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## We are here.

The District 9 Office is open for business. Our field office in the Frost Bank building and our downtown City office is manned although many of our staff are working remotely. We will continue to answer your calls, address your needs and concerns and update our community contacts and social media. Especially now, it is critical to stay accurately informed. The City of San Antonio will post current updates on COVID-19 [here](#).

We are also building a list of people who may be more impacted in the coming weeks and will check-in with them on a regular basis.

If you or someone you know falls into one of the categories below and need assistance, please email us at [District9@sanantonio.gov](mailto:District9@sanantonio.gov).

- Homebound seniors

- Live in a Group Home
- Families of Deployed Service Members
- On Snap or Housing Vouchers
- Small Business Owners

We are here to help.

*John Courage*

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## Calling all Volunteers!

If you have the time and are willing to help your neighbors in need, we are calling for volunteer support.

Email us at [District9@sanantonio.gov](mailto:District9@sanantonio.gov) if you'd like to be contacted about volunteer opportunities in the coming weeks.

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## LOCAL UPDATE:

[NEISD campus operations will be closed through April 3rd.](#)

Yesterday, Mayor Ron Nirenberg issued a public health emergency

declaration, which prohibits mass gatherings of 50 people or more. The City Council will consider extending the seven-day declaration at Thursday's regularly scheduled meeting. This declaration comes from the advice of the CDC and is enforceable by law. It is **strongly recommended** that people avoid social gatherings of **10 or more**.

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) is currently investigating a **fourth** confirmed travel-related positive COVID-19 case. This brings the number of **travel-related** COVID-19 cases in San Antonio to **four**.

Drive-through testing for COVID-19 is not available for the general public at this time. For now, drive-thru testing is only available for first responders and health care workers who meet qualifications for testing. Everyone else must be tested at a laboratory with approval from a doctor. Testing criteria and drive through testing information is being finalized with state and federal officials. We will issue updates as the information is finalized.

**Patients should not contact Metro Health directly to request COVID-19 testing or go to emergency rooms to seek COVID-19 testing.** A health care provider, such as a primary care physician or urgent care provider, must order the test.

[View the full Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.](#)

[View current City closures here.](#)

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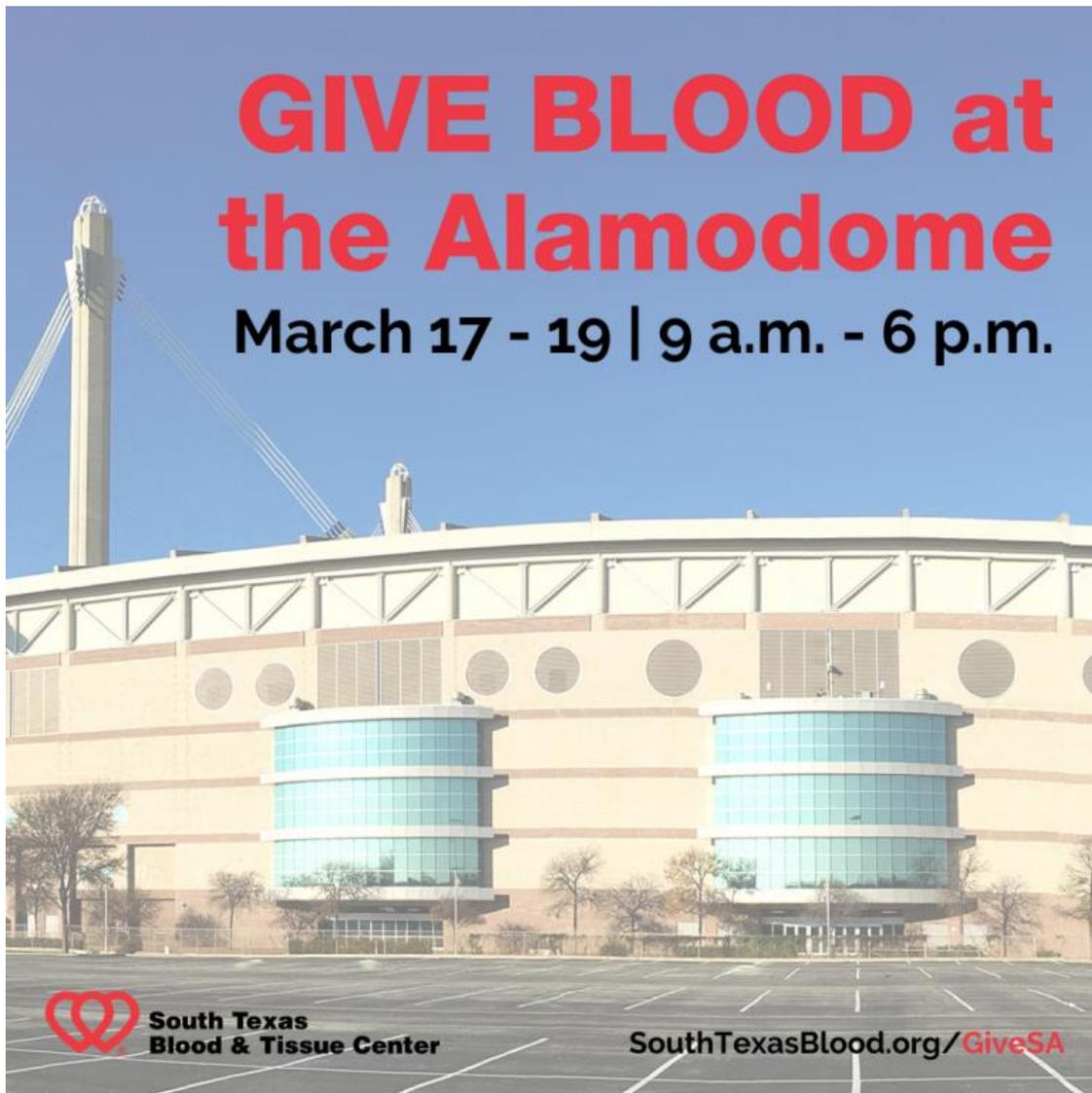
Residents are encouraged to download the [\*\*Ready South Texas app\*\*](#), available in the [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#) stores, to receive updates on the COVID-19 situation in San Antonio.

Additionally, residents can text COSAGOV to 55000 to receive SMS text message updates.



# **GIVE BLOOD at the Alamodome**

**March 17 - 19 | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**



Starting today, the Alamodome is hosting a 3-day blood drive to maintain local blood supply.

Donations may also be made by appointment at a donor room near you. If you are willing and able to donate, you can schedule your visit [here](https://www.southtexasblood.org/give-sa) or call 210-731-5590.



CORONAVIRUS  
**Preparedness & Prevention  
Campaign**

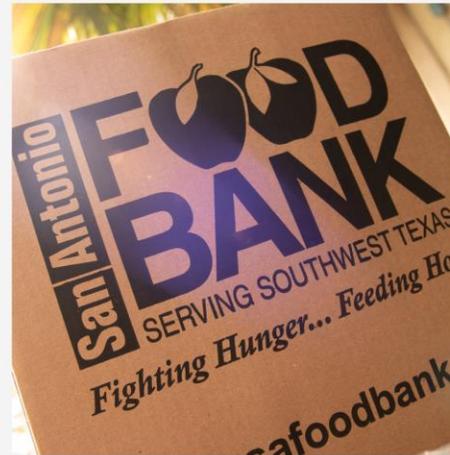


*"When your pantry is empty and your bank account is near zero, it's impossible to plan for something like a regional flu outbreak. Fear can motivate all of us to take action in a time like this, but not all of us can afford the resources to prepare and prevent. We need to get ahead of the challenge and get our families secure and ready."*

**Eric S. Cooper, President & CEO**

Help your **San Antonio Food Bank** prepare families so they won't be faced with hunger regardless of whatever may come our way.

**\$5 can fill an entire box with food and necessary cleaning supplies for a family!**



***Follow the link below to give help or get help.***

The San Antonio Food Bank is asking for your help.

*Their goal over the next 30 days is to add 15 million pounds of food to our distribution network.*

*This is equivalent to \$1.5 million dollars. Only with your support can we achieve this goal.*

*\$1 = 10 Pounds*

*\$10 = 100 Pounds*

*\$100 = 1000 Pounds*

[DONATE](#)



**Small  
Business  
Administration  
Economic  
Injury Disaster  
Loan Program**

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has designated COVID-19 as a qualifying event for the provision of Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses and private non-profits in affected communities.

Texas is currently working with SBA to qualify for this declaration.

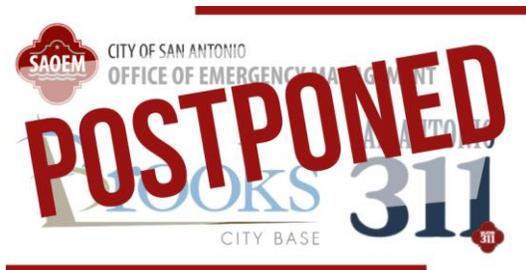
If your small business has been affected by the outbreak, you are encouraged to submit your [Economic Injury Worksheet](#) today.

Should you have any further questions, please contact your local emergency management office or email the [TDEMPARecovery@tdem.texas.gov](mailto:TDEMPARecovery@tdem.texas.gov).

[Loan Information](#)

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**Unfortunately, our Delegate Agency Tours this Friday and the rest of our Spring Concerts have been postponed. The City services will be unable to host us due to the circumstances and again, safety is our top priority. We apologize for the inconvenience but stay updated on our social media channels, @JohnCourageD9, for updates on our future events.**





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