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State Representative District 126

May 2022 Newsletter

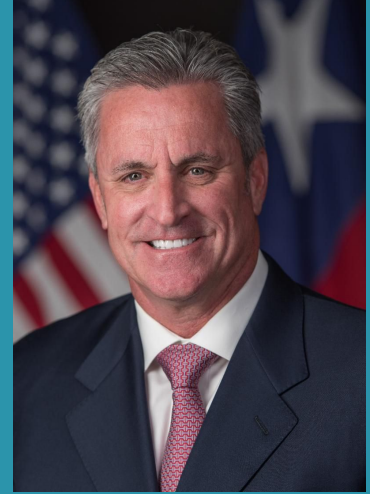


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News
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Tragedy In Uvalde

No words can express the pain and loss experienced by the families of those children and teachers in Uvalde last week. Many of us are searching for answers on how to prevent such a senseless tragedy and some want them before all the right questions have even been asked. As the investigation continues, we learn more about where failures occurred, which will help identify where solutions can be applied.

I agree with many of you that it is time to have open discussions about the issues affecting the safety of our children and availability of guns and am glad the Governor has just called for the the creation of special legislative committee in each chamber to search for solutions. A broad scope must include school safety reviews to be conducted by the Texas School Safety Center. I will be talking with some of our own area experts in school safety and school leaders with a close eye on what solutions come before the next legislature. I have already requested information from our area districts on gun incidents in our schools in the last year.

To be sure, evil will find a way and our job is to reduce those opportunities. No matter what else we do now, we must focus on improving the safety of our children, faculty, and our schools.

Committee Continue During the Interim

State Affairs Committee - State Affairs Committee - The State Affairs Committee did not meet in May, but did hold a video conference call to review the status of the Electric Supply Chain Mapping charge given to the Public Utility commission during the regular session of the 87th legislature. The Public Utility Commission (PUC) was charged with mapping the supply chain for the Texas energy grid and identifying critical components and operational responsibilities for each. The Electric Supply Chain Mapping Committee, was created by the legislature in Senate Bill 3 as a response to Winter Storm Uri and subsequent failure of the Texas electrical grid. This map was a very large step forward in technology for identifying critical components of the grid, where failures may be occurring, and operating responsibilities moving forward.

Their first report issued back in January highlighted progress in identifying the necessary layers of data sources and information necessary to create an interactive map to be used by state agencies and responders dealing with critical energy infrastructure components. [Full January 2022 report here.](#)

The State Affairs Committee is scheduled to be back in action on June 22nd & 23rd. On June 22nd we will be covering the monitoring charge for Senate Bill 3 and we will hear from invited testimony on the status

of actions related to this bill that were mandated by the Texas Legislature. On June 23rd we will be covering the monitoring charge for Senate Bill 2, which related to the governance of the PUC, the OPUC,

and ERCOT. We will also be examining the efforts of power generation facilities to weatherize properly and we will begin reviewing the status of various projects that are intended to reduce transmission congestion within the electrical grid.

While testimony for the June 22nd hearing will be limited to invited testimony only, the hearing on June 23rd will be open to public testimony. For information on the hearing notice, go [here](#).

Homeland Security & Public Safety - Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee met in Austin on May 3rd to review a number of committee specific issues and interim charges. The members reviewed testimony regarding HB 3712 which seeks to ensure peace officers in Texas receive the appropriate training necessary to handle the increasingly complex duties of law enforcement. The bill also requires training on the duty of an officer to intervene when more use of force by another officer than is necessary is observed and render aid once that force is used. HB 3712 also seeks to standardize training through greater consistency, with training on the prohibition of chokeholds or other types of neck restraints.

HB 3712 also requires that the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) develop and make available to other law enforcement agencies model policies for pre-employment background investigations for peace officers that include both criminal background and previous law enforcement employment termination reports. (F5 - termination report)

The Committee also heard invited testimony from the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Military Department, and other state agencies about Operation Lone Star in a review of both the activity on the border and the resources necessary to maintain our efforts during the recent surge in border crossings. Specifically, whether law enforcement needs specific or individualized training or education on matters involving border security, human trafficking or other scenarios where unaccompanied minors are involved.

Select Committee On Public Health Reform

Chairman Harless and staff have continued to meet with stakeholders and searching for industry experts both inside and outside of Texas. We are taking input and suggestions from as many as possible sources as we approach our first hearing, tentatively planned the first or second week of August.

Our first hearing will focus on the aspects of the interim charge relating to the "access and affordability" components. There is a potential deadline for a Medicaid Extension due in mid-July, so we plan to invite a number of state agencies, such as the Health & Human Services Commission, The Texas Department of Insurance, the Texas Department of State Health Services as well as industry experts and state and national level policy analysts.

The Chairman has spoken with all of the committee members and is fortunate to have so many members on the committee with broad experience in health care.

See full committee charge here: [Select Committee on Public Health Reform Charges](#)

Elections

In Harris County 119,721 registered voters out of 2,517,424 turned out to vote in the May 7th election = 4.76% turnout. By comparison, during the Primary Election in March 2022, 357,314 voters turned out, or 14.19% So, roughly only one third of the primary voters turned out for the first election in May for the

Constitutional Propositions. In the Primary Runoff elections, that number fell to 185,544, just half of the primary voters returned to vote in the runoff election.

Harris County was once again in the news following the primary and May constitutional election for extremely late election results. In May they were the last county to submit their results to the Secretary of State's Office, finally getting results after 9:30 am the following morning. For the runoff election, things went fairly smoothly considering the volume of voters was cut in half and results were available shortly after midnight.

The Proposed Constitutional Amendments Proposals both passed by a large margin.

Proposal 1: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."

(Elderly/Disabled Property Tax Reduction)

Election Results

For - 1,118,313 (87%)

Against - 168,398 (13%)

Proposal 2: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."

(Increase Homestead Exemption from \$25k to \$40k)

Election Results

For - 1,102,907 (85%)

Against - 197,254 (15%)

Operation Lone Star

Governor Abbott launched Operation Lone Star in March 2021 to respond to a rise in illegal immigration. In May, Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration that now covers 48 counties, mostly counties along or near the border. The declaration directed the Department of Public Safety to "use available resources to enforce all applicable federal and state laws to prevent the criminal activity along the border, including criminal trespassing, smuggling, and human trafficking, and to assist Texas counties in their efforts to address those criminal activities." The following month, the Governor opened Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) facilities for detaining arrested persons under Operation Lone Star. The challenges of securing our southern border and controlling the flow of illegal drugs and weapons and border crossings are immense.

The DPS [Border Wall and Operation Lone Star Summary Page is here](#)



OPERATION LONE STAR

Dashboard As of May 26, 2022

Activities in the Operation Lone Star Area of Interest

	Criminal Arrests	Criminal Trespass Arrests	Felony Charges	Federal/Other Charges	Migrant Apprehensions & Referrals	Illegal Entries Deterred	Bailouts
TOTAL	15,795	4,245	12,992	1,137	258,231	19,177	2,330

	Marijuana Seizures (lbs.)	Cocaine Seizures (lbs.)	Meth Seizures (lbs.)	Heroin Seizures (lbs.)	Fentanyl Seizures (lbs.)	Fentanyl Lethal Doses	Currency Seizures (USD)	Firearms
TOTAL	18,526	2,773	10,897	43	190	43,095,939	\$10,290,268	919

Statewide Operation Lone Star Activities

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TOTAL	34,432	4,630	29,356	295	1,343	304,496,379	\$31,248,504	4,331

Operation Lone Star (OLS) began on March 04, 2021. All numbers reported for Operation Lone Star are unverified and unofficial. Numbers reflect combined reporting from Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD), and Texas Military Department (TMD). Numbers are approximate and subject to change. Data includes instances where DPS assisted other agencies during the event. Criminal arrests, including criminal trespass arrests, include United States Citizens and illegal migrants. Number of felony charges are placed on individuals arrested for criminal activity during the reporting period. Multiple charges may be placed on an individual during any arrest incident. Charges include Texas Penal Codes 20.05, 20.06, 20.07, 20a, 30.05, 31.07, 34.02, 37.09, 38.03, 38.04, 46, and 71.02; Texas Health and Safety Codes 481 and 483; Texas Transportation Code 545.421; United States Code Titles 8 USC, 18 USC § 922, 18 USC § 1546, 18 USC § 1956, 18 USC § 1960, 21 USC § 801-971, 26 USC § 5861, 26 USC § 7206; and all warrants. Federal/other charges could include subjects arrested with federal warrants, e.g., DPS initially detained but turned over to a federal agency, etc. Illegal Entries Deterred represents the number of subjects who crossed into the U.S. and then crossed back into MX after encountering law enforcement, as well as those who were in the process of crossing or who had staged in MX to cross but ceased the attempt upon encountering law enforcement. Data may include activity that occurred in OLS Area of Interest as defined in the OLS Operations Order and OLS Fragmentary Order as the Gulf of Mexico coastal region and all the DPS South Texas and West Texas Regions. Statewide Operation Lone Star Activities reflects numbers across the state of Texas, including the Operation Lone Star Area of Interest. Operation Lone Star Area of Interest numbers are a subset of Statewide Operation Lone Star numbers. A Fentanyl Lethal Dose is 2mg based on DEA reporting. TPWD personnel deployed for OLS from June 28, 2021, through May 05, 2022. Migrant numbers provided by TMD from March 12, 2021-May 25, 2022, may include instances where DPS assisted in referring to United States Border Patrol.

TDEM Security Lighting

Number of Security Lighting Units
150

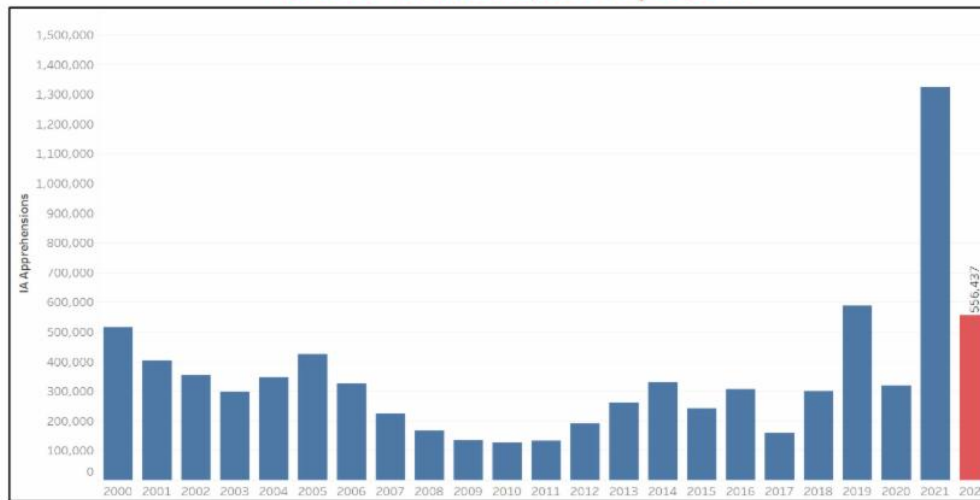
The Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) is supplying security lighting units at task force security positions within Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, and El Paso Counties for Operation Lone Star. Number of security lighting units are unverified and unofficial.

Processing Facilities – Val Verde & Jim Hogg Counties

Subjects Processed	Subjects Currently in Custody
4,070	793

The reporting period for criminal migrant processing numbers is July 20, 2021-May 26, 2022. Numbers were derived from Texas DPS arrest information captured by the facility processing centers in Val Verde and Jim Hogg Counties and information provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Briscoe and Segovia Units.

IA Apprehensions in Texas Sectors by Calendar Year CY 2000 – CYTD 2022, as of May 25, 2022



- * This chart compares apprehensions during CYTD 2022 compared to apprehension data for complete calendar years since CY 2000.
- * Most apprehension figures are based on publicly available data from the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website.
- * May 01 – 25, 2022 apprehension figures are based on Operation Border Star reporting and are preliminary, unofficial, and subject to change.
- * Texas Sectors include the Rio Grande Valley, Laredo, Del Rio, Big Bend, and El Paso Sectors. The El Paso Sector covers a portion of Texas and the state of New Mexico

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Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts





June 4 - Sept. 3

June 4 – September 3, 2022

This summer the Pearl will be bursting with color and creativity as it showcases works of art by some of the most talented LEGO® brick artists in Houston and across the country.

No Limits: The Artistry of Bricks features more than 20 works that elevate the toy to the realm of contemporary art. Our goal is to introduce visitors to art and architecture in a language they understand, while also demonstrating the potential of imagination and the power of creativity. Some pieces in the exhibition hang on gallery walls; others are 3-dimensional and reach over 7 feet tall. Engineering, math and problem-solving all come into play to create these works of art.

Among the amazing pieces in this exhibition are:

- Chrysalis by Michael "Moto" Kanemoto, a contestant on LEGO® Masters FOX Season 2
- Battle of the Alamo by Adam Bell
- Houston by Houston Brick Club
- Mr. Tiger and Mr. Frumble's Pickle Car, two works by Jonathan Lopes
- Rainbow Castle by Timothy Howell
- San Jacinto Monument by Robert Roche
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Dr. Gregory Jonason
- BB-8 Droid by Steven Laughlin

...and many more!

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free!

Cypress Creek F.A.C.E.



Herb Alpert & Lani Hall Friday June 10th

Creator and innovator, musician and producer, artist, and philanthropist, Herb Alpert is a man with a profound passion. Born in Los Angeles, the future trumpeter came of age in a house filled with music. At the age of eight, he was drawn to the trumpet in a music appreciation class in his elementary school. A legendary trumpet player, Alpert's extraordinary musicianship has earned him five #1 hits, nine

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Two time Grammy® Award-winning vocalist and producer Lani Hall started her singing career in 1966 as the lead singer of Sergio Mendes's breakthrough group, Brasil'66. She left behind her city roots in Chicago and for 5 years performed throughout the world. While Lani's singing career took her on the road, she also focused on her writing—committing to the page her personal impressions of the world around her. Sergio Mendes further expanded her writing career by asking Lani to write the English lyrics for many of the band's Brazilian songs. In 1966, A&M Records signed Brasil '66 and Lani met her future husband, music legend, Herb Alpert, who is also the co-founder of A&M Records. Herb and Lani married in 1973.

[Tickets & More Info](#)

ESD 9 Monthly News



The CyFair Fire Department and EMS runs under Emergency Service District 9. We had 2350 EMS calls and 611 Fire calls for a total of 2961.

As we begin the start of Hurricane Season, the Cy-Fair Fire Department has some tips to prepare and a few on what to do during a flood.

- Keep a few days worth of non perishable food items and drinking water.
- Keep your medications and a list of them in water proof containers.
- Have a life jacket for every member of your home, Including your pet.
- Keep a storm kit with flashlights, a small radio, batteries, cell phone charger and a whistle to call for help.
- Keep important paperwork in water proof containers.
- Do not leave loose toys, furniture, or anything that can become a projectile during the high winds on your property.
- Trim your trees around your home.
- Clear debris around storm drains.

- If you are going to evacuate, evacuate before the storm.
- If you decide to ride it out and realize you want to evacuate, do it before winds get stronger and the flood waters rise.
- If you have to evacuate your home due to water, write these things on a wall. Write your name and those that are with you, what date and time you evacuated and where you evacuated. Also leave a contact phone number.
- Do not forget about your neighbors, especially the elderly and disabled. They may not have anyone

Do not forget about your neighbors, especially the elderly and disabled. They may not have anyone helping them prepare or evacuate.
-DO NOT DRIVE THRU FLOOD WATERS!

Here are a few websites with more hurricane preparedness information. www.noaa.com and www.weather.gov

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ESD 11 Monthly News



ESD 11 Update - By Jerry Thomas

"I see your ambulances everywhere!"
As the Community Engagement Manager, I have the privilege of interacting with individuals, groups, and different organizations on a very routine basis. I can attest I hear this repeatedly from people I encounter.

ESD 11 Monthly Update

ESD 11 welcomes two new Commissioners, Dorothy Banning and Zach Dunlap, to the ESD Board. We are excited to work with the Commissioners to help us achieve our goal of becoming a world-class mobile healthcare provider.

We celebrated EMS Week with multiple activities from 5/15 to 5/21. This year's theme was "Rising to the Challenge." In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's frontline.

In honor of the efforts of our organization, the District received a resolution from Representation Sam Harless, which Kelly Peterson presented, and from the District Board, presented by President Karen Plummer. The team was grateful for their recognition!

Our response time performance remains exceptional and may be found with other critical information on our website at <https://esd11.com/transparency/>. The data is updated monthly after each regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Should you have any questions, please get in touch with Jerry Thomas @ jerry.thomas@esd11.com or 281 (524) 7667

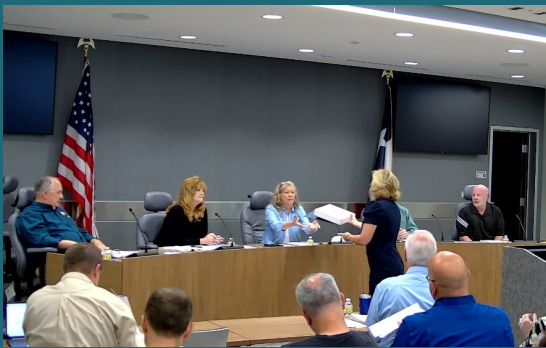


Dorothy Banning



Zach Dunlap

EMS Week Resolution



May 15th began National EMS Week and to commemorate this week and to honor the many contributions EMS workers provide to our community, State Representative Sam Harless provided ESD 11 with a Resolution presented by District Director Kelly Peterson to the ESD 11 Board of Commissioners.

[ESD 11 Website](#)

ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT # 16



ESD 16 manages the Klein Fire Department and acts as the administration for physical facilities, equipment, and resources necessary to fight fires and respond to the fire service needs in our community.

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16 has made a subtle change to the Klein Fire Department shield, but not the name, that our department operates behind. This change coincides with the official start of the onboarding process to bring over members of the existing department.

Elections occurred on May 7th and with the results we would like to welcome Anna Vollenweider as a new ESD commissioner with her election win. With her taking the position, we want to give special recognition to departing Commissioner Rich Jones who has had a long and irreplaceable association with KVFD and the ESD. Rich has served in the department in many key roles since 1978 as the department's Fire Chief as a volunteer, the department's Executive Administrator as a full-time employee and most recently as ESD Commissioner. Rich has been instrumental in many developments along our way and will be greatly missed.

The Klein Fire Department is rated ISO Class 2 and provides Fire Suppression, Rescue, and Medical Emergency Assistance to a resident population of 173,549 residents covering the Spring/Klein area and encompassing approximately 49 square miles.

If you have questions about the transition or wish to learn more about Klein Fire Department, please contact the ESD at info@HCESD16.org or visit www.HCESD16.org / www.KleinFire.org

[ESD 16 Website](#)

Schools In Our District



[Klein ISD Website](#)



[Tomball ISD Website](#)



[CyFair ISD Website](#)

Our Schools and COVID

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.

Cy-Fair ISD News



More Than 8,800 Graduate From Cy-Fair ISD In Class Of 2022

Each commencement exercise was highlighted by remarks and addresses from each campus principal and student representatives from every graduating class. Selected representatives also led the Pledge of Allegiance, while Air Force JROTC members presented the colors prior to each ceremony.

In addition to earning their high school diplomas, approximately 199 CFISD seniors from Cypress Lakes, Cypress Park, Cypress Ridge, Cypress Woods and Langham Creek high schools also graduated with their associate degrees from Lone Star College—CyFair through the [CFISD College Academy](#). The Class of 2021 from Cypress Lakes marked the inaugural College Academy graduating class, with 85 students earning both their high school diplomas and associate degrees. The College Academy allows eligible students to earn an associate degree from LSC—CyFair when they graduate high school. It is designed to allow students to take a sequence of college-level courses through the LSC—CyFair dual-credit program, which simultaneously provides credit toward their high school diploma.

More than 62,000 guests attended the Class of 2022 commencement exercises, while 51,906 others watched the graduation ceremonies through the CFISD Livestream account. The live streams were viewed both across the United States and across 96 countries internationally as of June 1. The 2021-2022 school year marked the 15th year for graduation ceremonies to be streamed live for the public.

[Cy-Fair Graduation Link](#)

Klein ISD News



Congratulations to all the Klein ISD High School Graduates! We wish them well in their future academic or life endeavors. To the faculty and staff, we thank you for your hard work and dedication to creating a bright future for all our kids.

Follow the links below to see the graduation ceremonies for each of the Klein High Schools.

[Klein High School](#)

[Klein Forest High School](#)

[Klein Oak High School](#)

[Klein Collins High School](#)

[Klein Cain High School](#)

Eighty-three Klein ISD students celebrated completing their Klein ISD educational journey at a Clap Out ceremony with families and friends in attendance.

[See article here](#)

Tomball ISD News



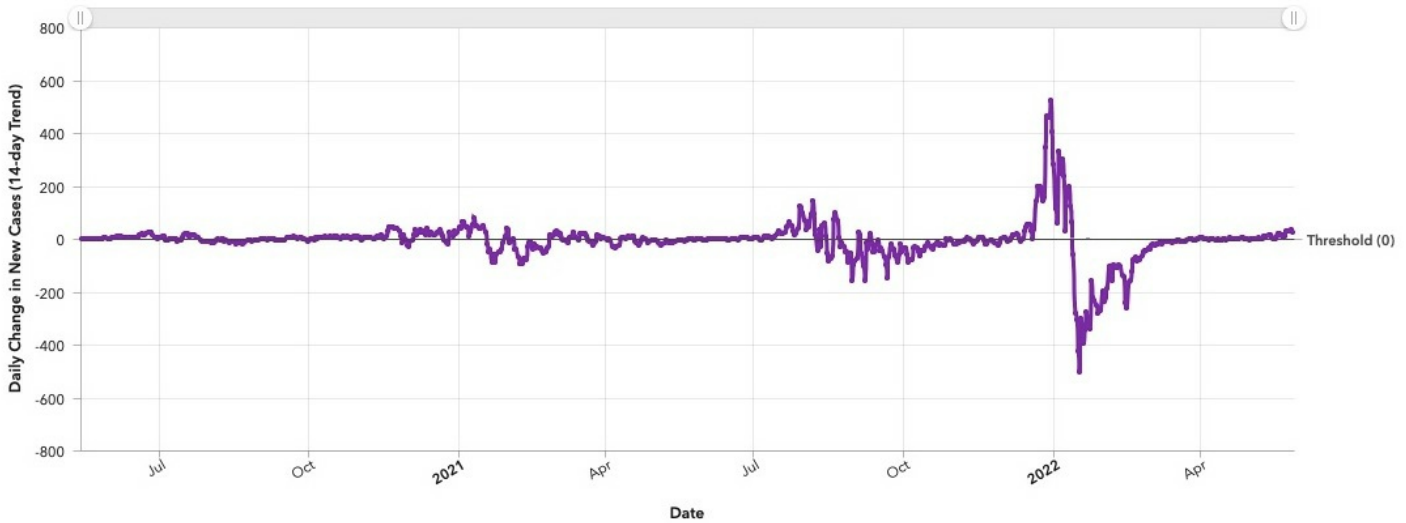


Tomball High School and Tomball Memorial graduated their Class of 2022 seniors on Friday May 27th at Reed Arena in College Station Tx. We wish them well as they enter the next exciting phase of their lives.

TomballISD.net

COVID STATS & INFO

New Cases Trend



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)

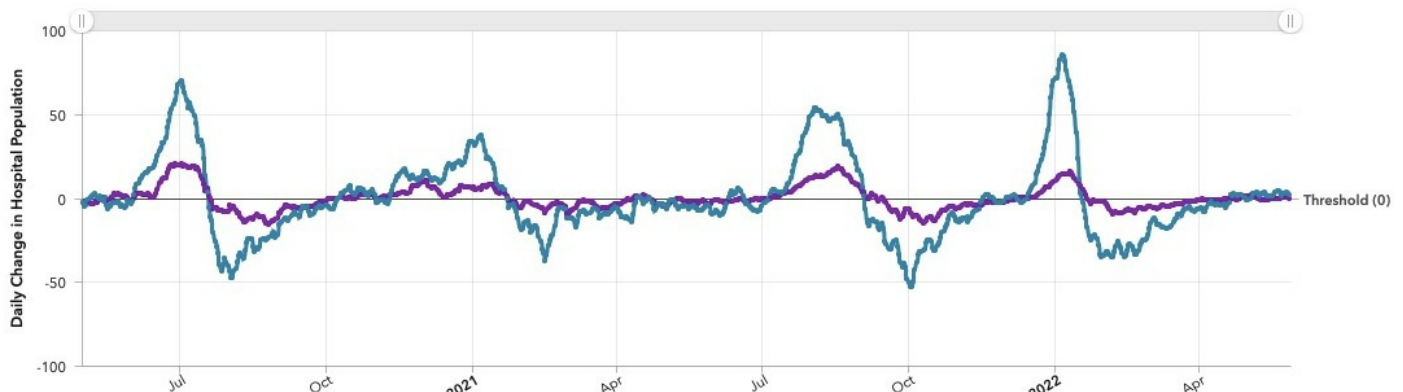
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Data Source*: Harris County Public Health (HCPH), Houston Health Department (HHD)

**Due to backlogged cases that have increased over time due to delays in test reporting, missing information, and lags in processing, we have updated metrics involving case counts to only include cases that have specimen collection dates within 14 days of the date of reporting.*

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

Hospital Population Trend



Date



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

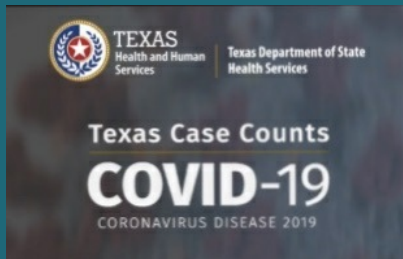
Data Updated: 2022-05-30
Data Source: SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC)*
*Data is for Harris County including City of Houston.

Since we have been living with the COVID Pandemic for quite some time and this information is readily available from a variety of sources, we will be reducing our coverage of the topic for the newsletter, unless the situation changes.

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

Harris County's threat level remains in YELLOW - Unvaccinated individuals should continue to mask and physically distance. Level 3 signifies a moderate, but controlled level of COVID-19 in Harris County, meaning a further demonstrated reduction in transmission and the local healthcare system is well within capacity.

Harris County's Current positivity rate is 11.5% over the last 14 day period. General population and ICU beds usage at Harris County area hospitals continue to show a downward trend.



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

Choosing vaccinations are and should always be a personal and individual choice, though data seems to indicate a significantly reduced mortality rate for those who are vaccinated. While numbers continue to improve across the state, we encourage you to take the steps necessary to make your family and home safe. Please make an informed choice for you and your family in conjunction with your family medical professionals and do your best to avoid being a contributor to the ongoing challenges we face fighting the spread of COVID. With new variants, there are lots of things to consider when it comes to your health.

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](#)

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 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

Houston Public Health Dept - <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/>

Ready Harris Accessible Alerts

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management has launched the new Ready Harris Accessible Alerts (RHAA). This new system is providing access to alerts, warnings, and preparedness information to persons who are Deaf, Blind, Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf-Blind, or have low-vision through a new one-stop-website. To sign up, we encourage members of the community to visit <https://hct.ahasalerts.com>.

Community members can also text AHAS to (281) 609-9093 to sign up.

The system will send our Ready Harris Alerts with sign language interpreting along with voice and closed captioning in English and Spanish before, during and after an emergency. The RHAA is compatible with video capable devices such as computers, tablets, cell phones and wireless Braille readers. With this new resource, HCOHSEM will also be able to reach individuals with low literacy in English and Spanish. This is HCOHSEM's latest effort to reach the whole community.

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](#)



Precinct 3 Commissioner Capitol Project Update

(Thanks To Commissioner's Ramsey's Office
For The Update)

[Visit Precinct 3 Website](#)

Precinct 3 Service Request Link

<https://webapps2.harriscountytexas.gov/servicerequestform/pct-form?pct3=>

Road and Bridge

Harris County Precinct 3 maintains the highest level of standards in maintaining over 6,600 lane miles of roadway and associated bridges throughout the area. Maintenance includes road reconstruction, storm debris removal, sign installation, right of way mowing, and more. Please see the list below for projects that are currently under construction, including projects transferred due to redistricting. For questions or comments, [click here](#).

Area Projects in Construction

Cypress Creek Greenway

Project Scope: Trails and Undercrossing at 249 – Construct pedestrian under-crossings and trails facilities on the North and South side of Cypress Creek at S.H. 249.

Benefits: Provides pedestrian access along Cypress Creek to further provide connectivity along the Cypress Creek Greenway

Estimated Construction Cost: \$1,258,208

Estimated Completion: Second Quarter of 2022

Cypress Creek Greenway

Project Scope: Boardwalk construction – This is located on the South side of Cypress Creek adjacent to Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve

Benefits: Provides pedestrian access along Cypress Creek to further provide connectivity along the Cypress Creek Greenway

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2,083,514

Estimated Completion: Second Quarter of 2022

George Bush Community Center

Project Scope: Construct new 18,000 SF Community Center at Cypresswood Drive near York Minster Drive

Benefits: Provides new community center to host a variety of activities for constituents

Estimated Construction Cost: \$4,375,628

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2020

Gosling Road, Segment 3

Project Scope: Convert 2-lanes to a 4-lane boulevard

Benefits: Improve safety and traffic flow by providing 2 lanes for northbound traffic and 2 lanes for southbound traffic with a raised median in between.

Estimated Construction Cost: \$7,412,076

Estimated Completion: Third Quarter of 2022

Gosling Road Bridge over Spring Creek

Project Scope: 2,100' long concrete twin bridge to tie into the 4-lane concrete boulevard to the north and south

Benefits: Improve safety and traffic flow by providing 2 lanes for southbound traffic and completing the mobility connection between Harris and Montgomery Counties

Estimated Construction Cost: \$9,377,674

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

Greenhouse Road, Segment 4

Project Scope: Convert 2-lanes to a 4-lane boulevard

Benefits: Improve safety and traffic flow by providing 2 lanes for northbound traffic and 2 lanes for southbound traffic with a raised median in between.

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2,241,445

Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

Greenhouse Road, Segment 5

Project Scope: Convert 2-lanes to a 4-lane boulevard

Benefits: Improve safety and traffic flow by providing 2 lanes for northbound traffic and 2 lanes for southbound traffic with a raised median in between.

Estimated Construction Cost: \$3,544,680

Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

Mercer Visitor Center

Project Scope: Reconstruct visitor center at Mercer Botanic Park due to Harvey Flood Damage

Benefits: Provides updated center to host a variety of activities for constituents

Estimated Construction Cost: \$683,000

Estimated Completion: Third Quarter of 2022

Mossy Oaks Subdivision Asphalt Reconstruction

Project Scope: Reconstruct 2-lane asphalt roads

Benefits: New pavement improves aesthetics, increases driver safety, and reduces maintenance costs

Estimated Construction Cost: \$1,691,471

Estimated Completion: Third Quarter of 2022

Tall Pines Subdivision Recovery and Resiliency Improvement Project

Project Scope: Improve roadside drainage and pavement throughout the subdivision

Benefits: Provides improved drainage throughout the subdivision to reduce flooding and improve road quality for safety

Estimated Construction Cost: \$3,583,622

Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

Telge Road Reconstruction Phase 1

Project Scope: Tuckerton to Moray View Drive – Reconstruct roadway between Tuckerton Road and Moray View Drive to repair deficient pavement

Benefits: Provides a safer roadway for drivers and reduces future maintenance costs

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2,002,285

Estimated Completion: Third Quarter of 2022

Timber Forest Drive Bridge over UPRR

Project Scope: New 4-lane bridge over the UPRR tracks

Benefits: Improves safety with an elevated RR crossing and provides a second north-south corridor for residents

Estimated Construction Cost: \$6,967,003

Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

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Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

Transportation and Mobility Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month

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Tomball, Texas 77375

Upstairs Conference Room

Tomball Government Affairs Committee

Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce Transportation\Government Affairs Committee

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Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce





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