



# *Sam Harless*

State Representative District 126

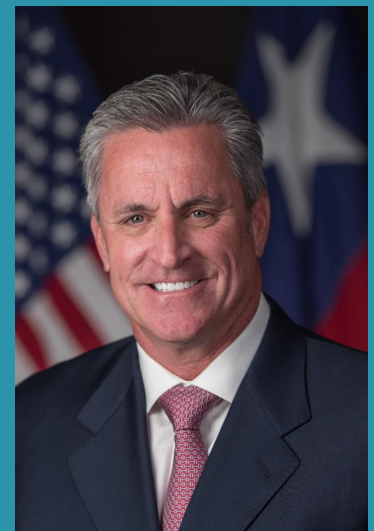
November 2022 Newsletter



*Texas House of Representatives*



Texas  
House District  
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News  
and Information



## 87th Session Interim Wrap-Up

The interim for the 87th Session is fast drawing to a close and what was supposed to be a relatively slower period at the end of last session has turned into a "busier than normal" interim. We had three "back to back" Special Sessions last year that kept us pretty busy up until October and Interim Committee activity started early in the spring of 2022 with special charges added to both State Affairs as well as Homeland Security & Public Safety Committees. In March of 2022, Speaker Phelan created the Select Committee on Public Health Care Reform and named Representative Harless as Chairman.

After numerous meetings and conference calls with stakeholders and advocates through late spring and early summer, we began hearings in August to take testimony from witnesses and wrapped up committee activity mid-October. Then began the process of taking written testimony and recommendations from the public and other committee members upon which to build the final report for submission to the Speaker of the House. This will include recommendations for regulatory and legislative area changes. That report should be submitted sometime mid-December, detailing the problem areas and suggested solutions for Texas' complicated and interconnected healthcare industry.

Our 88th Session of the Texas Legislature will begin on January 10th with 23 new members joining from the last election. As two dozen members retired or left the legislature through retirement or elections for other office, 14 women (All Republicans) were added, increasing diversity and better representation. Pre-filing for bills began on November 1st. As of the end of the month 852 bills and resolutions have been filed. As expected, many of the early bills focus on property tax and abortion issues.

More bills will continue to come in for the first few months of the session but no real activity will begin until committees are assigned, which will likely be somewhere around the week of January 23rd.

The Texas Legislature Online is a public portal that allows anyone to review and track bills as they move through the process. It has a number of search tools that include various search options. You can find it here: <https://capitol.texas.gov/Home.aspx>

## 2022 General Election Issues In Harris County

Once again a smooth election seems to have eluded Harris County Election Administrators. Our 2022 general election is again embroiled in controversy, leaving questions about what else has to be done. Local papers suggest we have too many ballot locations and Harris County's voting location map demonstrates the concentration of polling locations in some areas and an absence of locations in the farther reaches of the county. For an office with one job, to conduct elections, we frequently see far too many logistical problems that seem preventable.

There will likely be legislation filed for the 88th Session in an attempt to find solutions to some of those issues as both the Texas Governor and the Harris County District Attorney have called for investigations into a number of the problems experienced during the election.

## NASA's High School Aerospace Scholar Program

With NASA's commitment to land astronauts, including the first woman and the first person of color on the Moon, students across Texas are excited to be part of the Artemis Generation. This year, 879 students enrolled to participate in year 24 of NASA's Texas High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS).

We are accepting essays from students in our district requesting nomination to participate in the online distance learning component of the HAS course. There is no limit to the number of students nominated so we encourage all interested students to submit an essay before **December 13th**.

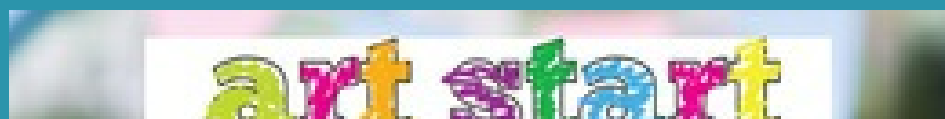
Students who complete the online course with a 70% or better receive an invitation to a five-day gamified virtual summer experience. Invited students work in teams to plan an Artemis-themed mission to the Moon and Mars while mentored by NASA scientists and engineers. Top teams attend a two-day residential experience at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. HAS is an authentic learning experience for Texas high school juniors to engage with NASA's missions and become the next generation of explorers.

Essays may be submitted to Rep Harless at:  
[district126.harless@house.texas.gov](mailto:district126.harless@house.texas.gov)

For more information on the program go here:  
<http://www.nasa.gov/has>



[Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts](#)





Join us for our newest program! Art Start will introduce preschool-aged children to visual learning and creative expression in weekly sessions. You can register for [Art Start here](#)

The class will consist of storytime and a related art activity. Each session is limited to 10 children, and is recommended for ages 5 and under.

New Schedule Starts September 2022:  
Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 10:45 am.

RSVP is required by registering on [Eventbrite](#). If the event shows it is sold out, please call us at 281-376-6322 and we will add you if we have had cancellations. Registration is handled for each class individually; it is not required to attend all sessions.

Check out the August session schedule below, and stay tuned for more sessions!

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



Winter Break

# Art Camp



Cost: \$160, full week half-day camp

\$10 off for Museum Members



\$10 off sibling discount when registering two or more students

**COME TO THE PEARL'S ART STUDIO THIS  
DECEMBER TO CREATE SNOW GLOBES.  
LEARN PRINTMAKING, SCULPT AND  
PAINT ORNAMENTS, DESIGN MUGS AND  
IMPROVE YOUR ARTISTIC SKILLS!**

9:30am to 12:30pm, Ages 5-8 yrs old

1pm-4pm, Ages 9-12 yrs old

Monday, Dec. 19th through Friday, Dec. 23rd



Register now on [pearlmfa.org](http://pearlmfa.org)  
6815 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX 77379

Register for Art Camp

# Ceramics Art Class!



Ages 6-10 and 11-15

All materials included!



Preview of some class projects below!



Plates, cups, vases, animals and more! Learn how to hand-build, design and glaze your pieces in our upcoming ceramics classes.

Tuesdays at 4:30pm-6:00pm, Ages 6-10

Thursdays at 5:00pm-6:30pm, Ages 11-15

7 week class starting 1/10/23

All skill levels welcome!

[Ceramics Class Registration](#)

[Visit the Pearl Fincher Museum Website](#)

**Cypress Creek F.A.C.E.**

Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment





Cypress Creek FACE has begun the fall series.

Star-Lit Series Concerts

- The Four Freshmen – 8pm, Saturday, December 31, 2022
- The Music of Sam Cooke – 8pm, Saturday, January 28, 2023
- The Kingdom Choir – 8pm, Saturday, February 25, 2023
- Stepcrew – 8pm, Saturday, March 25, 2023
- Michael Cavanaugh -- The Music of Elton John and/or Billy Joel – 8pm, Saturday, May 20, 2023

Promenade Series Concerts

- Houston Brass Quintet – December 13, 2022
- Jolie Rocke presents "Lasting Impressions"– January 10, 2023
- Rob Landes – February 14, 2023
- Hope Cowan, harp & Zachary Montasser, violin – March 14, 2023
- Monarch Chamber Players – April 11, 2023
- Matthew Roitstein, flute – May 9, 2023

[Star-Lit Series Season Ticket Order Form](#)

[Promenade Series Season Tickets](#)

**ESD 9 Monthly News**



**Total Run Numbers:**

Here are the run totals for November:

Cy-Fair Fire Department Run Totals = 3130  
 EMS: 2619  
 FIRE: 511

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The top three days of the year for home candle fires are Christmas, New Year's Day, and New Year's Eve. Here are a few safety tips to follow:

- Only use decorations that are flame-retardant or not flammable.
- Check holiday lights each year for frayed wires or excessive wear.
- Don't link more than three strands of holiday lights.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.
- Keep your live Christmas tree away from heat sources and room exits.
- Water your live Christmas tree daily to keep it from becoming dry.

Eddie Cruz  
Public Information Officer  
Cy-Fair Fire Department  
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[eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org](mailto:eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org)

ESD 9 - Cy-Fair Fire Dept

## 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. - Jerry Thomas







## Significant Highlights for the Month:

ESD 11 Paramedic Team places in the top 5 statewide SIMS Games in Austin, Texas. Zach Ledbetter, Paramedic, Maria Castaneda, Paramedic, and their Coach, Dustin Yates, competed against teams across the state to finish in the top five. We are very proud of their performance! Also, at the state conference, Xavier Dela Rosa, Chief Medical Officer, was awarded The Administrator of the Year, and Dr. Casey Patrick, Medical Director, was named Medical Director of the year, respectively.

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.





## Save Reunions Snapshot

Celebrating a "saved life" is the goal and dream of every First Responder. Yesterday, we were able to do just that. Due to the quick actions of Precinct 4 Corporal Dennis Cowan, Deputy Joe Wooley, ESD 11 Dispatcher, and Medics, Matt Oliver (patient, Astros fan 😊) and his family could join us for his "Save Reunion."

Receiving a note like this makes the hard days easier to handle....

"Sometime between 3 and 3:20 in the morning on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, my wife, Lisa, suffered a massive coronary in bed. I called 911, and the operator was outstanding. She calmly and clearly instructed me to put my wife on the floor and give her chest compressions until the first responders arrived. She stayed with me, counted with me, and had an answer to all of my concerns. The cardiologist informed us that less than 10% of people who experience this outside of a hospital do not survive. I want to commend and thank the dispatcher from that night (and meet her if possible) and let her know that she saved my wife and that we will forever be grateful to her for doing so. She was amazing; without her, Lisa would most likely not be here today. Thank you all for the excellent service that you provide to our community.

Charles Hebert - Husband

"On this day, the stars aligned, and I am thankful for everything your team does!"

Lisa Hebert - Patient

Great job Nicole Ward, Dispatcher, Oscar Green, In-Charge Paramedic, and Teresa Rivera, Paramedic. Thank you for all you do! Outstanding professionalism from the beginning (call received) to the end (transferring care to the hospital).

**Community Education:** The holidays can be stressful and depressing for some. Please

**NEW 988** Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the United States. We're committed to improving crisis services and advancing suicide prevention by empowering individuals, promoting professional best practices, and building awareness.

*Thank you for the privilege of serving this community!*

If you are interested in learning more about the ESD, please contact Jerry Thomas, Community Engagement Manager, @ 281-524-7667 or [jerry.thomas@esd11.com](mailto:jerry.thomas@esd11.com) or visit <https://esd11.com/>.

Also, if you would like to schedule a standby or community event, please visit <https://esd11.com/outreach/> to schedule.



[ESD 11 Website](#)

## ESD 13 Fire Service Monthly Update



## Cypress Creek Fire Department

Julia Peterson  
Public Information Officer

[ESD 13 Website](#)

**ABOUT US:** Cypress Creek Fire Department is the operating name for Harris County Emergency Services District 13, a political division of the State of Texas. CCFD is a combination fire department, which means that we staff both full-time and volunteer personnel around the clock. Our department is made up of about 150 firefighters who serve the northwest area of Harris County just outside of Houston, TX.

Cypress Creek Fire Department provides fire suppression & rescue first response services to our 33 square mile district and to the greater FM1960 area in conjunction with our automatic aid departments.

### MONTHLY REPORT

**CONTACT:** Julia Peterson Phone: (281) 894-0151 Email: [pr@hcesd13.org](mailto:pr@hcesd13.org)

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### EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

October 2022

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Fire: 131

EMS: 82

Total: 213

Average Response Time: 05:45

Year To Date:

Fire: 1248

EMS: 837

Total: 2085

Average Response Time: 05:54

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

We are participating in the Salvation Army gift drive as a drop-off location. Bring new & unused toys to any of our five locations now until December 19, 2022.

Our Child Passenger Safety Technicians are located at Station 22 on Cypress N. Houston Rd. and are ready to help you ensure your child's safety by providing free CPSS inspections.

CCFD offers free home safety inspections to all residences in our territory. This includes a walk-through and assessment of your home. Our Firefighters will identify any potential fire hazards and give you a copy of their report so that you can correct these hazards before they become a serious problem.

Year To Date:

Car Seat Inspections: 58

Safety Presentations: 62

Home Safety Inspections: 18

Parade Appearances: 11

Other: 17

For more information, please contact Julia Peterson at (281) 894-0151. Email: [pr@hcesd13.org](mailto:pr@hcesd13.org)



**Bring new toys by**

Bring new toys by  
**December 19, 2022**



ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



**HARRIS ★ COUNTY**  
**EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT**



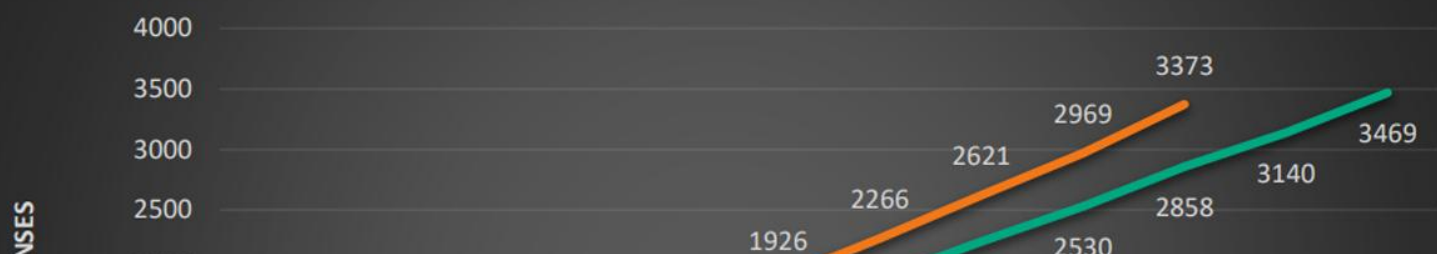
Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

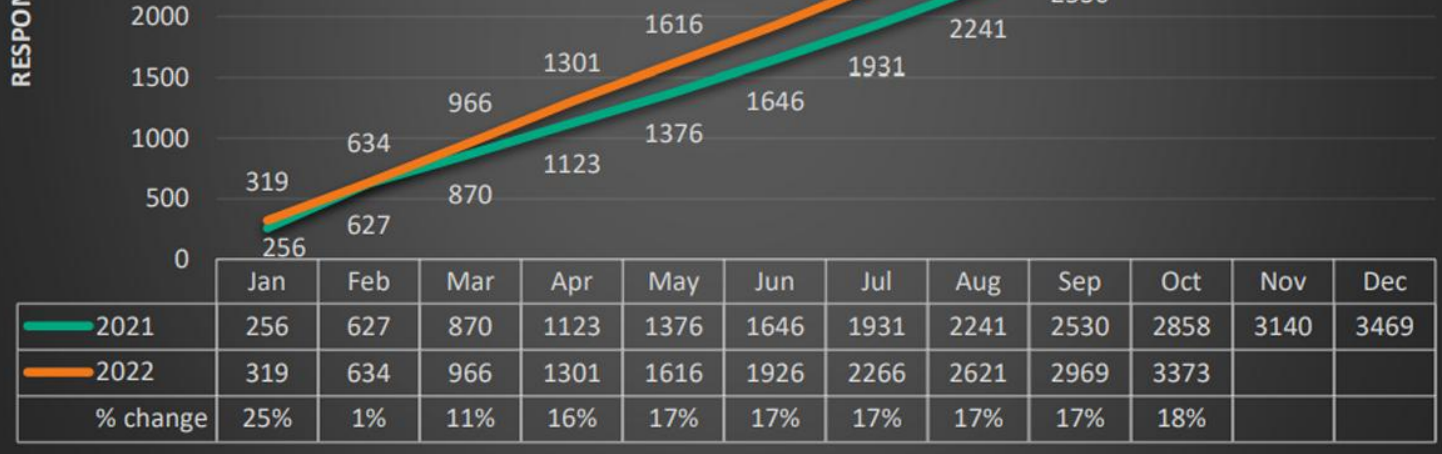
Matt Pentifallo - Public Information Officer  
 Klein Fire Department

HCESD 16 News

Klein Fire Department responded to an increased number of incidents over last year and October was the busiest month this year. Call volume has increased 18% over last year.

**2021 vs. 2022 Calls**





Phase 1 of our transition plan to a single service provider targeted Operations and Regulatory Matters and was completed on September 1. As a result, Klein Fire Department is one of the largest TCFP-regulated fire departments in Harris County and the State, with over 170 TCFP firefighters. The department also has over 50 volunteers. Phase 2 of the transition plan focuses on Administration and Support Services and is expected to take up to two or three years to implement fully.

We would like to bring an end to this year by wishing happy holidays to all of our community, our members, our commissioners and our staff. As the new year begins in a couple of weeks, we are positioned to continue fulfilling our mission every day and strengthening the department to meet the increasing needs of the future.

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](mailto:info@HCESD16.org) or visit [www.HCESD16.org](http://www.HCESD16.org) / [www.KleinFire.org](http://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](#)



### **CFISD STAFF MEMBERS AND STUDENTS HONORED WITH AWARDS FROM AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Nov. 30, 2022—Four CFISD staff members and two student lifeguards were recognized on Nov. 15 during a ceremony at the CFISD Natatorium for their decisive actions and American Red Cross training in helping preserve the life of two different students.

Jonathan Mayer, CFISD director of aquatics, and student lifeguards Cameron Dilney and Christian O’Daniel were recognized for their actions in helping save the life of a student-athlete on Aug. 10 during a water polo game at the CFISD Natatorium.

Mayer, Dilney and O’Daniel were awarded the American Red Cross Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders. The Lifesaving Award is the highest award given by the American Red Cross to individuals or group of individuals who save or sustain a life using the skills learned in an American Red Cross training course.

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"I'm honored to receive this award from the American Red Cross," Mayer said. "You hope that you are never in a position where a lifesaving skill is needed but fortunately, the years of training that were afforded to me through the Red Cross prepared us to respond appropriately. I'm very proud of the two lifeguards that immediately jumped into action, and through their efforts, we were able to prevent a tragedy from occurring. It was a true team effort all around."

In addition, Dustin Cedidla and Kimberly Faterkowski, Cypress Springs High School athletic trainers, and Johnna Simpson, Cypress Springs school nurse, were honored at the ceremony for their response to a medical emergency involving a student that was not breathing and had no pulse. After performing CPR, the student was transported to the hospital and returned to school two weeks later. Both Cedidla and Faterkowski were awarded the American Red Cross Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders and Simpson was awarded the American Red Cross Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action in an Emergency. The certificate is awarded to individuals who step up in an emergency to help save or sustain life using lifesaving skills.

"I am truly humbled and honored to receive the Lifesaving Award from the American Red Cross, along with two great friends and colleagues in Kim and Johnna," Cedidla said. "I am grateful that the three of us were able to work together as a team and use the skills we learned from the American Red Cross to save a student's life."







Cy-Fair ISD Website

Klein ISD News



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TEACHERS  
COLLEGE PREP  
ATHLETICS  
CLUBS & ACTIVITIES  
DIVERSITY  
ADMINISTRATION**



## Klein ISD Saves 90 % on Lighting Costs Through Energy-Conservation Grant

The State Energy Conservation Office awarded Klein ISD's Energy Management Department a \$50,000 grant to modernize exterior lighting at Klein High School and Klein Memorial Stadium. The project allowed Klein ISD to replace 42,000 watts of overhead lighting with high-efficiency LEDs totaling 4,087 watts. A more than 90 percent reduction in costs.

The project was also submitted to Centerpoint Energy as a SCORE (Schools Conserving Resources) project, which awards school districts for installing and upgrading to more energy-efficient equipment. As a result of the SCORE application, CenterPoint awarded Klein ISD more than additional \$9,000 for this particular project.

The remainder of the lighting upgrade was funded through incentives previously received by Klein ISD Energy Management for participation in various energy-savings programs. The project will pay for itself in about four years, but the savings are long-term as LED lights not only use less electricity but also have a much longer lifespan and require less maintenance.

The next time you attend an evening event at Klein High or Klein Memorial Stadium, take a minute to look up and know that Klein ISD is continuing its efforts to conserve both natural and financial resources.

[Klein ISD Website](#)

## Tomball ISD News





## Tomball ISD Celebrates Groundbreaking of New Pre-K Center

Tomball ISD continued to celebrate its growth with the official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Pre-Kindergarten Center, located off Keefer Road in Tomball, as part of Bond 2021.

This Pre-K Center will repurpose the name of the former employee childcare center, Early Excellence Academy (EEA), and will welcome approximately 500 students from across the district who qualify for Tomball ISD Pre-Kindergarten Program.

“Building a Pre-K Center from Bond 2021 funds is a dream that actually came out of necessity, from growth, as we look towards the future,” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora said. “This has truly been one of the projects I will look back on with excitement because every single detail meets the eye and attention of a little one.”

The Tomball ISD Board of Trustees, Salazar-Zamora, and the TISD Executive Team joined together with project partners: LAN (program manager) and DLR (architects).

“I will continue to give thanks as Bond 2021 could not have been passed without the amazing support of our School Board and our community believing in the future of our great district,” said Salazar-Zamora. The passing of Bond 2021 for \$494.5 million will support this new educational facility, and many other district-wide improvements, including the Juergen Road Complex. The celebratory event commended the community backing of the Bond and applauded the planning efforts by many.

[TomballISD.net](http://TomballISD.net)





Tomball ISD Website

## COVID Stats & Info For Harris County



Harris County / City of Houston COVID-19 Data Hub

Community Level   Testing   Case Data   Wastewater   More ▾

### COVID-19 Community Levels Information

**New Cases in Harris County**  
Weekly New Cases Per 100K Residents  
Weekly Update

Data Through: 2022-11-24

⬆️ **16.02**  
Prior week: 13.9

**ICU Bed 7-Day Average (%)**  
SETRAC Hospital Usage Trend  
Weekly Update

Data Through: 2022-11-24

⬆️ **4.74%**  
Prior week: 4%

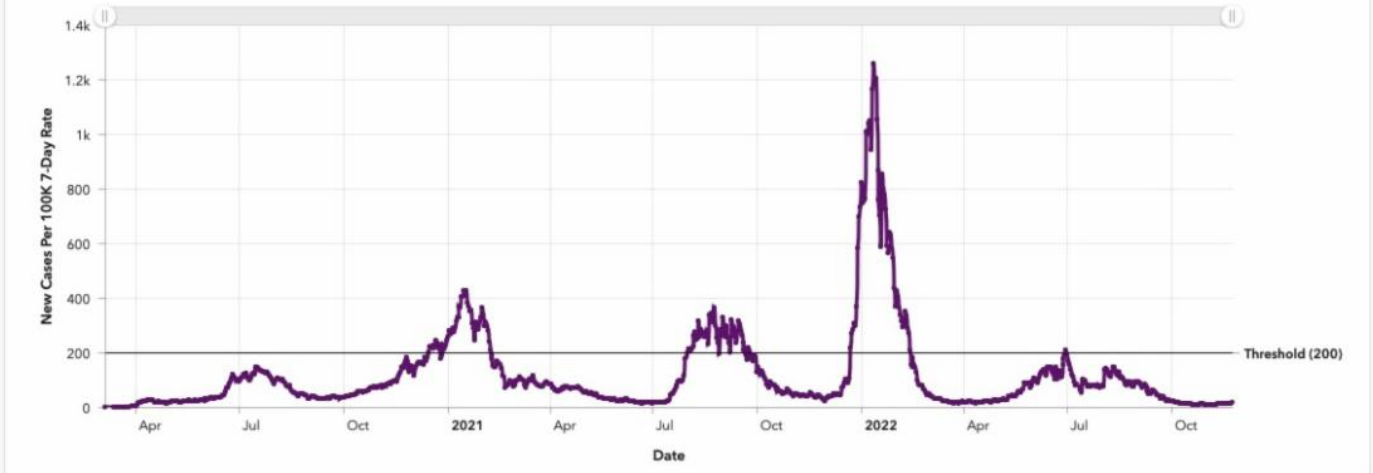
**Hospital Admissions Per 100K**  
SETRAC Hospital 7 Day  
Weekly Update

Data Through: 2022-11-24

⬇️ **4.41**  
Prior week: 4.63

# New Cases in Harris County

Weekly New Cases Per 100K Residents



The chart above provides a reflection of the new COVID-19 cases reported for all of Harris County. The one below is an overall review of COVID metrics in Harris County.



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### COVID-19 Transmission Metrics

<b>Hospital Population Trends</b> *ICU = ICU Bed   *GEN = General Bed	+1.58 ICU* beds/day -0.72 GEN* beds/day
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<b>Hospital Usage</b>	4.37% ICU* beds
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Hospital Usage  
 \*ICU = ICU Bed | \*GEN = General Bed

2.08% GEN\* beds

**New Cases Trend**

**+0.81 cases/day**  
14-day Average

**Positivity Rate**

14-day average of COVID-19 test positivity rate

**5.9%**

**Wastewater Positivity Rate**

This reflects the 14-day moving average COVID-19 positivity rate for the City of Houston, as of the latest wastewater sample date: November 7, 2022

**5%**

**Wastewater Viral Load**

This reflects the total amount of COVID-19 virus in the City of Houston wastewater treatment plants. The measurement is compared to a previous benchmarking date (July 6, 2020) as selected by the Houston Health Department for having especially high COVID-19 positivity rates.

**75%**

In comparison to July 6, 2020

# Monkeypox in Harris County

## Harris County Public Health and City of Houston Health Department Jurisdiction Monkeypox Data

Harris County

City of Houston

Harris County and City of Houston Combined

Cases Rate

**Total Cases**  

**Harris County Total**  

943

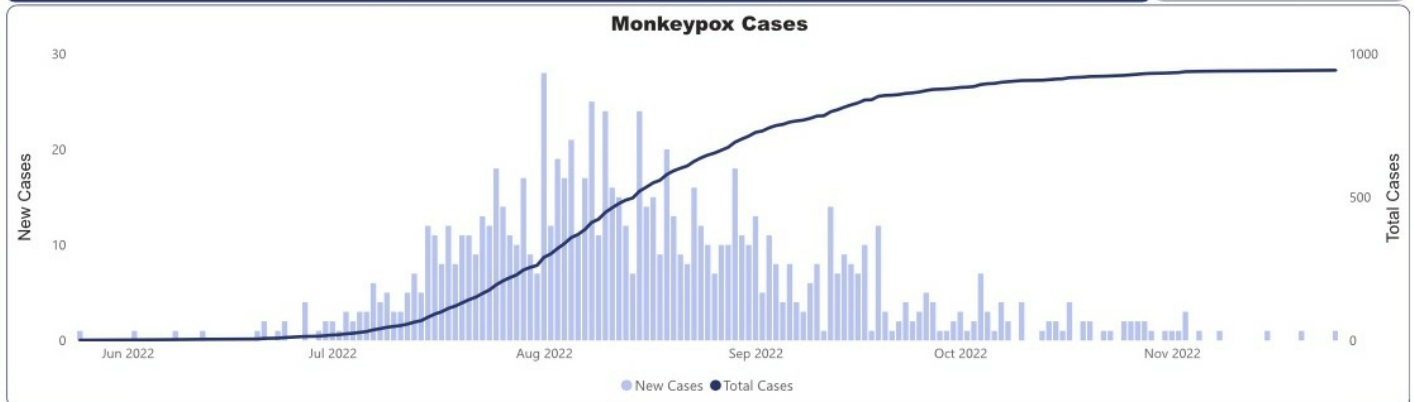
**City of Houston**  

711

**Harris County outside of the City of Houston**  

232

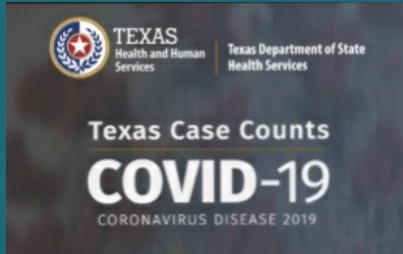
**New Cases Trend**



**Monkeypox**, or MPV has been added to Covid as a current concern for risk for infection in Harris County. For more information about Monkeypox, or the MPV Harris County Public Health has a webpage [here](#).

These charts and more information can be found on the Harris County COVID Dashboard at [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org)

For November, Harris County's Covid threat level is still in "GREEN" alert status - (Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Get tested if you have symptoms) This alert status indicates a LOW Community Level infection rate, which is good news for all of us.



## 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

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## 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.](#)

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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

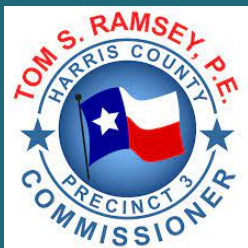
CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

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**  
**Tom Ramsey**  
**Capitol Project Update**



## Harris County Precinct 3 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 that are in or affect our area, including projects transferred due to redistricting. For questions or comments, [click here](#). To follow their current capitol projects list, [click here](#).

### Area Projects in Construction

#### Cypress Creek Greenway Phases 1 & 2

Project Scope: Construct under crossings along Cypress Creek at Highway 249(North and South Side) and construct pedestrian trails and boardwalks.

Benefits: Help connect portions of the Cypress Creek Greenway together and provide access to the Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$3.7 million

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

#### Flashing School Zone – Phase II

Project Scope: Construction of new school zone flashers for schools in Cy-Fair ISD

Benefits: Provides increased safety elements within the school zone

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$1.1 million

Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

#### George Bush Community Center

Project Scope: Construction of a new 2-story community center next to Cypresswood Drive

Benefits: Provide community with a center that will include multiple classrooms, gathering spaces, as well as a large community hall that will be reservable by the public

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$4.5 million

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

#### 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

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$9,377,674

Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

#### Telge Road Reconstruction – Phase 1 from Tuckerton Drive to Moray View Drive

Project Scope: Reconstruct existing 4-lane concrete roadway, driveway reconstruction and new roadway signage.

Benefits: Increase roadway safety

Phase: Construction

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2 million

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2 million  
Estimated Completion: Third Quarter of 2022

Telge Road Reconstruction – Phase 2 from Moray View Drive Drive to Wyman Gordon Way  
Project Scope: Reconstruct existing 4-lane concrete roadway, driveway reconstruction and new roadway signage  
Benefits: Increase roadway safety  
Phase: Construction  
Estimated Construction Cost: \$2.6 million  
Estimated Completion: First Quarter of 2023

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  
Phase: Construction  
Estimated Construction Cost: \$3,583,622  
Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

Jones Road at Charles Road Traffic Signal  
Project Scope: Construction of a new mast-arm traffic signal with related pedestrian facilities  
Benefits: Improved driver safety  
Phase: Construction  
Estimated Construction Cost: \$470,000  
Estimated Completion: Fourth Quarter of 2022

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Precinct 4**

**Commissioner**

**Jack Cagle**



### **Precinct 4's Infrastructure Division**

The Infrastructure Division administers and manages Precinct 4's Capital Improvement Projects Program. The CIP program includes road expansion projects, traffic signals and intersection improvements, and traffic management systems designed to improve mobility and air quality.

The Infrastructure Division also oversees the Child Safety Fund which is used to provide warranted school zone flashing warning signals in compliance with Precinct 4's criteria, the installation of a warranted traffic signal system facilitating the movement of traffic around a school facility to promote student safety. To find out if your area meets the criteria of the flashing warning signal, please click [Flashing Warning Signals](#).

### **Community Assistance Department**

Serving Precinct 4 constituents is our number one goal. With that in mind we have one stop, one phone number, one e-mail address for you to find a solution to any need you might have in Harris County. Tell us what's needed and we do the work! Whether it is a street or a stop sign to be replaced, a road or sinkhole repaired, or questions or comments about Precinct 4 services, CAD can assist.

The staff researches and responds to thousands of calls, letters, and e-mails each year concerning road and bridge maintenance and various issues throughout Harris County and Precinct 4.

In addition to processing requests for maintenance, CAD seeks to have a presence and be available to our community by attending a variety of community events and liaising with various agencies within Harris County and Precinct 4.

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Department Page

### Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce

Representing the business and community interests in the Cypress Creek/North Harris County area since 1974, the Houston Northwest Chamber is actively engaged as a liaison with state, local, and federal leadership to promote the area on a variety of issues.



Houston Northwest Chamber  
of Commerce

### 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.



Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce





## Harris County Pct 3 and Pct 4 Public Safety Forum

Meets at:  
Glorious Way Church  
11611 Champions Forest Dr  
Houston, TX 77066

Local representatives from criminal justice and government agencies make presentations and discuss issues important to the community.

The button below provides a link to sign up for our alerts and lists.

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