COVID-19 Harris County, TX

16.6% POVERTY RATE
20.8% UNINSURED
26.6% ≥8 YEARS OLD
10.0% ≥65 YEARS OLD

Harris County ranks #1 in deaths and #1 in cases statewide

2131 deaths
12,324 cases statewide
134,987 cases

COVID-19 risk is not equal for all people in Harris County

A non-Hispanic Black person in Harris County is 1.2 TIMES more likely to test positive for COVID-19 than a non-Hispanic White person

Harris County is home to

373 Industrial facilities that release
923 Million pounds of toxic pollution each year

Exposure to air pollution is linked to increased risk of death from COVID-19

Population data from American Community Survey, 2018
COVID-19 case, testing, and mortality data from Texas Department of State Health Services and COVID-19 Dashboard

Case demographics and population data are as of 10/11/2020
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Jeffrey H. Hsia, MD, MPH, MRCP, from the University of California, San Francisco, conducted a meta-analysis of 12 industrial facilities that release toxic pollutants and found that exposure to air pollution is linked to increased risk of death from COVID-19.