



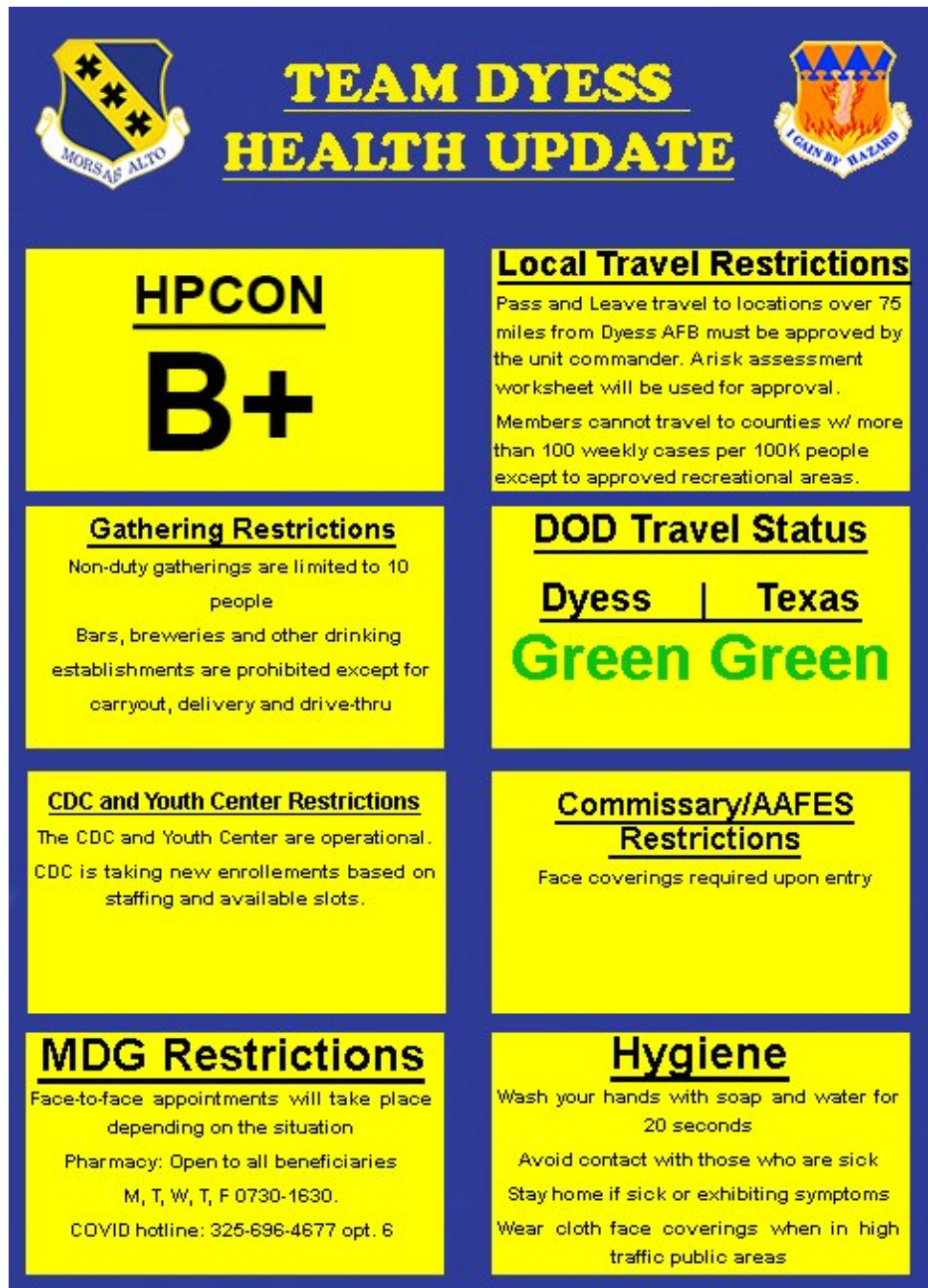
ABILENE CHAMBER

# DAILY BUSINESS BRIEF

*Skimming the daily updates for your business so you don't have to.*

## TEAM DYESS HEALTH UPDATE

Dyess is now on the green list. Check out the updated graphic below and for more information, [click here](#).



The graphic features a dark blue background with yellow and white text. At the top, it includes the Dyess AFB crest on the left and the Texas A&M crest on the right. The central title reads 'TEAM DYESS HEALTH UPDATE' in large yellow letters. Below this, there are eight yellow boxes arranged in a 4x2 grid, each containing specific health and travel information.

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**Local Travel Restrictions**  
Pass and Leave travel to locations over 75 miles from Dyess AFB must be approved by the unit commander. A risk assessment worksheet will be used for approval.  
Members cannot travel to counties w/ more than 100 weekly cases per 100K people except to approved recreational areas.

**Gathering Restrictions**  
Non-duty gatherings are limited to 10 people  
Bars, breweries and other drinking establishments are prohibited except for carryout, delivery and drive-thru

**DOD Travel Status**  
**Dyess | Texas**  
**Green Green**

**CDC and Youth Center Restrictions**  
The CDC and Youth Center are operational.  
CDC is taking new enrollments based on staffing and available slots.

**Commissary/AAFES Restrictions**  
Face coverings required upon entry

**MDG Restrictions**  
Face-to-face appointments will take place depending on the situation  
Pharmacy: Open to all beneficiaries  
M, T, W, T, F 0730-1630.  
COVID hotline: 325-696-4677 opt. 6

**Hygiene**  
Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds  
Avoid contact with those who are sick  
Stay home if sick or exhibiting symptoms  
Wear cloth face coverings when in high traffic public areas

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## LET'S PLAN FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

Professional groups and associations choose meeting and convention locations several years in advance, so the ACVB always works ahead. If you're a member of a regional, statewide or national group, we want to bid to bring your friends and colleagues to town, even if they won't arrive until three or four years down the road.

All year, the ACVB team coordinates with locals and statewide meeting planners and athletic groups to plan future events. In 2019, Abilene hosted 290 meetings that brought more than \$20 million to local businesses. Cancellations this year have cost the community \$14 million, but we're working toward a more prosperous future.

Abilene's central location, lodging and venue options, culture, great food and friendly people make it a hassle-free and memorable place to travel. The upcoming downtown hotel, along with exciting new spaces at the Dodge Jones Youth Sports Center and Taylor County Expo Center, are attracting fresh interest and events.

With the option to fly to ABI via Houston or DFW, we see good things and more guests on the horizon. Join us. Email [debi@abilenevisitors.com](mailto:debi@abilenevisitors.com), and we'll invite your group to the city. #Abilenestrong

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## VIRTUAL PART TIME JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR

Do you have part time positions or internships that would be great for a college student? Take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet virtually with motivated and talented individuals. ACU is looking for local employers interested in filling part time positions or internship opportunities with ACU Wildcats while they are enrolled in classes.

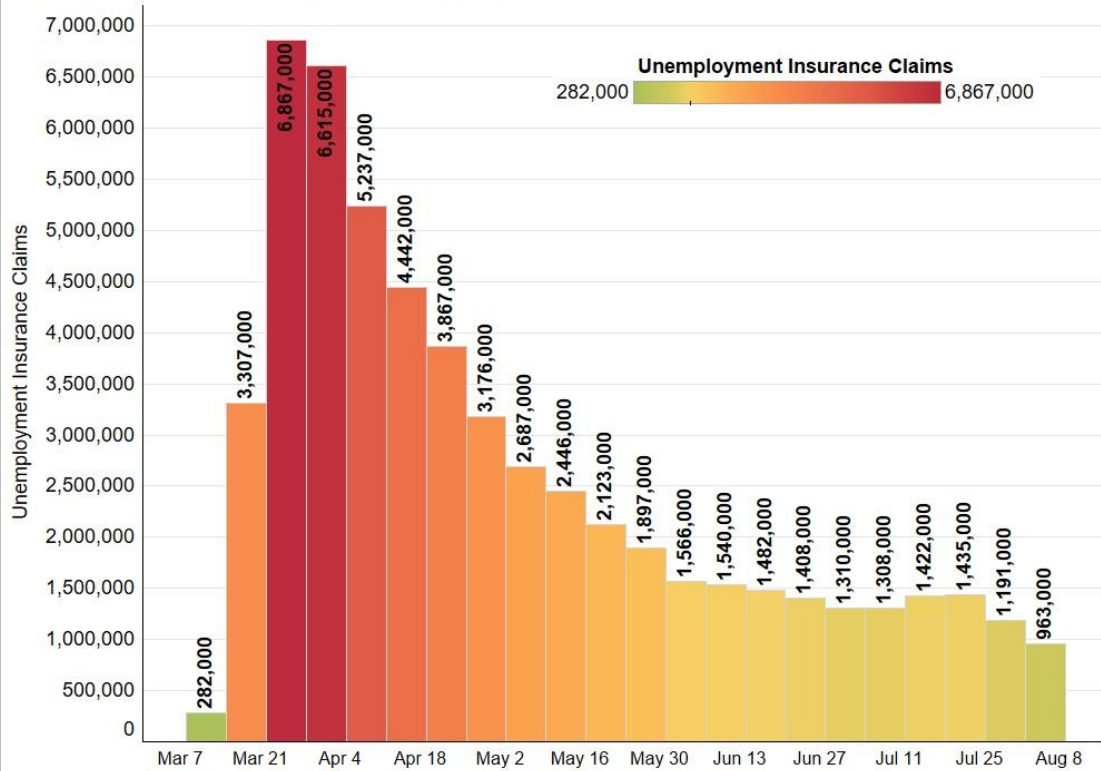
Registration is now open for ACU's Virtual Part Time Job & Internship Fair  
[Click here to register today!](#)

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## UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS DROP TO 963,000 AS LABOR MARKET SLOWLY HEALS

Initial claims for unemployment finally fell below 1 million last week, coming in at 963,000 [according to the Department of Labor](#). That's a drop of 228,000 from the previous week, and the first time since mid-March that initial claims have been below 1 million.

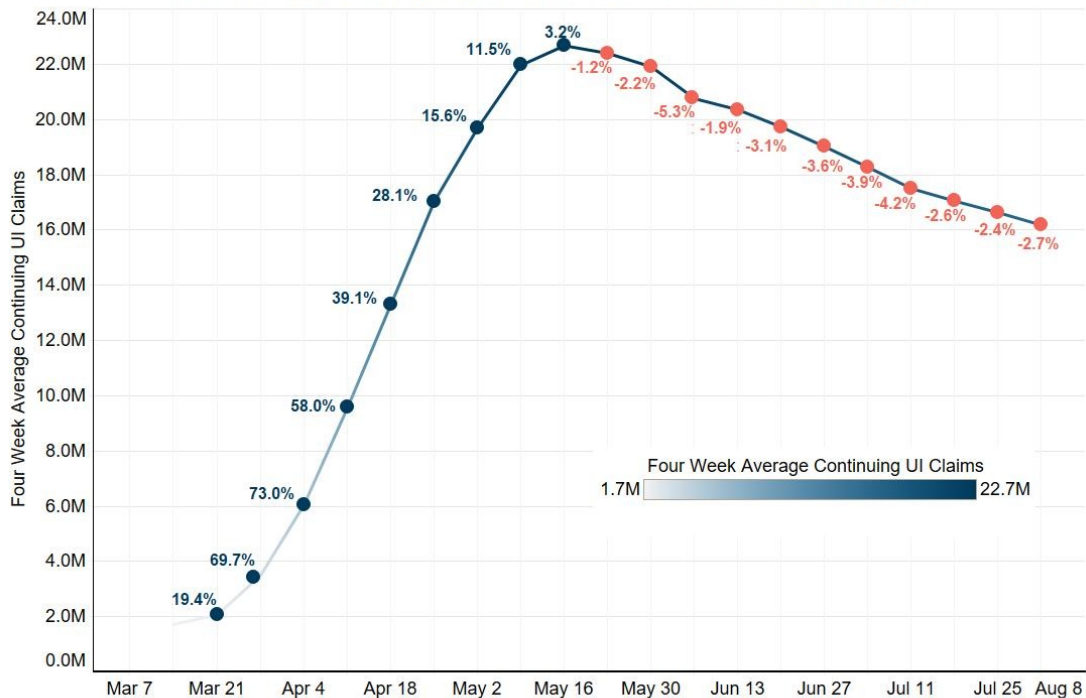
## Historically High Unemployment Insurance Claims Continue



Further good news comes from continuing claims, which subtract off those no longer claiming benefits because they have presumably gone back to work. Continuing claims were 15.5 million last week, a drop of 604,000 from the previous week, and the lowest level since the crisis began. The four-week average of continuing claims fell by more than 454,000 as well.

Yes, but: While certainly it is good news to see claims falling, claims are still historically elevated. It would be great to see a further deceleration of new claims in the coming weeks.

## Continuing Unemployment Claims are Falling Slowly



Our take: The labor market is healing - slowly but steadily. Hopefully the healing will quicken its pace in the coming weeks. It will do so if virus levels continue to decline, allowing more businesses to open and to hire more freely.

–Curtis Dubay, Senior Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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## WHAT WE'RE READING

### **Funeral Directors Life goes 100 percent solar energy with expansion**

*The new covered parking lot at Directors Investment Group, the holding company for Funeral Directors Life, is not just a protective place for employees' vehicles.*

[Read more.](#)

### **What Is Social Entrepreneurship? 5 Examples of Businesses with a Purpose**

*Social entrepreneurship is a for-profit business model that strives to make a positive impact on social issues or the environment.*

[Read more.](#)

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## ***You don't want to miss these upcoming event for your business.***

**8/19 BEST PRACTICES FOR THE NONPROFIT WORLD** For many small and mid-sized non-profits, knowing how to build and maintain the health of the organization, using current best practices and the very best management strategies, is critical and can mean life or death for the organization. [Learn more.](#)

**8/19 STARTING A BUSINESS IN TEXAS** Texas remains the best state in the U.S. to start a business. Join the Governor's Small Business Team and a panel of subject-matter experts as they discuss the initial steps for starting and operating a business in the state. [Register here.](#)

**8/24 WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION** As of July 15, the certification process for Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSBs) and Economically Disadvantaged WOSBs (EDWOSBs) has changed. Supervisor Business Opportunity Specialist with the SBA Dallas/Fort Worth District Office will facilitate the workshop and will be available to answer specific questions on the certification eligibility and process. Learn how you can take advantage of these opportunities for Women-Owned Small Businesses in this one hour informative session. [Register here.](#)

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