



**SUMMER 2020 UPDATE**

This year's newsletter is shorter than what you typically see from our office as the House of Representatives is conserving resources in light of COVID-19. Inside, you'll find a look ahead to our work for the remainder of the interim, contact information for federal, state, and local entities, and an invitation to tell our office about the issues that are important to you as we prepare for the 87th Legislature which convenes on January 12th, 2021. Our office contact information is also enclosed. We hope you find this information useful and stand ready to assist you.

*Representative Murphy volunteers at West Houston Assistance Ministries in response to COVID-19.*



**TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Dear Friends,*

*As I write you this letter in early May, Texas has started the process of reopening our economy and getting back to work after the statewide response to COVID-19. This is possible because Texans have done their part to be safe and practice social distancing, the result of which was a flattened curve of positive cases and an ensured surplus of medical resources.*

*The long shutdown and phased reopening of businesses across the state has impacted budgets from your house to the state-house. This is why my colleagues and I are already working the state budget. We are making adjustments to our current budget, which extends through August of 2021, and preparing a budget for the 87th Legislative Session to ensure that Texans receive adequate services. Last session, we made major commitments to fund public education, disaster recovery and response, and other essential government functions. We are committed to honoring these promises and will do so by making the deliberate, reasoned choices you expect.*



*Texas will continue responding to COVID-19 and we must keep an eye on economic freedom and growing our economy. In the next session, we will fulfill our Constitutional duties of passing a state budget and redistricting of our state electoral maps. In addition, I'll be working on the issues that are important to you: defending private property rights, improving public education, strengthening our economy, and protecting local communities.*

*I would like to know what you want to see addressed by the legislature in the upcoming session. Please take a few minutes to contact us on social media, by email at [District133.Murphy@house.texas.gov](mailto:District133.Murphy@house.texas.gov), or by phone at 512-463-0514. Your comments and suggestions are valuable as we prepare for the 87th Legislature.*

*As always, it is an honor to serve you.*

*Sincerely,*

**★ COVID-19 RESOURCES ★**

Below are some helpful phone numbers for resources to assist you and your family with COVID-19 related questions. If you are unable to receive an answer to your question at a number listed below, call our office at 512-463-0514.

- Small Business Administration  
Customer Service Center:..... 800-659-2955
- Texas HHSC Mental Health Support Line: .... 833-986-1919
- Texas Workforce Commission Tele-Center:.. 800-939-6631
- Texas Department of Insurance  
Consumer Help Line: ..... 800-252-3439
- Harris County Public Health: ..... 832-927-7575  
(9:00 am - 7:00 pm daily)

- Harris Health System Ask-My-Nurse: .....713-634-1110  
(9:00 am – 7:00 pm daily)
- Houston Health Department: .....832-393-4220  
(9:00 am - 7:00 pm weekdays, 9:00 am-3:00 pm weekends)
- Help Finding a Doctor or Medical Care: 2-1-1

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Representative Murphy with his wife, Kathleen, and sons  
Pace (left), and Robert (right).

### ★ HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS ★

Last session, in response to Harvey, the Legislature passed numerous reforms and allocated billions of dollars to strengthen the state's infrastructure, disaster preparedness, and response capabilities. Our hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th and being prepared starts at home. There are a number of free resources available to you to help create an emergency plan for your family. If you or someone you know might need assistance during a disaster, you can sign up for the Emergency Assistance Registry at 877-541-7905. You can also register for local alerts at [alerthouston.org](http://alerthouston.org) and find more resources at [txready.org](http://txready.org).