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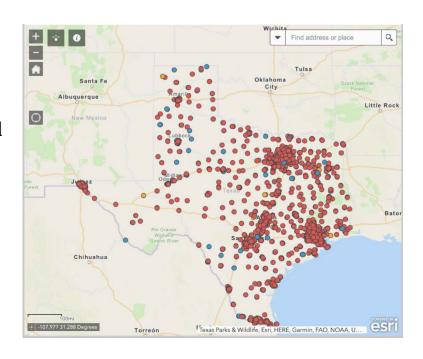
This week in Austin we spent more time advocating for higher vaccine allocations throughout House District 74, more HUB approvals, and more mobile vaccine teams.

This week Governor Abbott announced a mobile vaccine team would be sent to Terrell County. Pecos County has applied to be a vaccine distribution HUB to service surround areas and my office has been continually advocating for that to be approved. We know the need is great in all 12 counties and we have been calling, writing, and emailing Governor Abbott, TDEM, and DSHS to get higher allocations.

Looking for COVID Vaccine availability?

TDEM and DSHS has created a tool to help you find your nearest vaccination center.

Click this link to find your nearest vaccination hub.





Committee assignments were also announced this week. I was assigned to the House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee, the House Defense and Veterans' Affairs Committee, and a procedural committee over the functions of the House, the House Administration Committee.

The Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee has jurisdiction regarding all matters that pertain to law enforcement, crime, terrorism response, and disaster mitigation. Eight of the Twelve counties in House District 74 are on the US-Mexico Border and Representative Morales' predecessor served as chairman of this committee. This committee will be especially influential this session due to the efforts to defund law enforcement. I have been advocating for law enforcement to be added to Category 1B for covid vaccinations and have been placed in an important position to be able to continue advocating for our law enforcement officers.

The Defense and Veterans' Affairs Committee has jurisdiction over the relations between the State of Texas and the federal government involving defense, the realignment or closure of military bases, emergency preparedness, state-level services for military veterans, the Texas Military Department, the Texas Veterans Commission, the Veterans' Land Board, the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the Emergency Management Council. This committee is especially important to House District 74 due to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio. I have been especially interested in mental health issues, so this committee will provide the opportunity to be an advocate for mental health services.

I am extremely honored to be appointed to committees that are not only vital statewide but vital to the constituents of House District 74. Speaker Phelan has placed me in positions where I can best serve my constituents. I would like to thank the Speaker and his staff for their hard work in putting the committees together so that we can do the people's work.



Sincerely,

State Representative Eddie Morales, Jr.