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Special Session #2

Repeat of Election Integrity, Bail Reform, and More

The 2nd Special Session started off pretty much as the first one ended, without a quorum. For a week this continued until August 13th, when the stalemate ended as a quorum was attained and the House was able to gavel into session with 100 members present, so the business of the legislature could begin. Each of these sessions costs about a million dollars apiece, so it is critical that the process of bill referrals, public hearings, and floor discussion get started so we can complete the process in the limited amount of time available.

At the beginning of the 1st Special Session, the House Speaker created the Select House Committee on Constitutional Rights & Remedies to hear many of these bills slated to address the items on the call for this special session. The membership of this committee is comprised of a number of very experienced members from both parties. ([See membership here](#)) So far, forty eight (48) bills have been referred to this committee.

As of the writing of this newsletter, nearly 250 House Bills and 200 Resolutions were filed in the House. there were 97 Senate Bills and 63 Resolutions have been filed in the Senate. Not all of these bills address the special session priorities and most will be referred to a committee, but not all will get a hearing.

2nd Special Session Agenda, Set By Gov. Abbott:

BAIL REFORM: Legislation reforming the bail system in Texas to protect the public from accused criminals who may be released on bail.

[House Bill 12](#) filed by Representative Reggie Smith addresses risk assessment through the creation of a public safety report system that ensures magistrates have access to all pertinent criminal history and arrest information. It also standardizes bail bond forms across Texas. [House Joint Resolution 1](#) is a constitutional amendment addressing bail as well. Neither of these has yet had a hearing. [Senate Bill 6](#) which is an identical companion to HB 12, passed both Houses and will be sent to the Governor. SJR 3, the Constitutional Amendment proposal did not pass the House.

ELECTION INTEGRITY: Legislation strengthening the integrity of elections in Texas.

[House Bill 3](#) was filed and referred to committee but did not get a hearing due to its similar language and limited time. [Senate Bill 1](#) was heard in the Senate with 7 adopted amendments and was voted out of the both chambers before being sent to the governor.

FEDERAL RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS: Legislation providing appropriations from unappropriated available revenues for COVID-19-related healthcare expenses, such as those listed below, taking into consideration the approximately \$10.5 billion in funds received by local governments intended to be used on COVID-19 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2:

- healthcare staffing needs, including physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals;
- establishing, staffing, and operating alternative care sites;
- supporting the operations of nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities;
- vaccine administration;
- testing sites;
- supplies and equipment, such as personal protective equipment (PPE) and ventilators; and
- standing up and operating infusion centers.

EDUCATION: Legislation providing strategies for public-school education in prekindergarten through twelfth grade during the COVID-19 pandemic, which ensures:

- students receive a high-quality education and progress in their learning;
- in-person learning is available for any student whose parent wants it;
- the wearing of face coverings is not mandatory; and
- COVID-19 vaccinations are always voluntary.

[House Bill 227](#) although filed late, addresses requirements or restrictions for face coverings in the classroom and would give that authority to the local school board. By the end of the session it was referred to Public Education but was not given a hearing. [Senate Bill 15](#) provides for the continuation of distance education as an alternative with full attendance equivalence funding.

This bill has been through both chambers and was sent to the Governor.

BORDER SECURITY: Legislation enhancing criminal laws or providing funding from unappropriated available revenues to support law-enforcement agencies, counties, and other strategies as part of Texas' comprehensive border security plan.

[House Bill 9](#) addresses needed increases for funding border security measures. This bill passed the House with appropriations in the bill totaling almost \$2.5 billion for the courts, corrections, and increased military and law enforcement presence. This bill has passed out of the House and Senate and sent to the Governor and Comptroller.

SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP: Legislation safeguarding the freedom of speech by protecting social-media and email users from being censored based on the user's expressed viewpoints, including by providing a legal remedy for those wrongfully excluded from a platform.

[House Bill 20](#) addresses interference in digital expression on social media platforms by social media companies. It has passed out of the Texas House and Senate and sent to the Governor.

ARTICLE X FUNDING: Legislation providing appropriations from unappropriated available revenues to the Legislature and legislative agencies in Article X of the General Appropriations Act.

[House Bill 5](#) has passed out of committee and will be discussed on the floor on August 26th. This bill addresses restoration of the Article X funding vetoed by the Governor. Its counterpart [SB 11](#) in the Senate is still in committee. The House bill was sent to the Governor for signature after passing both chambers.

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Legislation similar to Senate Bill 1109 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, requiring schools to provide appropriate education to middle- and high-school students about dating violence, domestic violence, and child abuse, but that recognizes the right of parents to opt their children out of the instruction.

[Senate Bill 9](#) S.B. 9 provides for educational instruction pertaining to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence to students but allows parents to opt out. This bill had hearings in the House and Senate and was passed and sent to the Governor.

YOUTH SPORTS: Legislation identical to Senate Bill 29 as passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, disallowing a student from competing in University Interscholastic League athletic competitions designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.

[House Bill 25](#) Requires public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex. Referred to Public Education with no hearing so far. [Senate Bill 40](#) takes a similar approach and would require biological sex to determine sports based on biological sex. Both bills died for lack of a hearing.

ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS: Legislation similar to Senate Bill 394 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, which prohibits people from providing abortion-inducing drugs by mail or delivery service, strengthens the laws applicable to the reporting of abortions and abortion complications, and ensures that no abortion-inducing drugs are provided unless there is voluntary and informed consent.

[Senate Bill 4](#) This bill extends abortion complication reporting requirements to

apply to those resulting from drug induced abortions and prohibits a person from providing abortion inducing drugs without the required informed consent requirements. This bill has now been voted out of both chambers and is in the Governor's Office awaiting signature.

THIRTEENTH CHECK: Legislation similar to House Bill 3507 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to a "thirteenth check" or one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

[House Bill 8](#) addresses this issue to provide a 13th check to retired teachers. It has been filed and referred to the Appropriations Committee. Its Senate companion, [Senate Bill 7](#) has been unanimously voted out of the House and Senate will provide a 13th check for retired teachers equal to their annual monthly annuity, up to \$2400. The bill got final approval with the passage of HB 5, the appropriations bill that provides the funds. It is now on the way to the Governor's Office.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY: Legislation similar to House Bill 3979 concerning critical race theory as originally passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session.

[Senate Bill 3](#) was hotly debated in both chambers and amended eight times before passing and being sent to the Governor for his signature.

APPROPRIATIONS: Legislation providing appropriations from unappropriated available revenues for the following purposes:

- property-tax relief;
- enhanced protection for the safety of children in Texas' foster-care system by attracting and retaining private providers for the system; and
- to better safeguard the state from potential cybersecurity threats.

[House Bill 210](#) was filed to provide relief for property taxes through use of excess revenues. Filed late and not yet moving. [House Bill 122](#) has a similar approach.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS: Legislation modifying the filing periods and related election dates, including any runoffs, for primary elections held in Texas in 2022.

[Senate Bill 13](#) was filed to address the uniformity of election dates for the 2022 elections. Due to the delays in obtaining census data for redistricting, our elections have to be moved from their uniform dates. [HB 15](#), [SB 82](#), have not received hearings and will run out of time in this session. **SB 13** passed both Houses and will be sent to the Governor.

RADIOACTIVE WASTE: Legislation reforming the laws governing radioactive waste to protect the safety of Texans, including by further limiting the ability to store and transport high-level radioactive materials in this state.

[House Bill 7](#) addresses expansion of the storage of high level radioactive waste in Andrews County, in far West Texas. This issue has popped up the last two sessions in an attempt to increase the current types of storage. This bill was passed by both the House and Senate and sent to the Governor.

EMPLOYMENT: Legislation shielding private employers and employees from political subdivision rules, regulations, ordinances, and other actions that require any terms of employment that exceed or conflict with federal or state law relating to any form of employment leave, hiring practices, employment benefits, or scheduling practices.

[Senate Bill 14](#) restricts local jurisdictions from imposing regulations or ordinances that require contractors or vendor to provide specific benefits such as paid sick leave or specific breaks. This bill finally died on a point of order after 20 attempts to amend it.

STATE LEGISLATURE: Legislation relating to legislative quorum requirements. [House Resolution 10](#), [House Resolution 15](#), [House Resolution 16](#), [House Resolution 72](#). All of these bills have thus far not had hearings. [House Resolution 96](#) approached these same areas of House Rules, but in a prospective manner. this bill was heard in the House Administration Committee, but was left pending.

Quorum Walkouts

We get a lot of calls, emails, and social media comments regarding members who remained absent, preventing a quorum and costing taxpayers more than a million dollars, and what level of action could be taken against them. Many had leadership positions as chair and vice chairs of prominent committees, with one as Speaker Pro Tempore. Since they were absent leaves many confused as to how they could continue to represent their constituents or maintain these coveted leadership positions. So, to clarify, we have to go to the Texas Constitution and the rules for operation of the Texas House, called the [House Rules Manual](#).

The positions of Speaker Pro Tempore and chair positions in committees are appointments by the Speaker of the Texas House. Fairly soon after the absence of a quorum during the 1st Special Session, on July 15th, Speaker Dade Phelan removed the Speaker Pro Tempore, which was his prerogative and within authority granted by the rules for House Administration, which states "The speaker pro tempore shall serve at the pleasure of the speaker". It also states that if the Speaker Pro Tempore is not available, he may be removed by the Speaker by notifying the Chief Clerk of the House.

Some have asked why this prerogative was not allowed in removing chair positions from absent members. The rules for appointments of the leadership positions limit the Speaker to such appointments to the beginning of a regular session. Rule 1, Section 15. Standing Committee Appointments. (a) The speaker shall designate the chair and vice-chair of each standing substantive committee and shall also appoint membership of the committee, subject to the provisions of Rule 4, Section 2. which states, "Sec. 2. Determination of Membership. (a) Membership on the standing committees shall be determined at the **beginning of each regular session..**" It is the opinion of outside legal counsel that such current rule limitations do not permit removal of chair or committee membership positions, unless such member vacates it by leaving elected office.

If you could imagine the state of the legislature in historic Texas, legislators who travelled for days or even weeks just to get to the Capitol to represent their constituents, none could have envisioned a representative not attending session. As such, little to no consideration is contained in the rules for handling this situation under the Texas Constitution or existing House Rules. There are 4 bills filed for this special session that would address intentional vacancies and provide for punitive action. [House Resolution 10](#), [House Resolution 15](#), [House Resolution 16](#), [House Resolution 72](#), At the date of this newsletter, all these bills have been referred but not yet received a hearing. [House](#)

[Resolution 96](#) approached these same areas of House Rules, but in a prospective manner. this bill was heard in the House Administration Committee, but was left pending.

Another frequent question is why did absent members continue to be paid for failing to attend legislative proceedings. that too falls back on our Constitution which dictates that. It states "Art 3 Sec. 24. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE; DURATION OF REGULAR SESSIONS. (a) Members of the Legislature shall receive from the Public Treasury a salary of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) per month, unless a greater amount is recommended by the Texas Ethics Commission and approved by the voters of this State in which case the salary is that amount. Each member shall also receive a per diem set by the Texas Ethics Commission for each day during each Regular and Special Session of the Legislature.

Sine die

The Latin phrase which signals the end of the session came on September 2nd, officially ending the 2nd called special session of the 87th Texas Legislature. Having accomplished the majority of the items set on the agenda for this session, most of the members are ready for a break, albeit a short one.

ESD 11 Assumes EMS

On September 1st, 2021 the Emergency Services District 11 will be taking over EMS activities from the contracted services previously provided by Cypress Creek EMS. Although Cypress Creek EMS has provided decades of award winning service to the area, the duly elected representatives have been searching for more cost effective methods and will be assuming direct responsibility for ambulance and emergency medical services for the area.



ESD 11 Update - By Jerry Thomas

ESD 11 Mobile Healthcare will begin providing emergency ambulance services at 0700 on September 1, 2021. However, due to recent staffing shortages and additional system demand placed on the current provider, we have deployed up to 6 ambulances into the system. This effort was effective August 20 at 10 am and will continue until the transition is complete on September 1.

We have continued to make great strides in achieving our primary objective of becoming a world-class mobile healthcare provider for our customers and employees. . The ESD purchased 40 new state-of-the-art ambulances, which will contain the latest emergency medical technology and are among the first ambulances in the country to be powered by gas-electric engines. Thus, reducing our carbon footprint. The ESD headquarters will permanently be at 18334 Stuebner Airline Road in Spring, Texas. The 43-acre property is undergoing significant renovations to provide a highly efficient central location for ambulance deployment, fleet management, administration, billing, and communications center. By centralizing operations, we will increase efficiency, decrease costs, and ultimately provide the residents and visitors to our service area with a higher quality of mobile health service. We will demand staff up to

28 ambulances, nine more than the current provider, while still anticipating 6 million in annualized savings.

In the last few weeks, we have grown from 23 full-time employees to 253. It is important to note 55% of our field personnel will be coming over from the current provider (CCEMS) to join us. All of our teams are working very hard and are excited to provide exceptional care to the community we serve.

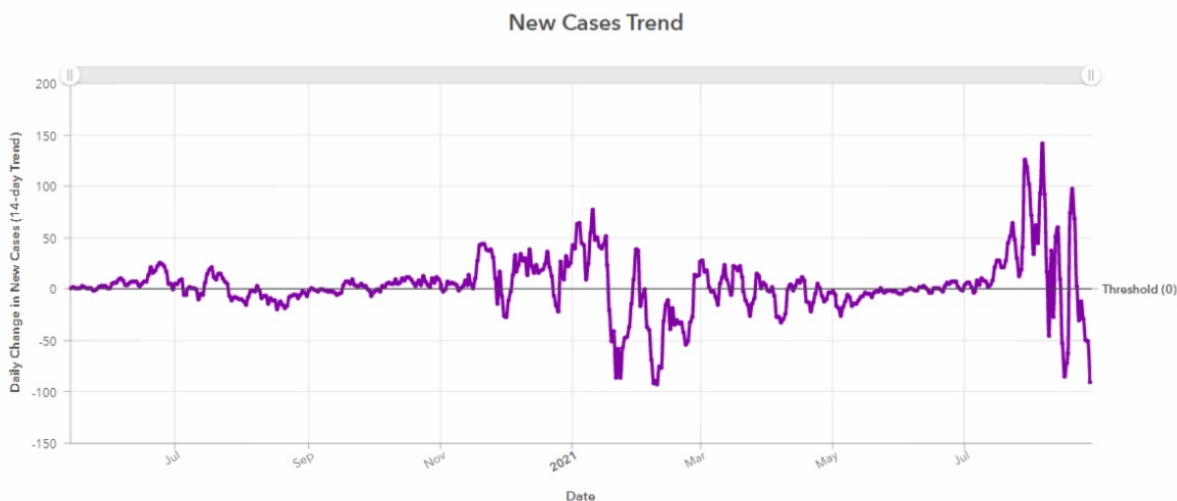
We appreciate Representative Harless's support and look forward to working with him in the future.

Encumbrance Newsletter

Later this year or shortly after the first of next year, we will be mailing out a paper copy of a newsletter to all registered voters. We will cover some of the activities from the 87th Regular Session as well as progress of bills we filed and passed during the session.

COVID STATS & INFO

COVID In Harris County

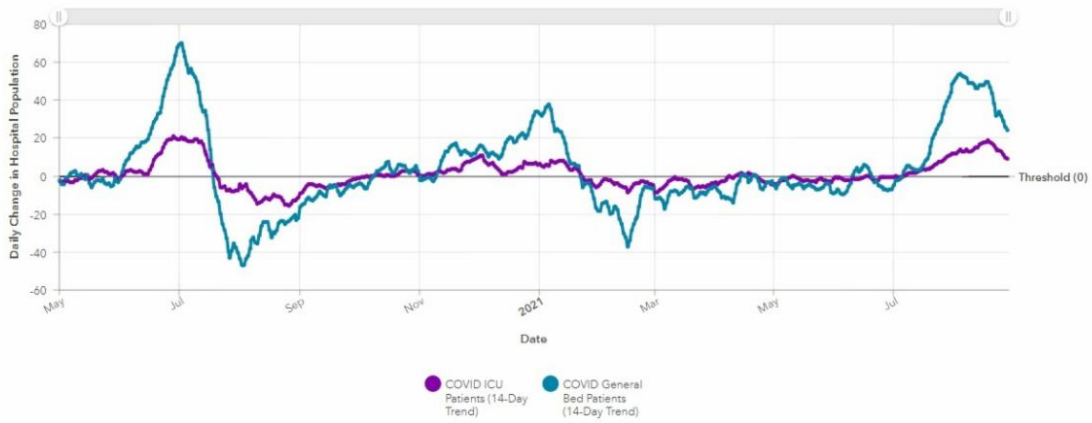


Indicator: 14-day flat or decreasing trend in new COVID-19 cases Harris County, including City of Houston
Threshold: 0 (same threshold Red > Orange > Yellow)

Date Updated: 2021-08-29

The chart above provides a reflection of the trend for new COVID-19 cases reported for all of Harris County.

Hospital Population Trend



Indicator: 14-day flat or decreasing trend in COVID-19 hospital population in Harris County.
Threshold: 0 (same threshold Red > Orange > Yellow)

Data Updated: 2021-08-29

Data Source: SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC)*

*Data is for Harris County including City of Houston.

The second chart displays the hospital population trend of COVID cases. It should be noted there will be occasional time lags or delays in reporting that can affect total numbers. If you follow the news, you know we are dealing with the new Delta variant of the Covid Virus which is challenging our resources.

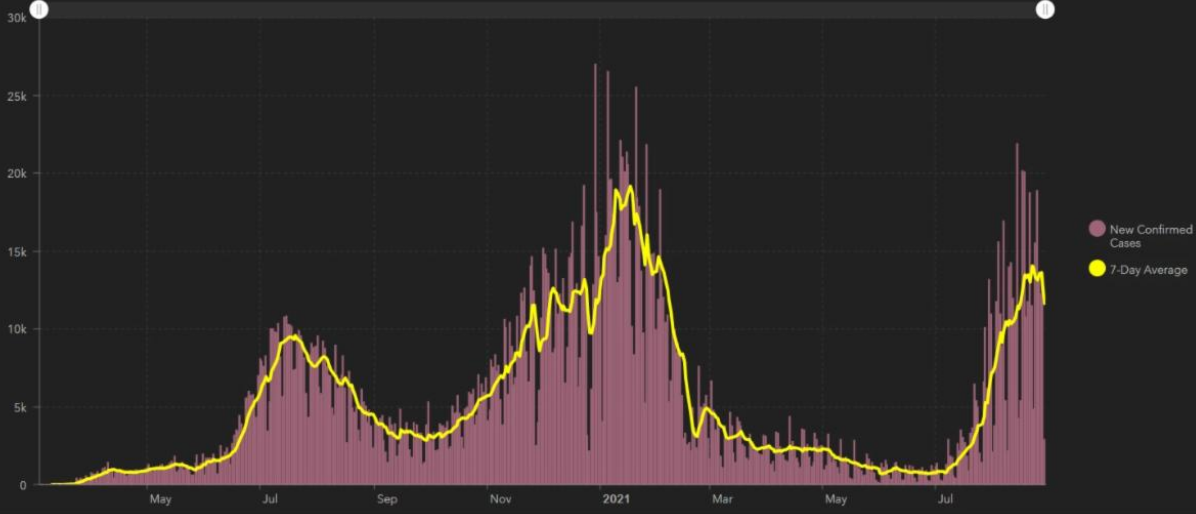
These charts can be found at the Harris County COVID Dashboard www.readyharris.org

Harris County has raised its threat level to RED - Severe Threat

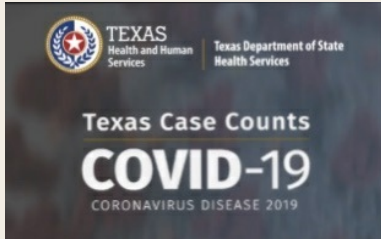
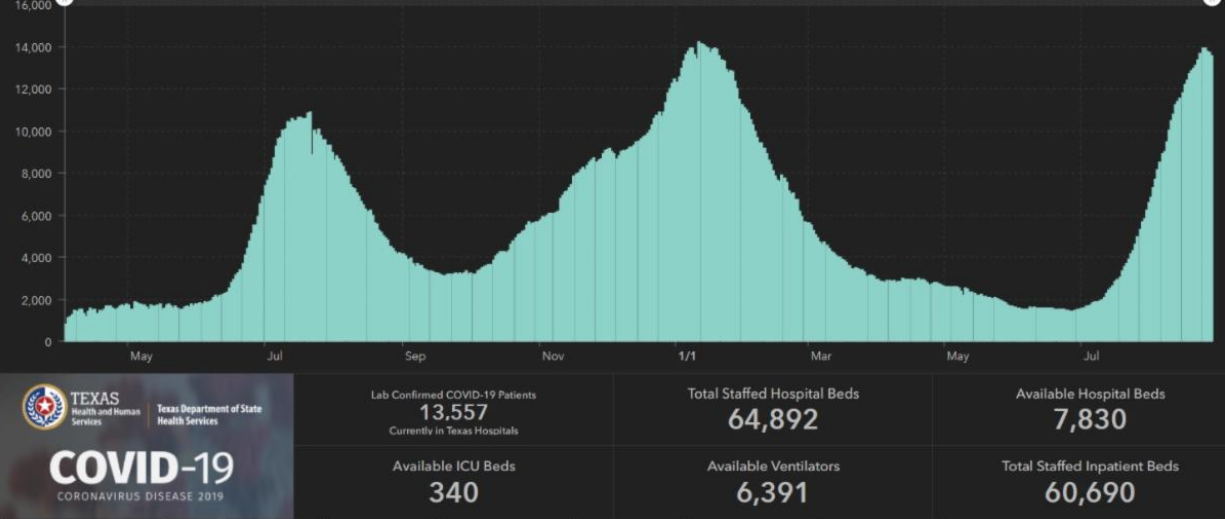
At present, over 48% of Harris County's population has been vaccinated with at least one dose. We still rank among the lowest of Texas' large counties in vaccination rates. 59% of people older than 12 years of age have received at least some vaccination and those older than 65 make up the largest vaccination percentage group at 78%

(Source - [New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com))

New Confirmed Cases



Maps Trends Demographics About the Data



Texas COVID Cases Statewide

To see charts reflecting details on Covid and vaccination activity follow this link to the [Texas Covid Dashboard](#)

COVID VIRUS & VACCINES IN TEXAS

The new variants to the COVID virus continue to frustrate efforts to halt the spread of the virus in Texas. COVID cases in Texas now number about 2,991,219 confirmed cases statewide, with 489,357 of those in Harris County. The death toll stands at 55,371 across the state. Now everyone 12 years or older are approved to receive the vaccines. Texas has now administered 29,826,972 doses of the vaccine and our vaccination rate of 60% statewide of at least one dose and just over 46% being fully vaccinated. While these are just statistics, remember these cases and fatalities are friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Choosing vaccinations are and should be a personal and individual choice, though data seems to indicate a significantly reduced mortality rate for those vaccinated. Please make an informed choice for you and your family and do your best to avoid being a contributor to the ongoing challenges we face fighting the spread of COVID.

To find a vaccine distribution site near you, the state has created this map: [COVID Vaccine Provider Map](#)

If you are in the eligible tier, to find doses available in your area, check this link: [Vaccine Dose Availability Map:](#)

If you need to find a testing site near you, follow this link: [COVID Testing Locations](#)

As your State Representative, I continue to maintain contact with our county and state officials and provide you details and updates from those calls. I try to keep you posted on updates to news and announcements about local actions and state efforts to contain this virus and to provide the highlights so you aren't inundated and hope you find our information useful. Like many of you I am concerned about the growing restrictions on our lives and businesses and I hope it yields a continued improvement in the spread of the virus in the coming months.

Let me say again how proud I am to be chosen once again to represent the residents of House District 126, even during such challenging times. I have continued to show up at the Capitol, prepared to do the "people's work". Texas has many important priorities and I remain focused on making our businesses and communities better places to work and live, something that all of us can agree on.

Sam Harless

State Representative, District 126

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or our Twitter Page at <https://twitter.com/SamHarless126>

COVID-19 Resources

Texas Workforce Commission

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) continues to explore options to keep the 2021 tax rates as low as possible for Texas employers as Texas and the entire nation continue to deal with the economic disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more about 2021 tax rates in the press release](#)

TWC Website to Apply for Benefits: [TWC Unemployment Benefits](#)

Texas Workforce TeleCenter - 800-939-6631

TWC has a new Chat service on their website in the bottom right of the screen, called "Chat With Us". This new function will be able to answer most general questions from individual. <https://www.twc.texas.gov>

Harris County COVID Resources

ReadyHarris Website: <https://www.readyharris.org/#resources>

Harris County Fire Marshal hotline to report businesses who are in violation of the County and State COVID-19 health and safety policies - 832-839-6941

Precinct 4 Commissioner Community Assistance -
[Pct 4 Community assistance](#)

People can sign up to receive emergency alerts from Harris County at: [Ready Harris Alert Signup](#).

Also, 2-1-1 is a resource hotline set up by Harris County. If someone is in need of resources fast they can call that number and they will be connected to resources in their community. They can also text CV19 to 888-777. This hotline is available 24/7.

City of Houston

Federal Resources / Websites

CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

Small Business Administration: [SBA](#)

SBA Paycheck Protection Program - [Paycheck Protection Loans](#)
An SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed
(during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.)

FEMA Corona Response: [FEMA CoronaVirus](#)

Around The District

Our Schools and COVID

The Delta Variant is working its way through our community as well as our schools. The percentage of Texas students with Covid is 0.379% out of the over 5 million enrolled students. Those cases nearly tripled in the last week, according to news sources, so we are clearly being challenged to control the spread of the virus among children.

Our School Districts are closely monitoring COVID cases in the staff and student population. You can see the COVID Campus Dashboards for each of our area districts here:

[Klein ISD COVID Dashboard](#)

[Cy-Fair ISD COVID Dashboard](#)

[Tomball ISD COVID Dashboard](#)

[Spring ISD COVID Dashboard](#)

COVID statistics in Texas Public Schools may be found here:

[TEA School Campus COVID Link](#)

Scroll down on that site and you can get Excel reports that are searchable by school district or campus.

College Student Accomplishments

I think it's important to recognize the accomplishments of our kids as they work hard extending their secondary education in colleges and universities. If you have a child that has reached a significant milestone, such as making the Dean's or President's List, receiving Faculty Honors, or received their undergraduate or postgraduate degree, send us an email with their name and address, details on the accomplishment, and the institution they are enrolled in, so that we may send them a congratulatory letter. You may email it to District126.Harless@House.Texas.Gov with the subject of "College Accomplishment" and we'd be happy to recognize them.

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) was created to provide higher education financial assistance to promising students from the State of Texas who are committed to education and service to their state and nation. The TASSP encourages students to complete a baccalaureate degree and participate in the Texas Guard or become a commissioned officer within the U.S. Military post-college. Each year, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor may appoint two students each, and each state senator and state representative may appoint one student to receive a TASSP award. I usually try to save my nomination for a deserving young applicant from within my District (however these nominations are not restricted to individuals within a Representative's district), and I'm happy to say that this year I was able to nominate Tanner Hecker. He is an outstanding young man with a bright future and I'm happy that I was able to do my part to support him.

If you know of someone who may be interested in receiving a TASSP nomination during the next nomination cycle, you can visit the following website to learn more about eligibility requirements and how to receive a nomination: <http://www.hhloans.com/index.cfm?ObjectID=8FB593C7-EE1E-7872-00A8808886543AEE>

In The District



Pearl Fincher ***Museum of fine*** ***Arts***

Program Offerings

The "Pearl" has so much more than just the physical gallery to offer the community. Their programs expand to include at-home instruction and virtual tours of exhibits. Be sure and check out those that interest you.

Pulped Under Pressure

With traditional hand papermaking at its core, *Pulped Under Pressure: The Art of Handmade Paper* underscores important contemporary issues steeped in history and craft. Enticed through touch, these works encourage a contemplative slowing down even as they urge acknowledgement of some of the most pressing issues (environmental crisis to global marginalization) facing civilization today.

The Art of Paper

Even as we move to digitized images and social media, our love affair with paper art has by no means diminished over the years. Folded into origami and

kirigami, laser-cut, layered, and made into sculptures, paper artists can transform a humble sheet of paper into a spectacular piece of artwork. Accessible to all, paper endures as a medium to make notes, lists, memos, letters, ads, and paintings — once the most intimate means of communication and the most readily discarded.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Pearl Virtual Tour Programs

VIRTUAL TOUR VIDEOS

Take a stroll through our galleries from the comfort of your own home! Enjoy our newest Virtual Tour

Vistas & Voyages, Photographer Don Pine, narrator

[Click for Virtual Tour Video:](#)

The John Cooper School: Fused Glass Fish

[Click for Virtual Tour Video:](#)

Stitched: Contemporary Quilt Art from the International Quilt Festival Collection

[Part 1 Tour](#) • [Part 2 Tour](#) • [Part 3 Tour](#) • [Part 4 Tour](#)

Lesley Humphrey: Saved by a Horse

[Click for Virtual Tour Video](#)

Precinct 4 Commissioner Capital Project Status Update

(Our thanks to Pct 4 Commissioner Cagle's Office)

Precinct 4's General Superintendent for Road & Bridge (R&B) advised that while a contractor that was installing a waterline on behalf of an area utility district, they struck an existing waterline which caused erosion to occur under the northbound lanes of the Champion Forest Drive roadway, not the bridge. R&B closed that section of the road and started roadway repairs.

While the district contractor continued underground boring under the southbound lanes, the contractor experienced equipment failure which impacted the schedule to the northbound lane repairs and a separate void under the southbound roadway was discovered. Out of an abundance of caution, both north and southbound lanes were closed to traffic until the repairs could be completed. Champion Forest Drive is fully open to the traveling public. **(Note - the contractor was responsible for the cost of the repairs)**

Additionally, below is current information for the other capital improvement projects with updates in **red**.

- **Boudreaux Road 3 between Old Boudreaux Lane and Gleannloch Forest Drive at SH 99**
 - Summary: Proposed improvements include widening Boudreaux Road to a 4-lane concrete pavement section with improved drainage accommodations and traffic signal

- installation/modification as warranted.
 - Status: Study phase – goal to complete study in the second quarter of 2022
 - Construction Timeline: TBD
 - Construction Cost Estimate: \$11.2 million
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- **Bourgeois Road between Cutten Road and West Richey Road**
 - Summary: Proposed improvements include upgrading Bourgeois Road as a 2-lane concrete pavement section with improved drainage accommodations and traffic signal installation/modification as warranted.
 - Status: Study phase – goal to complete study in the **first quarter of 2022**
 - Construction Timeline: TBD
 - Construction Cost Estimate: \$10 million
- **Cutten Road between Bavaria Drive and Cossey Road**
 - Summary: Proposed improvements include the extension of Cutten Road as a 4-lane concrete pavement section with improved drainage accommodations and traffic signal installation/modification as warranted.
 - Status: **Study phase – goal to complete study in the first quarter of 2022**
 - Construction Timeline: TBD
 - Construction Cost Estimate: \$4 million
- **Cypress North Houston Road** (*being pursued in two phases*)
 - **Cypress North Houston Road between Jones Road and Perry Road**
 - Summary: Planned improvements include widening Cypress North Houston Road (formerly Lou Edd Road) as a 4-lane concrete pavement section with improved drainage accommodations and traffic signal installations at Misty Moss Drive, Autumn Mills Drive.
 - Status: Design phase
 - Construction Timeline: Current goal is to advertise the project for bid in the fourth quarter of this year.
 - Construction Cost Estimate: \$7.5 million
 - **Cypress North Houston Road Segment 2 between Perry Road and FM 1960**
 - Summary: Planned improvements include extending Cypress North Houston Road as a 4-lane concrete pavement section with drainage accommodations and traffic signal installation FM 1960.
 - Status: Design Phase
 - Construction Timeline: TBD
 - Construction Cost: TBD
- **Hollister Street 4 between Log Hollow Drive and Breen Drive**
 - Summary: Proposed improvements include extending Hollister Street as a 4-lane concrete pavement section with improved drainage accommodations and traffic signal installation/modification as warranted.
 - Status: Pre-Planning Phase

- Construction Timeline: TBD
- Construction Cost: TBD

- **Hufsmith-Kohrville Road 2 between Hollow Glen Lane and Ezekiel Road**

- Summary: Planned improvements include widening Hufsmith-Kohrville Road as a 4-lane concrete pavement section with improved drainage accommodations and traffic signal installations at Lacey Road and Ezekiel.
- Status: Design Phase
- Construction Timeline: Current goal is to advertise the project for bid in the second quarter of 2022.
- Construction Cost Estimate: \$7.9 million

- **Hufsmith-Kohrville Road 3 between Ezekiel Road and Holderrieth Road**

- Summary: Planned improvements include widening Hufsmith-Kohrville Road as a 4-lane concrete pavement section with improved drainage accommodations and traffic signal installation at Woodland Shore Drive.
- Status: Design phase – goal to complete the design phase in the **first quarter of 2022**.
- Construction Timeline: TBD
- Construction Cost Estimate: \$19.8 million

- **Fairbanks North Houston Road at Terrace Brook Drive**

- Summary: Planned traffic signalization of intersection as warranted.
- Status: Awaiting signal materials delivery.
- **Construction Timeline: Construction began this month and is expected to be complete by mid-September 2021 (barring any unforeseen circumstances)**
- Construction Cost: \$305k



Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

Transportation and Mobility Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month
 Meeting Location:
 29201 Quinn Rd.
 Tomball, Texas 77375
 Upstairs Conference Room

Tomball Government Affairs Committee

Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce
 Transportation/Government Affairs
 Committee



The committee meets the 1st Thursday

of each month to discuss governmental issues that confront their Cy-Fair area. They meet at the Chamber offices located at 8711 Highway 6 North, Ste. 120 Houston, TX 77095.



Houston NW Chamber Cancels Public Safety Forum

The Public Safety Forum previously supported by the Houston NW Chamber has been cancelled as a program. The good news is that it has been picked up by Commissioner Jack Cagle's Office.

Harris County Pct 4 Public Safety Forum

Tuesday morning Oct 12 at 8:30 am with doors open at 8 am for breakfast goodies and coffee.

Glorious Way Church
11611 Champions Forest Dr
Houston, TX 77066

Command staff Sheriff's and Constables will speak along with homeless organizations. What is the current situation? What is law enforcement doing about it? What can citizens do to help? To what extent are homeless a factor in this crime? This will be a panel discussion with time for Q&A.



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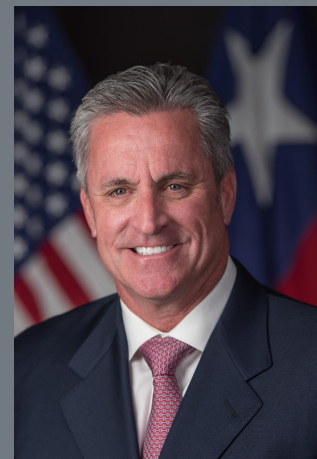
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