

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, THERAPEUTICS,
COVID-19 VACCINE AND TESTING LOCATIONS**

In Polk County and all across the State of Texas, healthcare workers and public health officials are seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services (Texas DSHS), Polk County's Level of Community Transmission is **HIGH**. The following is a breakdown of the increase in cases over the past few weeks:

Polk County

Nov 23 rd – Dec 7 th	16 positive cases reported
Dec 7 th – Dec 21 st	58 positive cases reported
Dec 21 st – Jan 4 th	364 positive cases reported

According to the Angelina County & Cities Health District, counts of submitted positive tests from 1/7/2022 to 1/10/2022 saw an increase of **289 cases** for Polk County.

Texas DSHS estimates Polk County has 370 active cases at this time. Polk County has had a total of 221 COVID-related fatalities throughout the pandemic. The South East Texas Regional Advisory Council reports that 7 patients with COVID-19 are hospitalized in Polk County and 2 of those patients are in ICU.

MESSAGE FROM ANGELINA COUNTY & CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT

Vaccines are readily available in East Texas, so get vaccinated and get your booster. Vaccinate your kids.

The current number of positives are far above anything we have seen so far with COVID-19. The Omicron variant is much more contagious and more people than ever before are being exposed and testing positive.

The unvaccinated, the elderly and the young who are not eligible for vaccinations are vulnerable to severe disease.

If you test positive, stay home for 5 days from onset of symptoms or your positive test date until ALL symptoms have resolved and continue to wear a mask in all public settings.

COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS IN POLK COUNTY

Anyone who needs a COVID test, can search for a testing location at <https://polkcountyoem.com/information/covid/>

The drive-thru COVID-19 test site located in the parking lot behind the Polk County Annex Building at 602 E. Church St in Livingston is open. Normal operating hours for this test site are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To register for a test at this site, visit <https://cov19.health> and enter POLKCOTX for the office location code. Please make sure you enter your information correctly with no typos. Typing incorrect registration information could interfere with you obtaining your results.

Please see the attached flyers for the Polk County COVID-19 Drive-thru Test Site for more details.

VACCINE LOCATIONS IN POLK COUNTY

According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are effective at helping protect against severe disease and death from the virus that causes COVID-19. For more COVID-19 vaccination data, visit http://bit.ly/CDT_vaccine.

The pharmacies in Polk County that offer the COVID-19 vaccine can be found at the link below:

Vaccine Locations: <https://polkcountyoem.com/information/covidvaccine/>

STATE OF TEXAS VACCINATION ASSISTANCE

Texas businesses, groups, or civic organizations with 5 or more persons who voluntarily choose to be vaccinated against COVID-19 can call the State Vaccine Call Center at 844-90-TEXAS (844-908-3927) and select option 4 to schedule a visit from a state mobile vaccination team.

Texans who are homebound can call 844-90-TEXAS (844-908-3927) and select option 2 to request a state mobile vaccination team to come to their home.

COVID-19 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY INFUSION THERAPY

The state-supported Polk County Regional Infusion Center at the Dunbar Gymnasium in Livingston closed on October 30, 2021.

Texas DSHS reported in December that there is a national shortage of Sotrovimab, which is distributed by the federal government. Sotrovimab is the monoclonal antibody that can decrease the risk of severe disease from the COVID-19 Omicron variant.

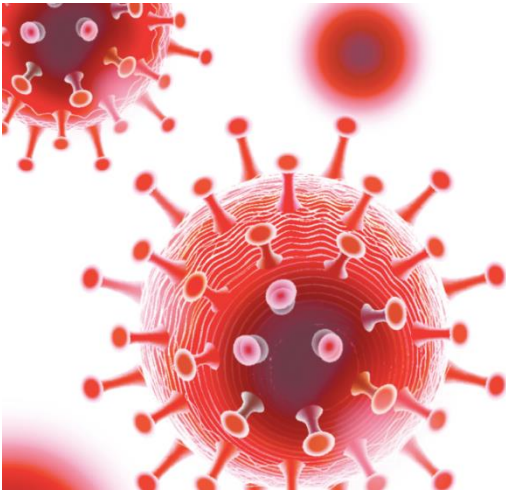
For COVID-19 resources near you, visit the TDEM COVID-19 Provider Search Interactive Map at <https://MEDS.TDEM.TEXAS.GOV> for details on the availability of vaccine, COVID-19 testing, and therapeutics, which includes monoclonal antibody infusion therapy.

COVID-19 ORAL ANTIVIRAL DRUGS

According to Texas DSHS, oral antiviral drugs, Paxlovid and Molnupiravir are now available for high-risk patients with mild/moderate COVID-19 infection. A limited supply has been shipped to pharmacies; more shipments will depend on allocations from the federal government. Due to limited availability, all patients may not initially be able to receive medication. Visit <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/therapeutics/> for more information.

Polk County pharmacies report they have no COVID-19 oral antiviral drugs in stock at this time. Please check availability with your pharmacy if your doctor prescribes this medication for you.

Please look for further updates from Emergency Management on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement) or on our website at www.PolkCountyOEM.com.



COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Register as a new patient

Check your results

**No Out-of-Pocket
Charge**

Polk County has partnered with AIT Laboratories a HealthTrackRx company to offer COVID-19 Testing.

Drive-Thru Testing Site: Parking lot behind the Polk County Annex Building (602 E. Church St.) off of E. Abbey St. in Livingston.

Hours of Operation:

Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To register for a COVID-19 test in the patient portal and to receive your results go to <https://cov19.health> - OR SCAN QRcode below:



PCR COVID Testing

Rapid Testing

Enter the following information:

- Location Code: POLKCOTX
- Agree to Disclaimer
- Complete Medical Data Questionnaire
- Enter Insurance and Driver's License information and Bring Insurance Card and License to Testing Location.
- Click Agree and Submit

You will receive a confirmation via text/email that you have registered. Please have your confirmation number or barcode with you when you come to test.

For more information about this opportunity, please contact the Polk County Office of Emergency Management at 936-327-6826.

CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR COVID-19 ANTIBODIES?

WellHealthWorks 
wellness programs for a healthy workplace

RAPID ANTIBODY TESTING NOW AVAILABLE

**Your health insurance will
cover the cost of the test.**

**If you are uninsured there
is a \$39 fee for the test.**

**A COVID-19 antibody test is a simple finger prick blood test,
and is to assess for previous exposure to COVID-19.**

POSITIVE RESULTS

If your test results are positive, you may have developed antibodies from the COVID-19 vaccine or from a previous infection with the virus.

Even if you test positive for antibodies, you should continue to follow CDC guidance regarding social distancing, frequent hand washing and wear a mask to protect yourself and others. Positive results do not mean that you're completely protected against contracting COVID-19 in the future.

NEGATIVE RESULTS

Negative results mean that you were not infected in the past.

LOCATION & HOURS OF OPERATION:

Parking lot behind the Polk County Annex Building (602 E. Church St.) off E. Abbey St. in Livingston.

**MON - FRI 9AM - 5PM
SAT 9AM - 1PM**

**SCAN THIS
UPON ARRIVAL**



**The antibody test cannot determine whether or not
you can spread the virus to others.
It should not be used for diagnostic purposes or to
confirm immunity.**

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