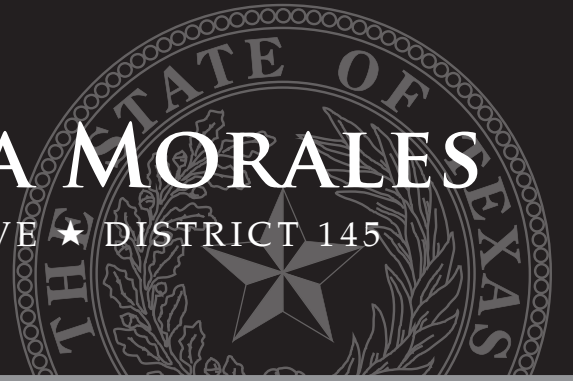




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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 145



Summer 2020 Legislative Update

House District 145:

As your State Representative, I wanted to write and share important information about resources our office can provide for you and your family as well as my continued focus in empowering our community now and post COVID-19.

For months, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted each of us in different ways. As our state and country copes with the best way to confront the disease, available state and federal resources change daily. The best way to receive the latest information is to follow our Facebook page or to contact our office directly. The office's contact information is on the back of this newsletter; please keep it handy, and let us know what we can do to help you in these trying times.

When the next legislative session begins in January 2021, the needs of the community in how the state continues to respond to the pandemic will be a top priority. The crisis has exposed critical gaps in our state's infrastructure. We know that not everyone in our district had access to crucial emergency resources – most importantly a lack of access to testing and health care.

When schools closed, teachers and parents did all they could to support students. However, we know that many families do not have internet access and our digital divide leaves far too many children behind. As school starts again, we will do everything we can to ensure we fulfill our constitutional and moral obligation to provide a high-quality education to every child in Texas, no matter where they live.



Public education access, economic security, and high-quality health care should be a right for every Texan, especially during a crisis. These are areas in which I will continue to focus on in the months ahead as we prepare for the Legislature to return next year.

In the meantime, if there is any way we can help, please do not hesitate to reach out. Also, as we approach the legislative session please let me know of issues in the community or concerns you have. Thank you for all that you do, and for making District 145 the outstanding community it is.

Sincerely,

Rep. Christina Morales
Texas House of Representatives
House District 14

★ NUESTRO SEGUNDO BARRIO ★

ACCESS TO TESTING AND HEALTHCARE

As testing began in the United States, Texas trailed in many regards. We rank 48th in our testing for COVID-19 and have failed to provide testing access for many of our most vulnerable communities. This is why I sent a letter to our Governor on May 7th about the need to increase testing capabilities and locations in District 145. It also addressed the need for the state to support our local efforts to combat the virus and provide necessary equipment to healthcare workers. Twelve fellow state representatives signed onto the letter, further emphasizing the broader need to ensure adequate testing and supplies for majority-minority communities such as ours.

MASK AND SUPPLY DISTRIBUTIONS

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, our office has been working hard to meet the needs of our community. As Harris County Judge Hidalgo ordered that all residents wear masks, the community came together to protect our neighbors. In a period of two months we organized and conducted two mask and supply distributions, one in the East End and one in South Houston. It was an honor to also provide masks to the Houston Firefighters, The Beacon Homeless Center, Las Villas de Magnolia Seniors, and the Tejano Center. Fulfilling the needs of our community will always be my top priority as your representative.

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★ COVID-19 RESOURCES/RECURSOS DE COVID-19 ★

The following resources are provided by a variety of state and federal departments, as well as local organizations. Estos recursos son de muchos departamentos estatales y federales, y también de organizaciones locales.

- Houston Food Bank/Banco de Comida de Houston: 832-369-9390
- Catholic Charities Rent Assistance/ Apoyo de Renta de Catholic Charities: 713-526-4611
- HISD Technology Assistance/Apoyo de Tecnológica HISD: HoustonISD.org/HOME
- COVID-19 Diagnostics and Testing Resources/Recursos de Diagnósticas y Pruebas de COVID-19: readyharris.org
- Houston Health Department COVID-19 Call Center/ Departamento de Salud de Houston COVID-19 Centro de Llamadas: 832-393-4220