

ABSTRACT Tarrant County 2021 Submission Tarrant County COVID-19 Response for Public Health Category: Health

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Tarrant County earns national achievement award(s) for COVID-19 Response for Public Health

WASHINGTON – Tarrant County COVID-19 Response for Public Health has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

NACo recognized Tarrant County COVID-19 Response for Public Health, in the category of Health.

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NACo President Gary Moore said, "Over the past year, county officials and frontline employees have demonstrated bold, inspirational leadership. This year's Achievement Award winning programs illustrate the innovative ways counties build healthy, safe and vibrant communities across America."

Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

Started in 1970, NACo's annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.

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