The COVID-19 pandemic response required those invested in the community to react with leadership, teamwork, and innovation. With purpose and resolve, The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth (HSC) delivered exactly that to not only those on the frontlines but to the entire community.
As the virus swept into Texas, HSC swiftly pivoted its resources, expertise, and technology to support the community. HSC was the first to open a drive-through COVID-19 testing site for first responders, keeping them on the job and informed of their health status.

Students hit the ground running, answering calls on a 24-hour COVID-19 information hotline for Tarrant County residents, joining the massive contact tracing effort to prevent community transmission and distributing healthy food to families in need. Staff raised relief money and donated medical supplies, while faculty members filled television airwaves and newspapers with calm, fact-based guidance.
When vaccines arrived, HSC partnered with Tarrant County to open boutique vaccine sites in historically underserved communities and launched Stronger Together, a comprehensive campaign that provided a simple and convenient vaccine registration process as well as vaccine information. Students launched vaccine registration drives, HSC clinicians administered vaccines directly to homebound patients and the Pediatric Mobile Clinic held vaccine pop-ups in neighborhoods with low vaccination rates.
VACCINATIONS
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22,700 Vaccines administered

4 Long-term vaccine sites
6 School-based pop-up sites
7 Community-based pop-up sites
Students, staff, and faculty launched two drive-through COVID-19 test sites to serve first responders and an underserved community in southeast Fort Worth.

3,247 People tested
973 First responders tested
6,309 Volunteer hours
HSC opened a test clinic on campus for students, staff, faculty, and City of Fort Worth employees.

The College of Pharmacy helped Tarrant County by manufacturing 500 units of the solution critical to COVID-19 testing.
CONTACT TRACING
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Students worked for Tarrant County Public Health to prevent transmissions and protect the community by performing contact tracing.

32,546 Hours of contact tracing
160 Student employees
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Thanks to HSC student volunteers, Tarrant County Public Health was able to triple the call capacity of the information phone line and help answer the community’s questions.

- Calls answered: 8,117
- Student volunteers: 240
- Volunteer hours: 5,712
Featured in more than 800 COVID-19 related stories on television, newspaper, radio, and online news sources.

Epidemiologist Dr. Diana Cervantes named “best new TV medical expert” by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

HSC experts published seven COVID-19 trend and projection reports, including one featured on NBC Nightly News.
COMMUNITY WELLNESS
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HSC’s FitWorth program partnered with GoFresh and HSC students, staff, and faculty to distribute fresh food and produce every Friday during the summer at FWISD locations to help families in need during the pandemic.

- **8,230** Donated boxes of food/dairy
- **32,920** Community members served
- **432** Volunteer hours
Launched Day x Day, an online campaign to create hopeful, positive messages about the pandemic and share tips to navigate it.

$50,000

Donated to the United Way of Tarrant County Emergency Relief Fund.

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine students formed DFW COVIDsitters, a free childcare service for health professionals on the frontline.
HSC partnered with Tex-Air Filters to make and distribute 7,000 protective masks to vulnerable populations.

5,000

Surgical masks donated by HSC to Fort Worth firefighters
VACCINATION SITES
Fixed Vaccine Sites

• Brighter Outlook at Ebenezer Baptist Church
  4910 Dunbar St., Fort Worth, 76105
  March 22-May 25

• Saginaw Recreation Center
  633 McLeroy Blvd., Saginaw, 76179
  April 5-May 21

• Ridgmar Mall
  1888 Green Oaks Road, Fort Worth, 76116
  April 20–June 16

• University of Texas at Arlington-Physical Education Building
  801 Greek Row Drive, Arlington, 76013
  May 4–June 17
Mobile Vaccine Sites (Optum and PMC)

- Asia Times Square
  2625 W. Pioneer Parkway
  Grand Prairie, 75051
  June 1-5 & June 29-July 3

- East St. Paul Baptist Church (PMC)
  5300 Oak Grove Road W.
  Fort Worth, 76134
  June 14 & July 12

- St Matthew Catholic Church
  2021 New York Ave.
  Arlington, 76010
  June 18-20 & July 9-11

- Cornerstone Baptist Church
  5415 Matlock Road
  Arlington, 76018
  June 15-17 & July 6-8

- True Worth Place (PMC)
  1513 E Presidio St.
  Fort Worth, 76102
  June 21

- Trinity Basin Preparatory
  Panola Campus
  600 Griggs Ave.
  Fort Worth, 76103
  June 21-23 & July 12-14

- Como First Missionary Baptist Church
  5228 Goodman Ave.
  Fort Worth, 76107
  June 26-27 & July 17-18

- Center for Transforming Lives (PMC)
  Rosie K. Mauk Child Development Center
  512 W 4th St.
  Fort Worth, 76102
  July 8
Vaccine Registration Location List

• Tarrant County College South Campus
  5301 Campus Drive
  Fort Worth, 76119
  March 23, 24 & 25

• Thomas Place Community Center
  4237 Lafayette Ave.
  Fort Worth, 76107
  March 27

• Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church
  4910 Dunbar St.
  Fort Worth, 76105
  March 31
  April 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21 & 23

• Huong Dao Temple
  4717 E. Rosedale St.
  Fort Worth, 76105
  April 7

• Saginaw Recreation Center
  633 W. McLeroy Blvd.
  Saginaw, 76179
  April 9, 12, 19 & 23

• Tarrant County College
  Trinity River Campus East
  245 E. Belknap St.
  Fort Worth, 76102
  April 15 & 17

• Prince Hall Gardens
  1800 E Robert St.
  Fort Worth, 76104
  April 22

• Los Pastores Panaderia
  3822 E. Rosedale St.
  Fort Worth, 76105
  April 24
Creating solutions for a healthier community.