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March 13, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. Below you will find updates from federal, state and local agencies. Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details listed at the end of this newsletter.

As concerns and questions related to COVID-19 continue to increase, we have incorporated as much information as possible in our weekly newsletter. Of course, we will include pertinent state agency updates as always. Please make a note of the contact information for the Harris County Public Health call center, posted below, where you can get up-to-date information and answers to any questions you may have.

Should you have questions regarding anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us directly using the information provided at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,




## March 2020 Calendar

Download my March 2020 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could be fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing or sending to your family members.

Keep watch for these updated calendars at the beginning of each month. Important local and legislative dates and events will be posted here.

**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE CALENDAR!**

March 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Texas Independence Day	Primary Election Day		BiCom Networking After Hours	Pat. Yule for the Troops Gift Exchange	
	Lake Houston Parkhurst Club			Cypress Creek Watershed Partnership Work Group Meeting		
			KARW March General Meeting			



Thank you for downloading my Calendar for the month of January. You can use this document to view the links that contain more information about various events occurring in House District 127 and in Austin, Texas. You may also print it to get a basic idea of what I'll be up to this month. I hope to see you around town!

Sincerely,  


# Harris County COVID-19 Contact Information

**EVERYDAY**  
**9a-7p** | **832-927-7575**

**HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH | CALL CENTER**

**24/7** | **713-634-1110**

**HARRIS HEALTH | ASK MY NURSE HOTLINE**

 **GOT COVID-19 QUESTIONS? ASK!**

**TEXT CV19 TO 888777**

## Updates from Austin

**Governor Abbott, DSHS Commissioner Hellerstedt  
Urge Texans To Take Preventative  
Measures Against Coronavirus**



**Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott**

### **Governor Abbott, DSHS Commissioner Hellerstedt Urge...**

Governor Greg Abbott and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD, today urged Texans to continue taking preventative measures against Coronavirus (COVID-19) to contain the spread of the disease.

[Read more](#)  
gov.texas.gov

## House Public Health Committee Meets to Discuss the State's Preparedness to Coronavirus



Click Here to View the  
Hearing

## TEA Update: COVID-19 Initial Guidance and FAQs

### **TEA Update: COVID-19 Initial Guidance and FAQs**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) continues to work with the Office of the Governor, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to coordinate and plan the state's response to COVID-19....

[Read more](#)  
tea.texas.gov

## Governor Abbott, TDI Ask Health Insurance Providers To Waive Costs Associated With Coronavirus



Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott

## **Governor Abbott, TDI Ask Health Insurance Providers To...**

Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) today announced that they have asked health insurers and health maintenance organizations operating in Texas to waive costs associated with the testing and telemedicine visits for...

[Read more](#)  
gov.texas.gov

## **DPS Takes Preventative Measures Against COVID-19, Encourages Texans to do the Same**

### **TXDPS - March 12, 2020 DPS Takes Preventative Measures...**

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is taking preventative measures against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) by implementing additional sanitation practices at driver license (DL) offices and issuing guidance to

[Read more](#)  
www.dps.texas.gov

## **Texas Joins Electronic Registration Information Center**



### **Texas Joins Electronic Registration Information Center**

AUSTIN - The Office of the Secretary of State today announced that Texas will become the 30th state to join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a non-profit consortium of member states. ERIC's mission is to assist states in...

[Read more](#)  
www.sos.state.tx.us

## **Governor Abbott, Texas Division Of Emergency Management Appeal FEMA Public Assistance Denial For Tropical Storm Imelda**



Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott

### **Governor Abbott, Texas Division Of Emergency Management...**

Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the State of Texas has appealed the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) denial of Texas' Major Disaster Declaration request for Public Assistance for Tropical Storm Imelda. The Governor initially ...

[Read more](#)  
[gov.texas.gov](http://gov.texas.gov)

## Updates From the District

### Judge Lina Hidalgo Declares Public Health Emergency Disaster



County Judge Lina Hidalgo  
DIRECTOR

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Harris County, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Harris County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Harris County emergency management plan.
5. Any individual, group of individuals, or property subject to a Local Health Authority Order restricting the movement of that individual or group of individuals or restricting movement to, from, or within that property, shall limit ingress and egress and take such measures as specified by that Local Health Authority Order.
6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this the 11th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lina Hidalgo".

Lina Hidalgo  
Harris County Judge

6922 Katy Road Houston, Texas 77024 | Phone (713) 881-3100 | Fax (713) 881-3077 | [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org)

## City of Houston Harvey Recovery Update



On Wednesday, Chief Recovery Officer Stephen Costello presented in front of Houston City Council on the progress of recovery efforts with a focus on infrastructure.

### **HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY: STEPS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION**

Hurricane Harvey had a devastating impact on Houston, displacing many of its residents and destroying property and lives. But Houston's commitment to recovery and resiliency is stronger than ever.

[Read more](#)

## Constituent Resources

### Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

### Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered during the week will be posted to our Facebook page. By "liking" us, you will stay up-to-date about important matters across the state that affect you and your family. Click below to find our page.



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