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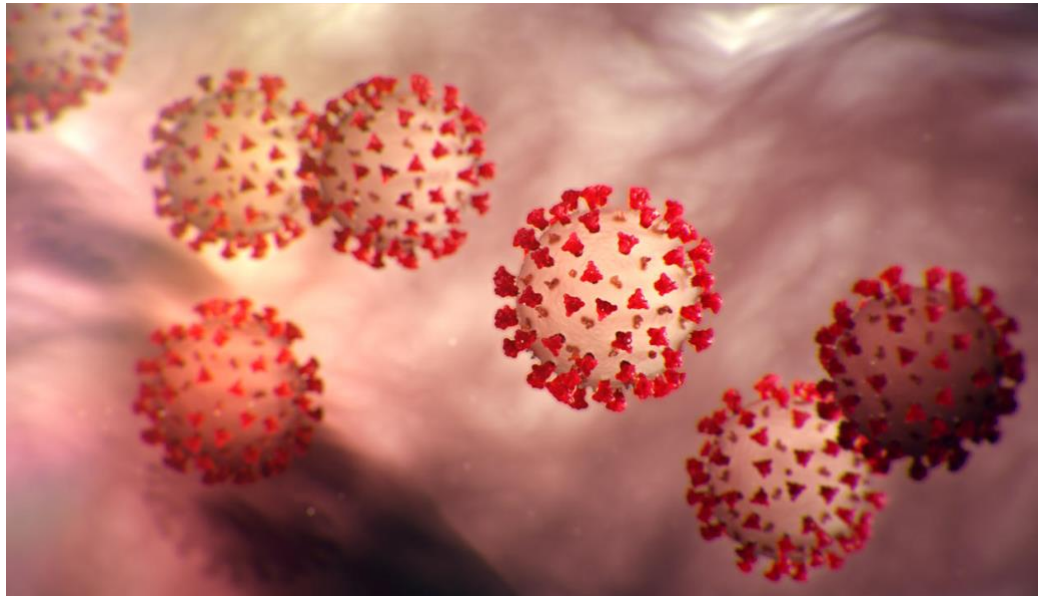
# Stafford News Update

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*COVID-19*

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## Wednesday, 3-13-20 Coronavirus Update



From Stafford Office of Emergency Management

- 3-SFD personnel are NOT symptomatic
- CDC Atlanta confirmation testing still not completed for the Stafford patient
- Case count:
  - Worldwide: 137,456
  - Texas: 28
  - Fort Bend Co.: 6
  - Harris Co: 7
  - Stafford: 1

- Hygiene practices; the following is being recommended to limit spread:
  - Wash hands frequently throughout the day
  - Use hand sanitizer
  - Clean common surface areas frequently
  - Sneeze into the bend of your arm
  - Avoid contact with those who are sick
  - If you are sick yourself contemplate staying home to limit spread of any illness
  
- State of Texas has declared a Public Health Emergency
  
- The Federal Government has declared a Public Health Emergency
  
- SMSD, in accordance with state guidance, will close school 1-additional week due to the COVID-19 outbreak. They will reevaluate on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  
- SMSD School Board meeting postponed until further notice
  
- Mayor Leonard Scarcella of the City of Stafford has announced that the Stafford Centre and Stafford Civic Center will be closed for all engagements beginning Monday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. This decision is based upon the serious health threat posed by COVID-19 and the City's desire to ensure every effort to avoid contributing to the spread of this pandemic
  
- KHOU 11 did a story Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> on the Fire Department which aired on the 6:00pm news. Story centered on the precautions taken by responding personnel, decontamination steps post-response and how we will serve the community during this time.  
<https://www.khou.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/how-stafford-firefighters-respond-to-911-calls-involving-possible-coronavirus-patients/285-a737b127-8e4b-4b6c-b481-325acbf12eec>

- HCC has extended next week's spring break at least 2 days more days to ready the campus for possible conversion to on-line classes
  - Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/index.html> for more information
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