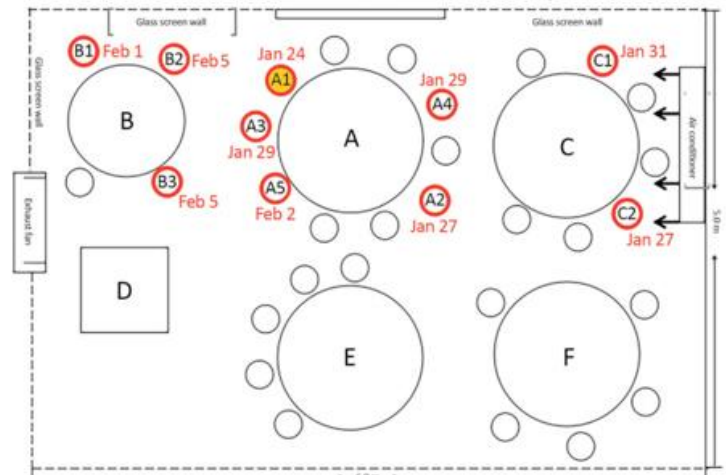
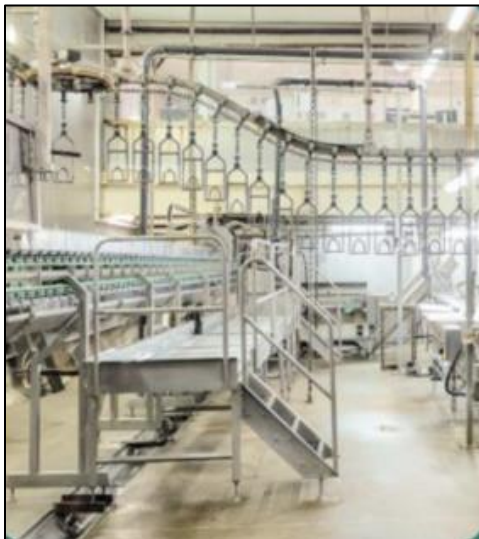


Coronavirus Weekly Staff Digest
Webinar Agenda | May 29, 2020 (Week 12)

- I. Case Update [Monty]
 - a. 59,776 cases reported in Texas, across 230/254 counties; 989,994 tests; 1,601 deaths
 - b. For Texas case updates: [CASE DASHBOARD](#) from dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus
- II. DSHS Update [Monty, Miquela]
 - a. Comments on vaccine development, herd immunity, and comments that COVID-19 is akin to “a bad flu season.”
- III. Agency Update [Angela, Blair]
- IV. Evidence-Based Practice Update [Mark, Miquela]
 - a. [Editorial](#): A brief clarification of respiratory droplets versus aerosol particles (with research links), and role in transmission — highlighting basis for limitations and possible (precautionary) benefits of wearing masks, especially if one is infected.
 - b. [Study](#): SARS-CoV-2 RNA in wastewater anticipated COVID-19 occurrence in a low prevalence area
 - Examined six wastewater treatment plants in Spain, since fecal shedding of SARS-CoV-2 RNA from COVID-19 has been detected.
 - 11% of facilities tested positive, including locations with lowest COVID-19 prevalence
 - “The detection of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater in early stages of the spread of COVID-19 highlights the relevance of this strategy as an early indicator of the infection within a specific population.”
 - c. [MMWR Report](#) (May 22, 2020): Universal and Serial Laboratory Testing for SARS-CoV-2 at a Long-Term Care Skilled Nursing Facility for Veterans — Los Angeles, California
 - “In congregate living settings that include persons with conditions that might place them at high risk for severe COVID-19, universal and serial laboratory-based testing for SARS-CoV-2 is an effective strategy that can be implemented for rapid identification of infection to minimize transmission.”
 - Testing information at Texas DSHS, including testing locations. [[LINK](#)]
- V. Role Update [Miquela, Mark]
 - a. NPI Tips of the Week: Time and environmental factors are key in determining transmission risk.



- VI. Trainings/Development [Miquela, Mark]
- a. TAMU School of Public health presents a free video series ‘COVID-19 Conversations’ premiered on May 28, 2020 from 12pm-1pm, aimed at helping our community better understand the background and details for the COVID-19 pandemic and public health response. [[LINK](#)]
 - b. CDC: Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course [[LINK](#)]
 - This course will provide infection prevention and control (IPC) training for individuals responsible for IPC programs in nursing homes so they can effectively implement their programs and ensure adherence to recommended practices by front-line staff.
 - Could be helpful for anyone who have/will consider programming in nursing homes.
 - c. CDC: The Science of Social Distancing (Part 1) [[LINK](#)]
 - Learn about the science on social distancing, strategies to support it, and how findings from past pandemics — as well as the current one — can shape responses today.
 - d. CDC: The Science of Social Distancing (Part 2) [[LINK](#)]
 - Learn more about social distancing. Topics include benefit-risk analysis of social/physical distancing strategies, including for vulnerable populations; strategies for mitigating mental health impacts; and what science is available to guide eventual relaxation of measures.
- VII. DAR Updates/Medical Supply Delivery [Rachel Bauer]
- VIII. Resource Updates [Joyce]
- a. [Texas EDEN](#)
 - b. Food Drive Update
 - c. Operation Face Mask Update
- IX. Q&A, Discussion

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