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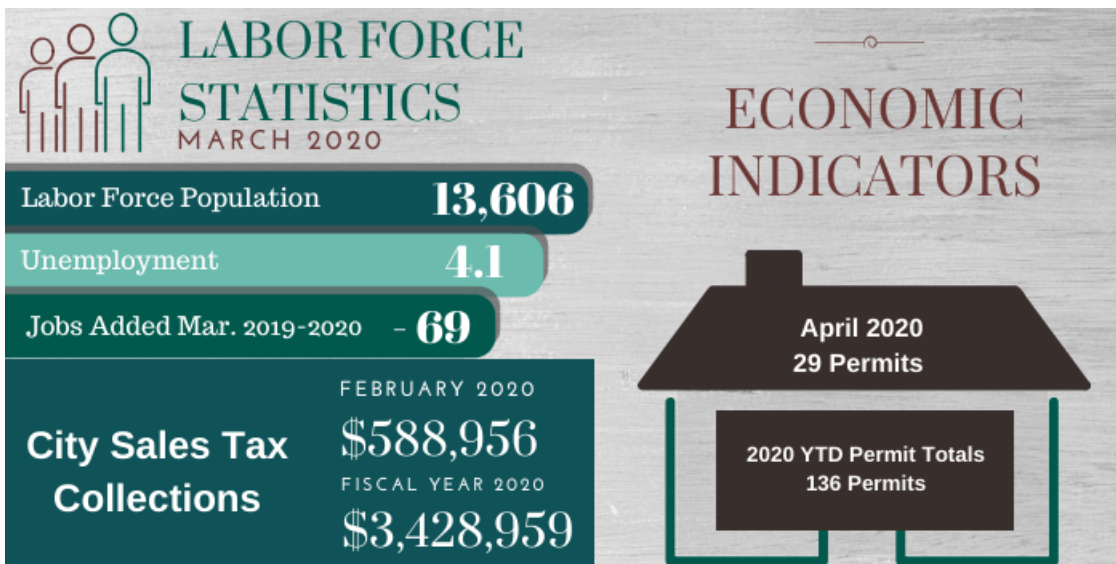
## CMC helps GRMC conserve protective gear



(Seguin) — A group of steel makers has come to rescue of the ER staff at Guadalupe Regional Medical Center. In its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, GRMC officials say CMC Steel Texas employees, last week, quickly mobilized into action presenting the hospital with a much safer and effective way to not only test patients but to also cut down on the amount of personal protective equipment that was being used to conduct a single test.

Tasha Montez, CEO of the Guadalupe Regional Medical Group, says without hesitation, the local steel plant answered the hospital's call for the design and construction of a new COVID-19 testing booth. Montez says news coverage of a similar booth that was built for patients at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston prompted her call to the local steel mill. [Read more](#)

### ECONOMIC INDICATORS



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### Seguin manufacturing community remaining vigilant during COVID-19 pandemic

(Seguin) — Despite these uncharted waters brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the local manufacturing community remains healthy. That's according to Josh Schneuker, the executive director for the Seguin Economic Development Corporation. Schneuker says although things can always change, he is proud of how everyone has come together and is moving forward. [Read More](#)

### SEDC looking to help fill job vacancies in Seguin

(Seguin) — The Seguin Economic Development Corporation is doing its part to help put a paycheck in people's hands. In effort to meet peoples' needs as well as maintain the strength of the local business community during the COVID-19 pandemic, the SEDC has been working steadily to maintain updated information on its Job Board found on its website. Josh Schneuker, the executive director for the Seguin Economic Development Corporation, says the information being updated is to help those who have found themselves recently unemployed. [Read More](#)

### Seguin ISD Superintendent to stay in Seguin

Seguin ISD Superintendent Dr. Matthew Gutierrez is staying in Seguin. In a late night announcement Monday, Dr. Gutierrez announced his decision to withdraw his plans to serve as the superintendent of schools for the Madison Metropolitan School District in Madison, WI. Gutierrez, had agreed to the job earlier this year and was set to leave the Seguin ISD at the end of the school year. [Read More](#)

### Navarro ISD wraps up superintendent search by naming lone finalist

(Geronimo) — The Navarro ISD has unanimously named a lone finalist for the position of superintendent of schools. After months of conducting a superintendent search, the school board on Tuesday night announced Wendi Russell as its selection for the position. Russell currently serves as the interim superintendent for Pecos Barstow Toyah ISD located in West Texas. Russell is a 30 year veteran in the field of education and is originally from Sherman located in North Texas. In addition to Pecos, she has also previously served as an assistant superintendent in VanAlstyne ISD. [Read More](#)

## **GRMC named America's Best Hospitals for**

### **Patient Safety**

(Seguin) — Guadalupe Regional Medical Center Receives the 2020 Women's Choice Award as one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety. This award recognizes safe surgery practices and lower rates for complications and infections.

Guadalupe Regional Medical Center has been named one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety by the Women's Choice Award®, America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare. The award signifies that GRMC is in the top eight percent of 4,814 U.S. hospitals for patient safety; specifically GRMC falls into the top four percent of U.S. hospitals for patient safety. [Read More](#)

## **Contraction in Texas Manufacturing**

### **Sector Worsens**

Texas factory activity declined further in April, according to business executives responding to the Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey. The production index, a key measure of state manufacturing conditions, pushed further negative from -35.3 to -55.3, suggesting the contraction in output has steepened since last month. [Read More](#)

## **Nearly 3 out of 4 Texas manufacturers surveyed applied for PPP, Dallas Fed says**

Texas manufacturers, like other businesses, are looking to the Paycheck Protection Program to help them get through economic hardship caused by COVID-19.

Nearly three out of four Texas manufacturers surveyed by the **Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas** said they applied for PPP, according to a Dallas Fed survey released Monday. Every month, the Dallas Fed surveys dozens of manufacturers across the state to get their feelings on current economic conditions. [Read More](#)

## **SBA's PPP loan forgiveness might be difficult. Bonuses could help**

Small businesses wrestling with the details of the federal Paycheck Protection Program know one key condition: To get maximum loan forgiveness, 75% of the loan amount must go toward payroll.

But experts have suggested another possible route toward greater forgiveness as the **Small Business Administration** still finalizes its guidance around loan terms — by offering bonuses to employees. [Read More](#)

## **San Antonio Economic Indicators**

San Antonio's economy contracted in March as impacts of COVID-19 (coronavirus) began to surface. The San Antonio Business-Cycle Index declined for the first time since November 2009. The unemployment rate increased, recent payrolls declined, and initial claims for unemployment insurance surged. Home sales activity declined in March, and stock prices of San Antonio-based companies were unchanged on net in late March and most of April. [Read More](#)

# Small Business Spotlight



## Area businesses send help to pandemic front lines

Realizing the difficulties people face on the front lines of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, locals began donating to help those in need. Owners and employees at Creative Nutrition in Seguin realized employees at local nursing homes, hospitals and more were having a tough go of it. They couldn't tear themselves away from their work long enough to go out for meals, so those at Creative Nutrition decided to help, owner Ray Arredondo said. [Read more](#)

## SEGUIN INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT



## FUJIREBIO

**Fujirebio added hand sanitizer to their product line to aide in the fight against COVID-19. They are currently working with Guadalupe Regional Medical Center to meet their demand. They have also made donations to the Seguin PD, Seguin Fire Department and the local post office.**

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