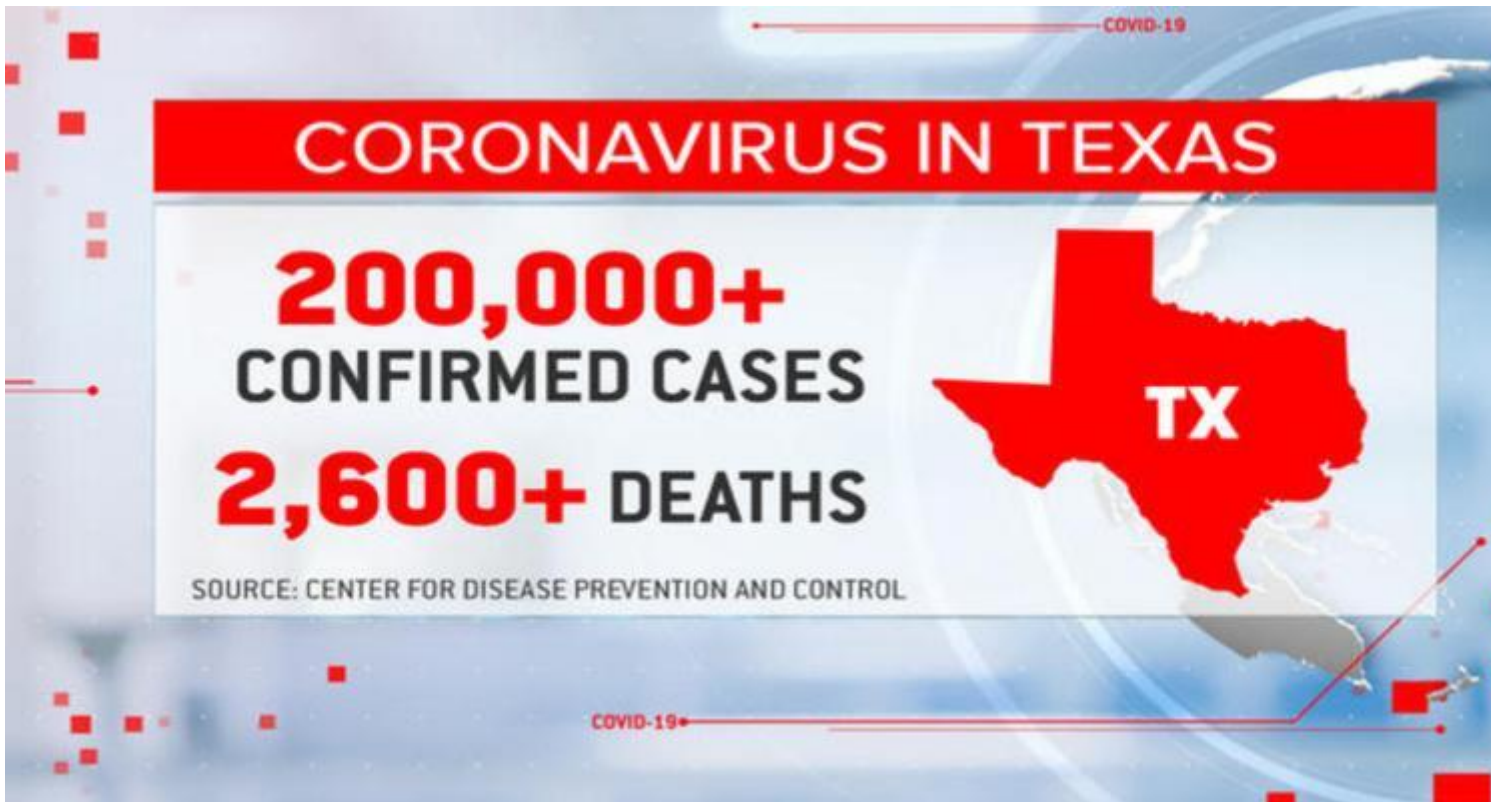


Coronavirus threatens to overwhelm Texas hospitals



Austin, July 7 (RHC)-- Health officials in the U.S. state of Texas are warning that hospitals in the Lone Star State could soon be overwhelmed if coronavirus cases continue to surge. According to reports, all beds are occupied in parts of Texas -- one of the states worst hit by the resurgent virus.

"Our hospitals here in Harris County, Houston and 33 other cities... they're into surge capacities," Lina Hidalgo, the county's chief executive, told ABC television news. Her comments were echoed by Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, who said the system could be "overwhelmed" if the outbreak was not brought under control.

Steve Adler, the mayor of Austin -- Texas state capital -- has also expressed concern that hospitals could soon reach breaking point. "If we don't change our trajectory, then I am within two weeks of having our hospitals overrun. And in our ICUs, I could be 10 days away from that," the mayor told CNN.



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