



The City of West University Place

Emergency Management

A Neighborhood City

COVID-19 Weekly Update – October 8, 2020

- Governor Abbot issued an updated executive order yesterday ([GA-32](#)). The key changes are listed below.
 - Effective October 14, 2020 – where COVID hospitalizations are less than 15% capacity, the following may occur:
 - Businesses that were still restricted (under GA-31) to 50% can increase to 75% capacity.
 - Bars can open to 50% - If the county judge allows (Hidalgo will not allow it).
- Regarding Harris County's CRF Small Cities Assistance Program, City Staff had originally submitted a funding request for 75% of Public Safety payroll expenses for the months of April and May of 2020 which was \$466,681.30. City Staff received word this week that due to updated OIG guidance, we could change our request to 100% which would be \$622,187.72 of the cities allocation ceiling of \$862,180. If this request is funded, it would leave \$239,992 remaining of the total allocation which is being reserved until such time that the City receives information from Harris County on West U businesses that have applied for assistance but not yet received funding or until the deadline to request the additional funding draws near.
- Our Trauma Service Area region (TSA-Q) COVID related hospital census is at 6.0%, well below the 15% threshold that allowed expansion of occupancy limits under executive order GA-32. This data is available through the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC). <https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiyjU5MzU4NjAtZWJjMC00MTIILTkWYjYtMzE4ODY1YjAyMGU2liwidCI6ImI3MjgwODdjLTgwZTgtNGQzMS04YjZmLTdlMGUzYmUxMGUwOCIsImMiOjN9>
- Positivity rates:
 - Texas: 6.73% as of 10/07/2020
 - Texas Medical Center: 3.3% as of 10/04/2020
 - Harris County Public Health: 6.2% - 14 day average as of 09/30/2020
- Harris County Public Health is reporting a total of 134 "Confirmed" cases of COVID-19 in West University Place; 11 of these cases are "Active", 123 "Recovered". Zero deaths have been reported in West U.

