DOB/Sex	Address	Phone/Email	ID
Nothing found to display.					

[Add New](#)

# Patient Tab Example 3



Once the patient is in the system, the Patient Tab will be displayed.

- This tab contains fields to enter the patient's demographic information.

## NEDSS Patient Tab

The screenshot displays the NEDSS Patient Tab form with the following sections and data:

- Basic Demographic Data**
  - [Collapse Subsections](#)
  - General Information**
    - Information As of Date: 08/12/2021
    - Comments: [Empty text area]
- Name Information**
  - Last Name: DOE-SMITH
  - First Name: JOHN
  - Middle Name: [Empty]
  - Suffix: [Empty]
- Other Personal Details**
  - DOB: 01/01/2001
  - Current Age: 20 Years
  - Current Sex: Male
  - Birth Sex: [Empty]
  - Is the patient deceased?: [Empty]
  - Date of Death: [Empty]
  - Marital Status: [Empty]
- Address**
  - Street Address 1: [Empty]
  - Street Address 2: [Empty]
  - City: [Empty]
  - State: Texas
  - Zip: [Empty]
  - County: [Empty]
  - Census Tract: [Empty]
  - Country: United States
- Telephone**
  - Home Phone: [Empty]
  - Work Phone: [Empty]
  - Work Phone Ext: [Empty]
  - Cell Phone: [Empty]
  - Email: [Empty]

# Patient Tab: Required Fields Example 3



9/11/2021 NBS.Add Patient - Basic

Add Patient - Basic

Submit Cancel Add Extended Data

Basic Demographic Data

General Information

Information As of Date: 09/11/2021 \*Date will auto-populate

Comments:

Name Information

Last Name: TestPatient  
First Name: TestPatient  
Middle Name:  
Suffix:

Other Personal Details

DOB: 01/01/2001  
Current Age: 20 Years  
Current Sex: Male  
Birth Sex:  
Is the patient deceased?  
Date of Death:  
Marital Status:

Address

Street Address 1:  
Street Address 2:  
City:  
State: Texas  
Zip:  
County:  
Census Tract:  
Country: United States

Telephone

Home Phone:  
Work Phone:  
Work Phone Ext:  
Cell Phone:  
Email:

Ethnicity and Race Information

Ethnicity:  
Race:  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black or African American

100.542.2.10: /u11nbs/patientsearchresults1.00 /contextAction=Add 1/2

You can press the 'tab' key on your keyboard to move between fields if you prefer.

## COVID-19 Required fields:

- Last Name
- First Name
- DOB
- Current Sex
- Is the patient deceased?
- Date of Death
- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip
- County
- Cell Phone
- Ethnicity
- Race

# Patient Tab: Submit Example 3



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- Although only certain fields are required for data entry, DSHS recommends entering all patient data that is available.
- Once you have completed entering the data, click **Submit** at the bottom of the page.

Ethnicity and Race Information

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White  
 Other  
 Refused to answer  
 Not Asked  
 Unknown

Identification

Type	Assigning Authority	ID Value
No Data has been entered.		

Type:   
Assigning Authority:   
ID Value:



# Patient File: Add New Event Example 3



- Patient File will open
- Click on '**Events**' tab to add a new event.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for a patient file. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'Data Entry', 'Open Investigations', and 'Reports'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for 'Help' and 'Logout', and the user's name 'User : Katherine Bourne' is displayed next to a small Texas state flag icon. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Patient File'. A 'Print' button is located on the right side of the page. The main content area displays patient information: 'TestPatient TestPatient | Male | 01/01/2001 (20 Years)' and 'Patient ID: 78114962'. There are three tabs: 'Summary', 'Events', and 'Demographics'. The 'Events' tab is highlighted in green, and a red arrow points to it. Below the tabs, there is a 'Patient Summary' section with a 'Go to:' link and three options: 'Patient Summary', 'Open Investigations', and 'Documents Requiring Review'. The 'Patient Summary' section contains a table with the following data:

<b>Address (Home)</b> 55 Main St. Austin, Texas 78758 Travis County	<b>Cell</b> 555-555-5555	No ID Info Available	<b>Race</b> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <b>Ethnicity</b> Not Hispanic or Latino
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Below the table, there are two sections: 'Open Investigations (0)' and 'Documents Requiring Review (0)', each with a 'Back To Top' link. At the bottom of the page, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' links. The 'Events' tab is highlighted in the bottom navigation bar as well.



# Events Tab for Example 3

Home | Data Entry | Open Investigations | Reports | Help | Logout  
User : Katherine Bourne

Patient File Print

**Bob TestPatient | Male | 01/01/2001 (20 Years)** Patient ID: 78463008

Summary | Events | Demographics Expand All | Collapse All

Go to: [Investigations](#) | [Lab Reports](#) | [Morbidity Reports](#) | [Vaccinations](#) | [Treatments](#) | [Documents](#) | [Contact Records](#)

**Patient Events History**

Investigations (0)	<a href="#">Add New</a>	<a href="#">Back To Top</a>
Lab Reports (0)	<a href="#">Add New</a>	<a href="#">Back To Top</a>
Morbidity Reports (0)	<a href="#">Add New</a>	<a href="#">Back To Top</a>
Vaccinations (0)	<a href="#">Add New</a>	<a href="#">Back To Top</a>
Treatments (0)		<a href="#">Back To Top</a>
Documents (0)		<a href="#">Back To Top</a>
Contact Records (0)		<a href="#">Back To Top</a>

[Previous](#) [Next](#)

Summary | Events | Demographics

In the Events Tab, the following records can be added by selecting **Add New**:

- Investigation
- **Lab report**
- Morbidity report
- Vaccinations
- Treatments
- Documents
- Contact records

# Add New Lab Report for Example 3




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If an Electronic Lab Report is not already present in the Patient File, you can add one manually:

- Select a condition
- Choose 'Novel Coronavirus 2019' from the drop-down menu
- Click **Submit** key

Home | Data Entry | Open Investigations | Reports | Help | Logout

Select Condition User: Katherine Bourne 

Please select a condition:

# Add New Lab Report Example 3 Continued



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Add Lab Report

Bob TestPatient | Male | 01/01/2001 (20 Years) Patient ID: 78463008  
Address: 1100 W 49th St, Austin, TX 78758 SSN: \* Indicates a Required Field

**Order Information**

**Facility and Provider Information**

\* Reporting Facility: Search - OR - Quick Code Lookup  
Reporting Facility Selected:  
Ordering Facility: Search - OR - Quick Code Lookup  
Ordering Facility Selected:  
Same as Reporting Facility:   
Ordering Provider: Search - OR - Quick Code Lookup  
Ordering Provider Selected:

**Order Details**

\* Program Area:  
\* Jurisdiction: Austin HHS Division (City of)  
Shared Indicator:   
Lab Report Date:  
\* Date Received by Public Health: 08/18/2021  
Pregnancy Status:  
Weeks:

**Test Results**

**Ordered Test**

Ordered Test: Search Clear  
Accession Number:  
Specimen Source:  
Specimen Site:  
Specimen Collection Date/Time:  
Patient Status at Specimen Collection:

**Resulted Test**

Resulted Test	Coded Result / Organism Name	Numeric Result	Units	Text Result	Ref Range From	Ref Range To	Status	Result Comments
No Data has been entered.								

\* Resulted Test: Search Clear  
Coded Result:  
Numeric Result:  
Units:  
Text Result:

- Please refer to the *COVID-19 Data Entry Guide (DEG)* for further description of each variable, found: [DSHS NBS Data Entry Guide](#)
- **COVID-19 Required fields:**
  - Reporting Facility
  - Program Area
  - Jurisdiction
  - Date Received by Public Health
  - Pregnancy Status if female
  - Specimen Source
  - Specimen Collection Date/Time
  - Resulted Test
  - Test Result

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PATIENT RECORD BY

[Redacted Patient Name]

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 SAMPLE ID 873141  
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 PATIENT ID 30303 SEX M  
 REQUISITION#  
 DATE REPORTED 12/23/2020 10:04  
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TECH.CO

**ID-NOW COVID-19**  
 12/23/20 09:46

A! **Positive**  
 LIMITATIONS

• The performance of the ID NOW COVID-19 was evaluated using the

Ref. Range/Males  
 Negative

\* Reporting Facility:

Reporting Facility Selected: Reeves County Hospital District

Ordering Facility:  - OR -

Ordering Facility Selected: Reeves County Hospital District

Same as Reporting Facility:

Ordering Provider:  - OR -

Ordering Provider Selected:

\* Program Area:

\* Jurisdiction:

Shared Indicator:

Lab Report Date:

\* Date Received by Public Health:

Ordered Test: SARS-CoV-2 RNA Resp QI NAA+probe (94500-6)

Accession Number:

Specimen Source:

Specimen Site:

Specimen Collection Date/Time:

Patient Status at Specimen Collection:

### Resulted Test

	Resulted Test	Coded Result / Organism Name	Numeric Result	Units	Text Result	Ref
		SARS-CoV-2 RNA Resp QI NAA+probe	positive			

\* Resulted Test: SARS-CoV-2 RNA Resp QI NAA+probe (94500-6)

Coded Result:

Numeric Result:

Units:

Text Result:

Faxed Lab Report



Lab Report in NEDSS



# Add New Investigation for Example 3



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## Move onto creating a new COVID-19 case investigation:

- Select a condition
- Choose 'Novel Coronavirus 2019' from the drop-down menu
- Click **Submit** key

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## COVID-19 Public Health Resource Page:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/public-health.aspx>

## Disease Reporting & Case Definition Resources:

- [DSHS COVID-19 Variant Case Guidance](#) (PDF, V.1.0, released 3/17/2021)
- [DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Case Guidance](#) (PDF, V.2.0, released 6/10/2021)
- [DSHS COVID-19 Reinfection Guidance](#) (PDF, V.1.0, released 3/12/2021)
- [DSHS Suspect COVID-19 Case Reporting Guidance](#) (PDF, V.1.0, released 12/11/2020)
- [Determining Texas Residency for Immigrants, Refugees, and Detainees](#) (PDF, V.1.0, released 5/26/2020)
- [DSHS Case Definition and Investigation Prioritization Guidance](#) (PDF, V.2.0, released 11/01/2020)
- [DSHS Epi Case Criteria Guide](#) (PDF, V.2.0, released 11/01/2020)
- [DSHS NBS Data Entry Guide](#) (PDF, V.3.0, released 11/24/2020)

# Contact Info



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[NEDSS@DSHS.Texas.Gov](mailto:NEDSS@DSHS.Texas.Gov)

For questions or concerns regarding  
COVID-19, please contact:

[EAIDU-coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:EAIDU-coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov)