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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 137



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## NEWSLETTER

Summer 2022

Friends,

Summer is here, congratulations to all of our high school graduates and their families!

Summer programs are available for students in HD 137.

The State of Texas has a registry for sharing important information with first responders during declared disasters.

Hurricane season is upon us, make sure your family and neighbors are prepared.

Affordable solutions are available to those who need an insulin prescription, even those without insurance.

Jobs are available for teens and young adults through Hire Houston Youth!

If you would like to have an announcement featured in our newsletter, please contact us at [district137.wu@house.texas.gov](mailto:district137.wu@house.texas.gov) for information on submissions and deadlines.

It is an honor to serve and represent you.

Sincerely,



Gene with community leaders at the unveiling of a new art installation in HD 137. The mural is located in Sterling Plaza, 9888 Bellaire Blvd in Asiatown.

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# Congratulations Class of 2022!



Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors and their families! Your hard work, time, and dedication have finally resulted in a diploma. Take this moment to reflect and be proud of your accomplishments, then take your next steps into the world confident in your abilities. Listed in the table below are the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from our great schools. District 137 is proud of each and every one of you!

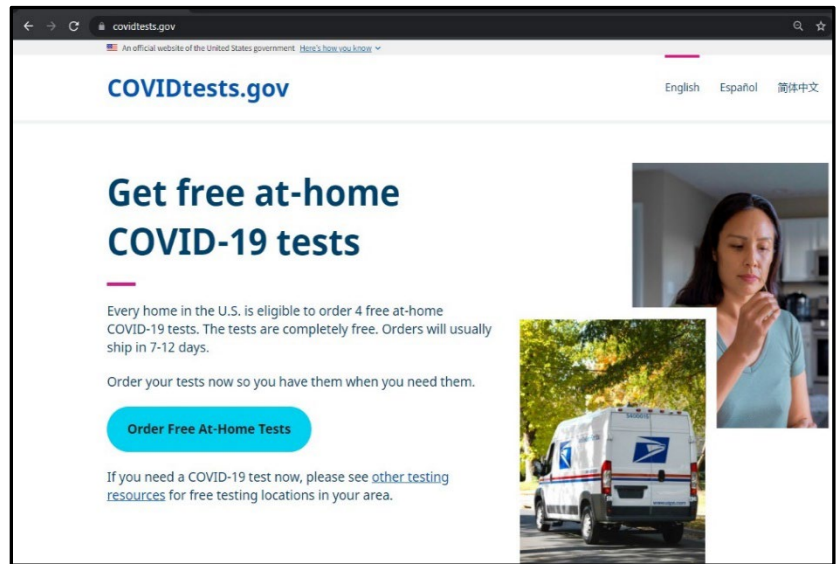
School	Valedictorian	Salutatorian
Alief Early College HS	Ziryab Adnane	Gene Umoette
Liberty High School	Gabriela Geraldine Ramiez Flores	Nathalia Estrada
Empowerment High School	Amarachukwu Ojimba	Chelsie Lopez
Jane Long Academy	Sana Khan	Anab Khatri
Sharpstown International School	Estella Gomez	Emily Chen
St. Agnes Academy	Arbor Ahlgren	Karis Williams
Strake Jesuit	Mason Abrell	Jonathan Taffet
HCC Middle College - Gulfton	Nagely Medina	Karla Machuca
M.L. Wisdom High School	Nashra Hassan	Alexa Lawrence
KIPP Connect	Kathleen Nguyen	Amy Diaz
YES Prep WEST	Fabritico Orozco	Heily Miranda

# Free COVID-19 Testing

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order #4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days and will be delivered by USPS.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. Click the image to get started or visit: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Additionally, the Houston Health Department offers numerous free testing sites located throughout the city. Please click on the image below to view locations and more information.



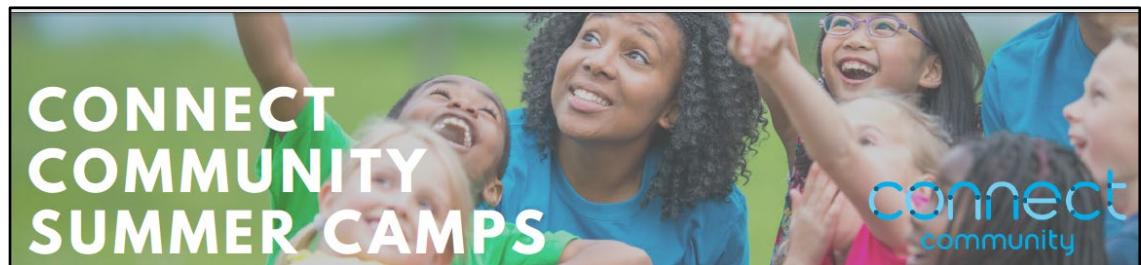
## Summer Programs from Connect Community

Connect Community is offering programs throughout the summer for students in HD 137.

Please click [here](#) to see a full list of programming.

Click on the image to be taken to the registration page.

Contact Connect YMCA for more details, (713) 303.2760.



**CONNECT Y WILL OFFER CHILDCARE BEFORE AND AFTER CAMPS TO PROVIDE EXTRA ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR CHILD (7:30-9:00AM / 3:00-5:00PM)**

\*To register for camps online, please click [HERE](#) or to register in-person, please visit the Connect YMCA on 6749 DeMoss Dr. (behind KIPP CONNECT) between 6:00-8:00pm Monday-Thursday. Payment can be made at the Connect YMCA 6:00-8:00pm or over the phone at 713.380.0191. For more information on registration, please email Shaun McCowen at [shaun.mccowen@ymcahouston.org](mailto:shaun.mccowen@ymcahouston.org). For information on specific camps, please contact Anne Whitlock at 713.303.2760 or [anne@myconnectcommunity.org](mailto:anne@myconnectcommunity.org). **Residents living in 77074, 77036 and 77081 zip codes will be given priority camp registration.**

**LUNCH:** We know that little (and big) bodies need good fuel to live life (and camp) to the fullest. That's why this year we are hiring neighborhood chefs to make yummy hot meals for our campers. Our chefs all have kids and they know what kids like! Meals are just \$5 per week and are halal.

# State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

Do you or anyone you know need some assistance during times of an emergency event?

The state of Texas presents the STEAR program. The STEAR program is a **free** registry that provides local emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs in their community. Texas communities use the registry information in different ways. Registering yourself in the STEAR registry **DOES NOT** guarantee that you will receive a specific service during an emergency. Available services will vary by community. For more information on how your community will use information in the STEAR registry, contact your local emergency management office.

Please click on the image to be taken to the registration form.

## Who Should Register?

- People with disabilities
- People who are medically fragile
- People with access and functional needs such as:
- People who have limited mobility
- People who have communication barriers
- People who require additional medical assistance during an emergency event
- People who require transportation assistance



The screenshot shows the website for the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR). The navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, REGIONS, MEDIA, DISASTER PORTAL, GET ASSISTANCE, and a search bar. The main heading is "STATE OF TEXAS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REGISTRY". On the left is a table of contents with categories like RESPONSE, INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM, STATE OPERATIONS CENTER, STATE OF TEXAS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REGISTRY, PUBLIC, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, CYBERSECURITY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT, TEXAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM, and WEBOC. The "PUBLIC" section is selected and expanded, showing a description of the STEAR program and a list of "Who Should Register?" including people with disabilities, medically fragile individuals, and those with various functional needs. An "English" language selector is visible at the bottom right.

## Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is from June 1st - November 30th.

Make sure your family and neighbors are prepared.

Click [here](#) to find information on what to include in your emergency supply kit for hurricane and disaster preparedness.

More resources:

- Texas Division of Emergency Management:

[www.tdem.texas.gov](http://www.tdem.texas.gov)

- Texas Department of State Health Services:

[www.texasready.gov](http://www.texasready.gov)

- American Red Cross:

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)



# Affordable Insulin

Insulin is being made available to those who need it, regardless of insurance coverage, through an affordable program from Lilly. Anyone is eligible to buy their monthly prescription of Lilly insulin for \$35 or less if they use commercial insurance, Medicare Part D, Medicaid or have no insurance at all.

Please click the image to learn more about this great program!

## Lilly's Commitment to Insulin Affordability



Delivering life-saving medicines is just the start of what we do. All people should have access to affordable medicines to properly manage their conditions and live healthier lives. But there are still too many people with high deductible insurance plans—or no insurance at all—paying high out-of-pocket costs for insulin. That's why Lilly remains committed to offering options to make Lilly insulin more accessible and affordable by creating lower out-of-pocket cost options, support systems and programs for those with diabetes.

**Today, these programs are helping people access affordable insulin. Anyone is eligible to buy their monthly prescription of Lilly insulin for \$35 or less if they use commercial insurance, Medicare Part D, Medicaid or have no insurance at all.**

Lilly is committed to providing solutions—and working with others in the health care system—to make sure people with diabetes have access to affordable options to help them reach their treatment goals.



**Lilly Diabetes Solution Center**

Call center and portal helping people with diabetes find lower out-of-pocket costs for Lilly insulin at the pharmacy based upon their personal circumstances

**833-808-1234**  
insulinaffordability.com



**Lilly Insulin Value Program**

\$35 copay card for people with commercial insurance or no insurance\*

\*Government beneficiaries excluded. Terms, conditions, and limitations apply.



**Senior Savings Model**

\$35 copay for people in participating Medicare Part D plans\*\*

\*\*Part D participants must be in a plan in the Senior Savings Model.



**Non-Branded Insulins**

70% lower list price option

On average, people using Lilly insulin use two or more pens or vials per month. Through the Lilly Insulin Value Program or Senior Savings Model, people can purchase their monthly prescription of Lilly insulin—regardless of the number of pens or vials—for \$35.

In addition to administering our own savings programs and solutions, Lilly also donates insulin to many charitable groups, including the Lilly Cares Foundation, a separate charitable organization that provides free Lilly insulin to qualifying people who need it.



## Hire Houston Youth!



Summer jobs are available to teens and young adults through Hire Houston Youth!

This initiative from the City of Houston seeks to empower young people looking for summer employment. There are a number of different opportunities and internships available currently on the job board, including lifeguards for city pools.

Please click on the image to be taken to the job board.