



The Austin Public Health Department is aware of a large gathering of 300 teenagers in Lakeway, TX (Travis County) that took place last weekend. Some attendees reported they were waiting for their COVID-19 test results at the time of the party and have now received positive results.

Epidemiologists are asking that participation in gatherings be mentioned during their contact tracing investigations. The virus often hides in the healthy and is given to those who are at grave risk of being hospitalized or dying. While younger people have less risk for complications, they are not immune to severe illness and death from COVID-19.

Since we are in a period of significant community spread, our entire community should act as if they have been exposed and take the proper precautions to further prevent spread.

Austin Public Health is continuing to ask the wider community to take daily preventative actions to stop the spread of disease, including:

- Work with your primary doctor if you have insurance. Free testing is reserved for those without insurance, visit [AustinTexas.gov/COVID19](https://www.austintexas.gov/COVID19) for more information
- **Don't wait for your test results before isolating.** If you have symptoms or think you were in contact with someone who tested positive, self-isolate and right away.
- Wash your hands
- Wear a mask in public
- Cover sneezes and coughs with a bent elbow or tissue
- Avoid touching your face.