From: Elaine Cardenas

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:06 AM

To: Mark Kennedy

Cc: Ruben Becerra; Anita Collins; Jordan Powell; Tammy Crumley; Eric Schneider; Shari Miller

Subject: Re: Employee with COVID

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Thank you.

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From: Mark Kennedy <mark.kennedy@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:30:40 AM

To: Elaine Cardenas <elaine.cardenas@co.hays.tx.us>

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<tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>; Shari Miller <shari.miller@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Re: Employee with COVID

Hi, Elaine -

The Auditor's Office has recently had a case, as well. I mention that because I think it would be wise to have a consistent standard across County offices, to the extent that is practicable. For that reason, I have copied Tammy, Eric, and Shari Miller. I know Eric worked closely with Marisol to establish a plan for her office, and Shari has been putting a lot of time into researching FMLA and FLSA.

To answer your question, on April 23rd, the EEOC did issue guidance, confirming that employers may require testing as condition of being present in the office, but warning that the tests should be reliable and significant measures to protect confidentiality should be in place. For EEOC commentary, see <HERE>.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Kennedy General Counsel - Hays County 111 E. San Antonio St., Room 202 San Marcos, Texas 78666 (512) 393-2219 (512) 392-6500 (fax)

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On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 9:38 AM Elaine Cardenas < <u>elaine.cardenas@co.hays.tx.us</u>> wrote:

As you know, one of the employees in my office tested positive for COVID. Unfortunately, many people in my office were exposed as well as others in the county and some vendors. We have recommended that everyone exposed be tested. otherwise we have people working at home until test results are back or incubation period over. Several staff members have refused to be tested. Am I correct in assuming we cannot require testing?

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From: Ingle, Rachel

To: Bo Kidd; Rowell, Rick; Kuhlman, Karl; Jim Swisher; Doug Fowler; Ken Strange; Stapp, Chase;

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Subject: Testing numbers and locations Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:28:29 AM

Good morning all -

To follow up on our EOC call from this morning, at the San Marcos drive-thru COVID-19 test site at Bonham Pre-k school yesterday, we tested 701 people. Those in the drive-thru lane tested a total of 339 and those in the walk-up lane tested a total of 365. We tested more at our test site than any other drive-thru test site in the state! Hays County sets the bar pretty high

For our other test sites in the county, we will need to enforce making appointments for the driveup testing starting 24 hours in advance of the test date. The walk-ups do not have to have an appointment but5 that lane moves much slower. Again, only the walk-ups do not have to have an appointment. The other test sites this week include:

- Wednesday Simon Middle School in Kyle
- Thursday Uhland Elementary in Uhland
- Friday McCormick Middle School in Buda
- Saturday Bowie Elementary in San Marcos

We will be offering more testing dates in a few weeks where we will test for 4 consecutive days in a row in San Marcos.

Thermometers –

The State will be providing thermometers to local jurisdictions directly (this doesn't include ESDs) and school districts will receive a separate allocation. The distribution is a follows:

- Hays County 107
- Buda 23
- Kyle 57
- Uhland 2
- Wimberley 4
- WoodCreek 2
- Mountain City 1
- San Marcos 83

- City of Hays 1
- Dripping Springs 5
- Bear Creek 1

TDEM has not received word on when these will be distributed.

Have a great week and don't hesitate to reach out to myself, Alex, or Mike if you need anything.

Thank you



Rachel Ingle, CEM, TEM

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:03 PM **To:** Tammy Crumley; Eric Schneider

Subject: RE: COVID updates to media ZOOM NEWS CONFERENCE

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Got a follow-up to an earlier request and two new ones today; if we can't do a news conference, can we do a statement and address some or all these issues/questions?

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Hays Free Press - Did commissioners vote to not release business names or is it just the judge? We are getting reports from readers about a daycare in Kyle closed (parents got calls at 8 a.m. to come pick up their children) and then Hays city store is now closed. We are getting requests from readers to let them know when businesses get closed because of COVID because they want to know if they have visited that business and should get tested. It's a very real scared feeling when a reader calls in and says, "Can you please find out if ..."

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Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 3:48 PM

To: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: COVID updates to media

Adding two more to the list. I firmly believe a news conference via Zoom is our best option. Let me know if you agree and I'll set it up with media.

Tammy, if we go this route, could we use your account?

If no conference, I would strongly urge a news release that addresses each question.

Thanks, y'all, Kim

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Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:13 AM

To: Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us >; Eric Schneider < eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us >

Subject: RE: COVID updates to media

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To: Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us >; Eric Schneider < eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us >

Subject: COVID updates to media

I've had a few media requests to talk with someone from the Health Dept about the uptick in cases. I know Eric and I are doing our own video tomorrow. But do we want to consider a news conference? That way we do one session and everyone can hear it. Not a million little separate interviews. No one has time for that.

It might be a good way to get our message out to a broader audience.

We can do it remotely – meaning set up a Zoom call for media to join in.

Thoughts? Kim

From: Roldan, Riane < rroldan@kut.org> Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:42 AM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@.co.hays.tx.us > Subject: Re: Hays County COVID-19 Update June 12

Hi Kim,

Hope you're doing well today. Reaching out because I wanted to see if I can set up an interview with Eric Schneider to talk about the recent uptick in cases. Is he available today or tomorrow? Let me know. I don't have a specific deadline but it would be good to talk to him as soon as possible.

Thanks in advance,

Riane Roldan Reporter, KUT News c: 305.972.1682 Twitter: @rianeroldan From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 4:47 PM

Subject: Hays County COVID-19 Update June 12

Good afternoon, all – today's COVID-19 report shows 99 new cases, of which 8 are from yesterday (received but not verified and put in spreadsheet by the update deadline). We also have one new hospitalization and three additional recoveries.

The full report is attached and copied below.

Thanks, Kim

Kim Hilsenbeck Communications Manager Hays County, Texas Kim.Hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us 512.395.4214

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Media Contact: Kim Hilsenbeck, Communications Manager 512.395.4214

Kim.Hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us

Hays County COVID-19 Update as of June 12

Hays County Courthouse, San Marcos, TX – Hays County Local Health Department today reports 99 new cases of COVID-19; approximately eight (8) were from yesterday but weren't entered in the spreadsheet by the time the County needed to send out the update. An additional 16 cases that were received yesterday were determined to be not within Hays County and were reported to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Epidemiologist Eric Schneider said the County's total of lab-confirmed cases is now 673. The number of individuals considered recovered is 266, up three (3) from vesterday's report. Have County has 402 active cases.

The number of negative tests is 4,641. Schneider is awaiting results on 57 tests. The County added one (1) new hospitalization bringing the total to 43. Fourteen persons are currently hospitalized.

"Today's COVID-19 numbers are once again high," Schneider said. "The community needs to remember that we are still in a pandemic."

He said everyone should continue doing the simple but effective things that kept our numbers low: Wear a mask in public, wash your hands frequently with soap and water, and stay at least six feet apart from others when out and about.

"We want everyone to remember why we do these things," he said. "It's to protect our community."

Schneider said by working together, all Hays County residents can slow the spread of the virus.

Note: the COVID-19 online <u>Dashboard</u> will be updated once daily.

June 12 Report

Γ	Lab Confirmed	Negative	Pending	Recovered	Active	Fatalities	Hospitalizations	Current
								Hospitalizations
	673	4,641	57	266	402	5	43	14

Age Range	Female	Male	Total	Fatalities
0-9 yrs.	7	5	12	0
10-19 yrs.	20	9	29	0
20-29 yrs.	155	128	283	0
30-39 yrs.	60	47	107	0
40-49 yrs.	40	38	78	0
50-59 yrs.	39	46	85	0
60-69 yrs.	28	12	40	1
70-79 yrs.	12	12	24	1
> 80 yrs.	9	6	15	3
Total	370	303	673	5

Area	Total Cases	Active Cases	Fatalities
Austin	10	5	1
Bear Creek	1	0	0
Buda	75	38	1
Driftwood	2	0	0
Dripping Springs	10	4	0
Hays	0	0	0
Kyle	258	131	0
Manchaca	0	0	0
Maxwell	1	1	0

Mountain City	0	0	0
Niederwald	4	2	0
San Marcos	296	215	2
Uhland	1	0	0
Wimberley	15	6	1
Woodcreek	0	0	0
Total	673	402	5

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	Percentage of
				Cases
Hispanic	169	173	342	50.8%
Non-Hispanic	132	91	223	33.1%
Not Specified	69	39	108	16.0%
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Race	Percentage of Cases
American Indian	0%
Asian	1.0%
Black	2.7%
Native	0%
Hawaiian/Pacific	
Islander	
White	70.5%
Not	25.8%
Specified/Unknown	

^{*}Note: Some Hays County residents have Austin addresses. Because of HIPAA laws, additional information about patients is not allowed to be shared.

Schneider reminded residents to rely on qualified information sources for additional information such as the <u>Texas Department of State Health</u>

<u>Services</u> and the <u>Centers for Disease Control</u> which offers information in Spanish and Chinese as well as English. The County's COVID-19 info is here.

As with any emergency situation, <u>www.HaysInformed.com</u>, the countywide emergency notification blog, has a rolling list of important information regarding COVID-19. Many City websites also have information for their residents.

Prevention Tips:

- 1. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds several times a day, including between your fingers and underneath your nails. Handwashing is considered the best way to remove germs and dirt, and hand sanitizers should be used only when handwashing is not available. Hand sanitizers should be at least 60 percent alcohol to be effective.
- 2. Avoid handshaking and high-fives
- 3. Avoid touching your face especially your eyes, nose, and mouth
- 4. Stay home when you feel sick
- 5. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue then put the tissue in the trash, or use the crook of your elbow if a tissue isn't available

- 6. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household disinfectant cleaning spray or wipe. Clean cell and desk phones, computer keyboards, door handles, and work surfaces often.
- 7. The CDC is now recommending persons visiting grocery stores, pharmacies, etc., wear cloth face masks to help keep from spreading COVID-19 since people who are not experiencing symptoms may be contagious. If you have close, frequent contact with a sick person you should also wear a mask as should the patient if he or she is able to wear one.
- 8. Avoid travel to areas that have been designated high-risk areas because of multiple verified cases of Corona.
- 9. Individuals are encouraged to avoid large gatherings. This includes, but is not limited to concerts, plays, sporting events, gymnasiums, dances, and restaurants. Recreation activities that can be practiced in private are encouraged. This virus spreads by person-to-person transmission just like the flu, so limiting human contact can help prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

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Subject: News Conference w/ Hays Co. Epidemiologist Eric Schneider 6/17/20 2 p.m. **Location:** https://zoom.us/j/96670147470?pwd=VIFrKzFuOU93RUhPeE9WTCt4ME11dz09

Start: Wed 6/17/2020 2:00 PM **End:** Wed 6/17/2020 2:30 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Kim Hilsenbeck

Required AttendeesKim Hilsenbeck; hchoi@statesman.com; Statesman Metro Desk; rroldan@kut.org; vianna.davila@propublica.org; jrodriguez@ksat.com;

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Managing Editor; Star TxStateU newspaper; Wimberley View; Dalton Sweat; Perez, Pattrik; Rickard, Stacy B

Optional Attendees: Eric Schneider; Tammy Crumley; Ian Harris; Cavagnaro, Hank; Philpott, James B; Mazzone, Chrissy

zmMeetingNum: 96670147470

Hi all – Many local media outlets have reached out with questions about COVID-19 and we heard you! We're hosting a Zoom video conference at 2 p.m. on Wed., June 17 with Hays County Epidemiologist Eric Schneider. He will address the increase of COVID-19 cases in Hays County.

We hope everyone listening understands there may be aspects of the situation we aren't able to address, particularly as it relates to data protection under HIPAA.

The meeting structure will be for Eric to take about 10 minutes to talk about what he's seeing with COVID-19 (in particular recent trends) then we'll open it up to questions. I've captured recent questions from media which he will use as the basis for this portion of the conference. I included the questions below for reference.

We respectfully request you ask one question per news outlet and we will attempt to go through each organization. Eric's time is limited and we want to be as efficient as possible. Please wait to be called on, then unmute your mic. Please mute again once your question is asked. We will end promptly at 2:30 p.m. so Eric can prepare the daily report.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. We know everyone wants in-person, on-camera interviews, but this process is safer (hello, COVID) and more streamlined plus it allows all media outlets to receive the same info.

Below is the meeting invite:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/96670147470?pwd=VIFrKzFuOU93RUhPeE9WTCt4ME11dz09

Meeting ID: 966 7014 7470

Password: 4hAnTf

We hope you can join us. I'd be personally grateful if you could send me a quick email RSVP to help me organize the conference and keep things moving along while aiming to provide the most time for interaction. Also use that email as an opportunity to send me any new questions that aren't on the list below. My email is: Kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.ctx.us

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:38 PM **To:** Tammy Crumley; Eric Schneider

Subject: passing along message from Hays Co resident

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Hi – a man named Chris Farr (not sure about spelling) asked me to convey his opinions about how we are dealing with the COVID-19 data. I told him I'd be happy to.

He believes we are not working together with the media in a way that will benefit he public. He would like to see more info about hot spots/clusters and figure out how we can figure out what messages ARE working in certain areas or with certain populations

He would also like us to release info on businesses that have positive cases of COVID-19.

He thanked me for listening and for passing along this message.

Thanks,

Kim

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From: Mike Jones

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:53 PM

To: Lon Shell

Cc: Tammy Crumley; Eric Schneider

Subject: RE: Wimberley Lions Request to Open Market Day

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Cade,

Those are some good action items, CDC recommends cloth coverings in large group market settings too.

I have included some additional considerations for your perusal:

Preventing Contamination

Reiterate that if anyone shows any signs of illness — or if they have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past two weeks or had known contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 — they should *not* attend the market.

Advise those attending the market in any capacity — customer, vendor, worker, volunteer — to wash their hands before arriving and upon returning home.

Rent portable hand-washing stations to place throughout the market.

Create hand-sanitizer stations and ensure that all vendor booths *at least* have hand sanitizer.

Increase the frequency with which staff will disinfect surfaces/objects throughout the market.

Vendors should also take the following precautions for interactions, pricing, payment and bagging:

Discontinue customer sampling unless samples are pre-packaged.

Prevent customers from touching products they are not purchasing for themselves.

Round prices to the nearest dollar to avoid the need for coins in making change.

Encourage credit-card transactions whenever possible.

Limit human contact with products by bagging them for customers.

Consider pre-packaged options for faster checkout times and crowd reductions.

Split duties for payment and bagging between two different people.

Alternately: Bag products first, then handle payment, and then wash or sanitize hands.

Social Distancing

mark seating and eating areas for distancing options

Additional logistics can encourage social distancing and prevent community spread.

Devote the first 30 minutes of market hours to elderly or immunocompromised customers.

Recommend that shoppers leave at least 6 feet between themselves at all times in the market.

Designate only one entrance and only one exit to the market.

Limit traffic to one customer per vendor booth at a time.

Recommend time limits for customers at each vendor booth.

Encourage customers to prepare advance shopping lists to reduce shopping times.

Request that customers leave after they have completed their purchases.

Mike

Mike Jones

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

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"Failing To Prepare is Preparing To Fail"

From: Lon Shell

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:25 PM **To:** Mike Jones <mike.jones@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: FW: Wimberley Lions Request to Open Market Day

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Thanks,

Lon A. Shell

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From: cade wright

Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:21 PM

To: Lon Shell < lon.shell@co.hays.tx.us >; scox@cityofwimberley.com; Bobby Burris

Subject: Wimberley Lions Request to Open Market Day

Lon & Shawn,

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Kind regards,

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Cade Wright 512-944-6651

From: Eric Schneider

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:08 AM

To: Caitlyn Strickland; Chris Deichmann; Anita Collins

Cc: Alex Villalobos;Ruben Becerra;Tammy Crumley;Lisa Griffin;Mark Kennedy

Subject: RE: Courthouse Lawn Events

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I would encourage canceling of events, but I know we are limited with out powers due to the Governor's orders.

If the events are held, I would recommend closing the Courthouse off and requiring event coordinators to provide portable toilets and portable handwashing stations. If possible, portable hand sanitizer stations as well. There is not official guidance on number of stations, but I would recommend we stick with the Development Services Event standards of 1 per 50 persons.

Cleaning and disinfecting of the portable stations would then be under contract with the event coordinator and rental company, so it should alleviate us from having to participate in the disinfecting process.

I would strongly recommend signage being placed around the event stating something along the lines of: "We encourage social distancing, mask wearing and handwashing while attending this event. If you are running a fever, or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you please go home"...or something like this.

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From: Caitlyn Strickland <cstrickland@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:58 AM

To: Chris Deichmann <chris.deichmann@co.hays.tx.us>; Anita Collins <anita.collins@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: Alex Villalobos <alex.villalobos@co.hays.tx.us>; Ruben Becerra <judge.becerra@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Lisa

Griffin Griffin Griffin@co.hays.tx.us>; Mark Kennedy <mark.kennedy@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Re: Courthouse Lawn Events

Lagree with Chris on looping in Eric and Mark. Eric Schneider will have a better idea of what the best practices will be during Covid.

To answer your questions from the development services side.

Handwashing: We normally ask that there are handwashing stations near the toliets and that there has to be one for every 50 people. But that is pre-Covid standards. I'm sure Eric can give a better idea of how many we would need during our current Covid requirements.

Portapotties: We would want to know the duration of how long they would be there. We would want them to be picked up as soon as possible. Also, getting them into the perimeter on the lawn would mean large machinery going across our grass. Also, wouldn't the portapotties have the same issue of needing to be disinfected after uses?

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From: Chris Deichmann < chris.deichmann@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:54 AM

To: Anita Collins anita.collins@co.hays.tx.us>; Caitlyn Strickland cstrickland@co.hays.tx.us>

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Subject: RE: Courthouse Lawn Events

I agree tough decisions need to be made addressing events on the courthouse lawn or any other events around the county. I would be like to suspended the events you have listed. I am going to have Mark Kennedy and Eric Schneider provide you information.

Thank you

Chris Deichmann
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From: Anita Collins

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 3:53 PM

To: Caitlyn Strickland <<u>cstrickland@co.hays.tx.us</u>>; Chris Deichmann <<u>chris.deichmann@co.hays.tx.us</u>>; Chris Deichmann <<u>chris.deichmann@co.hays.tx.us</u>>; Ruben Becerra <<u>judge.becerra@co.hays.tx.us</u>>

Subject: Courthouse Lawn Events

Dear Caitlyn and Chris,

These are tough times ahead of us with tough decisions to be made. As the point of contact for all events on the courthouse lawn, I need your recommendations regarding the best practices to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. There are a couple of outdoor events that are requesting the use of the courthouse lawn. One is an outdoor movie event on the next few Tuesdays. I don't expect there to be more than 100 people at those events. The other event is SMFest that is requesting use of the courthouse lawn over the course of a weekend in August. They expect over 500 people, I seem to remember.

Some of the ideas and concerns that came to mind when discussing with the Judge and Alex are:

- 1. Make the Event Programmer responsible for:
 - a. Ensuring that the event allows for 6' distancing between attendees
 - b. Making Face Masks mandatory to attend the event if 6' distancing is not feasible or possible.
 - c. Mandatory handwashing stations to be positioned on the grounds and paid by Event Programmer. (Need recommendations of # of stations per X people)
- 2. County Responsibilities:
 - a. Bathrooms.
 - i. IF the doors are opened to allow use of the 1st floor bathrooms, does this require additional maintenance staff to disinfect? If so, what would be the cost of doing so? We are also concerned for Henry's health and safety in carrying out the maintenance duties that may be required. Please let us know your thoughts.
 - ii. Do we require the SMFest Event Programmer to provide porta-potties to be placed on the outside perimeter of the lawn instead?

b. Signage at all entrances that state that anyone attending the event will wear a facemask, practice social distancing, wash hands and NOT HOLD THE COUNTY RESPONSIBLE if they catch the virus.

I value your opinions and look forward to hearing from you.

Anita Collins

Executive Assistant Office of Ruben Becerra Hays County Judge

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Attachments: Market Days Request.docx

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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:15 AM

To: Eric Schneider;Ian Harris

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: City of New Braunfels Health Inquiry

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Let's talk about this during our meeting.

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From: Ingle, Rachel <RIngle@sanmarcostx.gov> Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:56 AM

To: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] RE: City of New Braunfels Health Inquiry

Hi Tammy,

Will you respond to Kendall? This odd totally out of my purview.

Thank you,



Rachel Ingle, CEM, TEM

Emergency Management Coordinator | Office of Emergency Management

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From: Kendall Vela < KVela@nbtexas.org
Date: June 17, 2020 at 10:15:32 AM CDT
To: "Ingle, Rachel" < Ringle@sanmarcostx.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: City of New Braunfels Health Inquiry

Good morning,

I wanted to follow up with you about my previous email. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks, Kendall Vela



Kendall Vela
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From: Kendall Vela < <u>KVela@nbtexas.org</u>> Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:05 AM

To: Ringle@sanmarcostx.gov

Subject: City of New Braunfels Health Inquiry

Good morning,

I am a Sanitarian with the City of New Braunfels. Andy Cardiel gave me your contact information and said you'd be a great person to reach out to. We have been having a lot of restaurants closing due to positive COVID employees. We are finding a lot of these employees live in Hays County (San Marcos specifically). We would like to be able to monitor the spread here more accurately and was wondering if we could be notified if there are positive patients in Hays/San Marcos that work in New Braunfels. I appreciate your help on this matter and look forward to your response! Be safe!

Thanks,

Kendall Vela



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Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:31 AM

To: Eric Schneider; Hayden Matz; Ariel Valdez; Makayla Tey; Josie Gonzales; Amelia Flores; Sylvia Rodriguez

Cc: Margie Rodriguez; Tammy Crumley

Subject: COVID Line List Accuracy

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Good morning all,

I want to first thank you all for helping with COVID data entry over the past couple of days.

I need to reemphasize the importance of accuracy, especially when entering a name on the line list, as we use this line list as our primary auditing tool to determine if we already have an investigation for someone. Please follow the format of **last name**, **first name**. Please make sure there is a space included between the comma and the first name because Excel needs the formatting to be consistent to search for duplicates. Don't worry about how fast you are putting them in, accuracy is the most critical thing at this point. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks,

Ian Harris, CIC

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From: Eric Schneider

Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:22 AM

To: Tammy Crumley

Subject: asdf

Attachments: FINAL_COVID-19 Case Report Form V3.0FILL.pdf

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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:53 AM

To: Eric Schneider

Subject: FW: Bexar County Executive Order

Attachments: Bexar County Executive Order NW-10 (06-17-2020) Remediated_202006171324153510.pdf

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:31 AM **Subject:** FW: Bexar County Executive Order

FYI

From: Anita Collins anita.collins@co.hays.tx.us

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:30 AM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us cc:Ruben Becerra@co.hays.tx.us kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us <a href="mailto:kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us

Subject: Bexar County Executive Order

Kim,

Executive Order from Bexar County attached as discussed. Ours will be similar, if not exactly like this one. It is expected that it will be issued today after lunch and effective Monday, June 22. Thank you for working on the press release. I will get an answer regarding the method he wishes to use to make the announcement.

Thank you,

Anita Collins

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From: Eric Schneider

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 1:23 PM **To:** Kim Hilsenbeck; Tammy Crumley

Subject: RE: COVID-19 question - Temple Daily Telegram

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I did not know anything about this, and no we will not confirm or deny a potential COVID-19 case's name to a reporter.

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Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 1:19 PM

To: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: FW: COVID-19 question - Temple Daily Telegram

Hi – might want to read this; let me know what we'd like to do.

Thanks, Kim From: Jacob Sanchez < <u>isanchez@tdtnews.com</u>>

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 12:57 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us Subject: COVID-19 question - Temple Daily Telegram

Hi Kim,

My name is Jacob Sanchez, and I'm a reporter with the Temple Daily Telegram in Temple, Texas.

I'm trying to confirm some details about a potential COVID-19 case that has connections to Hays County and Bell County.

I receive a tip about a Hays County resident who attends Texas State University may have recently tested positive for COVID-19 in your county.

This person also recently attended Temple High School's graduation, and may have been symptomatic. The event was Jun 12. Additionally, this person was told not to tell Hays County health officials about attending graduation.

The person who tipped me gave me a name for the person who may have tested positive and attended graduation in Temple.

I will not publish the name because of HIPPA, but I do have it if it would be helpful in confirming this information.

Would you be able to confirm or deny this case if I gave you the name?

We are concerned because of the potential exposure of more than 1,000 people who attended graduation. The Bell County Public Health District did not know about this when I asked.

Let me know if you are able to do this. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me through email or call me.

Thank you, Jacob

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Jacob Sanchez Reporter, Temple Daily Telegram d: 254-774-5217 c: 432-923-2640

@ jacob sanchez

From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:18 PM

To: Tammy Crumley;Alex Villalobos;Mark Kennedy

Cc: Eric Schneider

Subject: FW: confirming information re: COVID-19 cases in Hays County Jail

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FYI – this will be in Dennis's court, but thought y'all might want to see it.

From: Stephanie Gates <sgates@sanmarcosrecord.com>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:15 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>; Dennis Gutierrez < dg1203@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: Nick Castillo <ncastillo@sanmarcosrecord.com>

Subject: confirming information re: COVID-19 cases in Hays County Jail

Hi Dennis and Kim,

I wanted to ask for any comment or confirmation on the following:

I have received information from an attorney who wants to go on record about there being 19 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the jail among the inmates, 2 cases among the staff and that they have run out of tests.

He also said that staff are walking around the jail in "essentially hazmat suits" and that the inmates do not have masks.

He also heard from a phone call with his client this afternoon that there was a SWAT incident at the jail this afternoon after three shots were fired within the jail.

Related to testing, I have asked in two different emails and followed up on each as to whether or not inmates were being tested and never got a response. I have information from this attorney that at the time I was asking you, testing was not happening. Can you provide any information about when testing began happening at the jail and if it is happening currently?

Thank you, Stephanie

Stephanie Gates
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From: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna. Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:54 PM

To: Tammy Crumley

Cc: Eric Schneider;Ian Harris;Margie Rodriguez;Henderson,Seth (DSHS)

Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

Attachments: OpenSecureMessagesFromPortal.pdf; Portal Account Registration and Management QuickStartpdf.pdf; Salesforce THT related screens in the

Portal Updated 06062020.pdf; Texas Health Trace Troubleshooting.pdf

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Hi Tammy,

Sounds great! We will have you all set up so that any contacts are automatically sent to be worked by DSHS.

I wanted to include the <u>archive link</u> to the GoToWebinar training we recorded yesterday and a <u>link to a few additional training resources</u> and general information about THT.

You mentioned needing to get 1 or 2 more into the system...

There is a new and automated process to have staff provisioned for Texas Health Trace. See below and attached for provisioning instructions (staff are able to get themselves provisioned). The entire process usually only take about 24 hours, but the instructions look intimidating!

Instructions on How to Register for the HHS Portal and Complete the AUA:

- 1. Register on the HHSC Enterprise Portal for Portal login credentials: https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/iam/portal/Home/portalHome/
- 2. Click on I work for a "Non-Governmental Organization or Partner Organization." It will prompt you to enter your organization's EIN or you may search by name.
- 3. Fill out profile info/registration and then it will be sent to the "approver" to approve

Once approved, you will receive an email that says it could take 10 calendar days, but we are trying to turn these around in 24 hours:

Hi,

Your request to access the HHS Enterprise Portal has been sent to the first level approver(s) at your organization for action. You will receive a new status within ten calendar days.

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact the relevant approver(s) at your organization.

Thank you,

HHS Enterprise Identity and Access Management

4. Once it is approved, you will get an email that says this with a PDF and it includes a temporary password. See attached for instructions to open an encrypted message.

You've received an encrypted message from identitymanagement@hhsc.state.tx.us

To view your message

Save and open the attachment (message.html), and follow the instructions.

Sign in using the following email address:

5. Click on the portal link from the email above and it will prompt you to sign the Authorized User Agreement (AUA) and then prompt to change password.

Instructions on How to Request your Texas Health Trace System User ID:

- 1. Log into the HHSC Enterprise Portal, sign AUA (if you have not already done so), verify Profile information, and go to "Manage Access".
- 2. Scroll list and select "Salesforce-THT". Add to your cart.
- 3. Complete the additional required information (See attached document "Salesforce THT related screens in portal")
- 4. Submit
- 5. Once approved, you will receive an email from Saleforce.com with login name and temp password for THT. Follow directions in email.

Let us know how else we can assist!

Glenna Laughlin MA, CHES Regional and Local Coordination Team RLHO

From: Tammy Crumley [mailto:tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us]

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:50 PM

To: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna. Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov>

Cc: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>; lan Harris <ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us>; Margie Rodriguez <margie@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Texas Health Trace

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Glenna -

As a follow up to our conversation this afternoon, Hays County Health Department would like to change our contact tracing for COVID-19 from Option 1 to Option 2.

I understand that Hays County will perform all case investigations within its jurisdiction, and DSHS will perform all contact tracing activities. Hays County is responsible for entering data into Texas Health Trace and/or working with DSHS on plans to provide this data. Hays County will ensure users of the system have completed Texas Health Trace system training, as well as Cybersecurity and HIPAA trainings. If Hays County does not have Cybersecurity and/or HIPAA trainings, DSHS will provide access to these trainings.

Hays County would like to begin Option 2 on Monday, June 29, 2020. I believe this will provide enough time for DSHS to have everything set-up within the THT system.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tammy Crumley
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Email: tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us

From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:56 PM

To: Everyone;municipalcourtinfo@sanmarcostx.gov;Juvenile Probation;Adult Probation

Subject: Cleaning

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All -

If an employee in your department leaves or does not return to work because he or she is ill, please notify one of the following individuals right away so we can arrange to do a deep cleaning and disinfection of your office.

Chris Deichmann
Junior Aguirre
Tammy Crumley

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, we may not know that for several days. So it's very important to let us know the day that person goes home (or doesn't come in). Cleaning once we find out that person tests positive may lead to continuing to spread the virus.

We appreciate everyone's diligence in helping do their part to slow the spread.

Thank you,

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Cell:

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From: Liam Fry, MD < Imfry@agsaustin.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:24 PM

To: Katherine Remick

Cc: Escott, Mark; Pickett, Jason; Kate Remick; Tammy Crumley; Eric Schneider

Subject: AL ISOFAC

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Hi,

I wanted to reach back out and see who at Hays I can talk with and forward the AL proposal in order to get this greenlighted? I was the leader of the group that worked to stand up the skilled nursing ISOFAC in williamson county and am happy to get on a call with any/all of Hays county who have questions and want to talk through this.

As far as steps:

- 1. Meeting with Hays county to go over proposal and answer any questions, etc wiht hope of getting verbal approval and support.
- 2. I will then need to go to HHSC to see if they can expedite the licensing (only 1 part has been completed which is why the building is empty and able to do this currently)
- 3. Health authority order or, possibly, just letter of approval depending on what other county orders are already in place.

My cell is 512-470-6421 -- happy to talk to any/all to get this up and running!

thanks,

Liam Fry, MD, CMD, FACP

On Fri, May 8, 2020 at 9:46 AM Katherine Remick < kremick@smhcems.org wrote:

Tammy and Eric,

Please see below. Are you able to help coordinate efforts with Liam Fry to develop a Nursing Home Isolation Facility in Hays?

Thank you,

Kate

Katherine Remick, MD, FAAP, FACEP, FAEMS
Medical Director, San Marcos Hays County EMS
Executive Lead, National EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Surgery and Perioperative Medicine Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin EMS Director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship, Dell Medical School Attending Physician, Dell Children's Medical Center kremick@smhcems.org

From: Escott, Mark < Mark. Escott@austintexas.gov >
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Pickett, Jason < <u>Jason.Pickett@austintexas.gov</u> >; Kate Remick
Cc: Katherine Remick < kremick@smhcems.org >; Liam Fry < lmfry@agsaustin.com >
Subject: RE: Excellent news Brand new AL willing to take COVID + patients
Team.
This is the Hays County Health Authority. I have never met or spoken to him. Please let me know if you want me to reach out to him to introduce. If so, can you provide me with a few details so that I can introduce the concept appropriately.
Regards,
Mark
Charles Anderson MD
Daytime 512-396-3663
Fax 512-393-5530

From: Pickett, Jason < Jason.Pickett@austintexas.gov > Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2020 7:21 PM To: Kate Remick ; Escott, Mark < Mark.Escott@austintexas.gov > Cc: Katherine Remick < kremick@smhcems.org >; Liam Fry < lmfry@agsaustin.com > Subject: Re: Excellent news Brand new AL willing to take COVID + patients
Mark, can you facilitate the introduction to the Hays Co PH Authority?
Kate, our NH ISOFAC required some collaboration between public health and EMS because of transport issues to address as well as PPE. An order from publi health was necessary to allow them to accept COVID+ patients.
On May 7, 2020, at 4:27 PM, Kate Remick wrote:
Great, thanks for the introduction.
Hi Liam,
I am the Medical Director for Hays County EMS but not for the Department of Public Health. I appreciate your efforts to establish NH isolation facilities. Please let me know how I can assist and what are next steps.
Best,
Kate



Medical Director, San Marcos/Hays County EMS System

Executive Lead, National EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center

Assistant Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Surgery, Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin

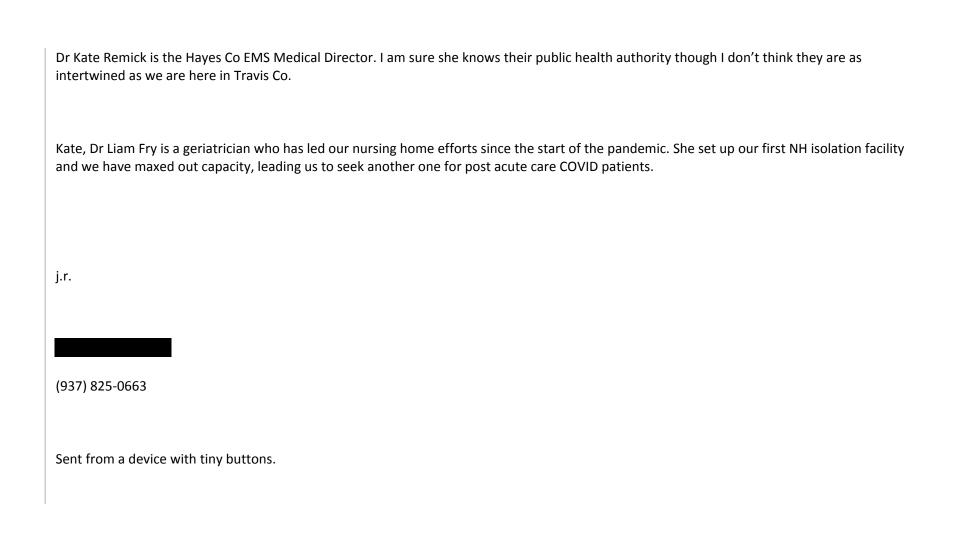
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kremick@smhcems.org

On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 3:31 PM Pickett, Jason < <u>Jason.Pickett@austintexas.gov</u>> wrote:

That is the best news I've heard today. Im glad the weirdness has abated. Please consider this authorization to act on behalf of APH to stand up another NH ISOFAC.



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Liam M. Fry, MD, FACP, CMD

Austin Geriatric Specialists, PA

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From: Jennifer Scott

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 7:50 AM

To: Eric Schneider **Cc:** Tammy Crumley

Subject: FW: COVID-19 STATISTICS UPDATE: Hays County COVID-19 Update June 25

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Eric,

Is it possible to add the information that the Mayor is requesting, or is that a violation of privacy for folks?

Thank you,

Jennifer M. Scott M.P.A Executive Assistant Mark Jones Commissioner Precinct 2

Commissioner Precinct 2

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Kyle, TX 78640

Email: Jennifer.scott@co.hays.tx.us

From: Mayor George Haehn <ghaehn@ci.buda.tx.us>

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:53 PM

To: Jennifer Scott < jennifer.scott@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Re: COVID-19 STATISTICS UPDATE: Hays County COVID-19 Update June 25

Thanks for the info.

Could the County add a column that breaks down the number hospitalized by age and City?

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From: Jennifer Scott < jennifer.scott@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:46:42 PM

Subject: COVID-19 STATISTICS UPDATE: Hays County COVID-19 Update June 25

Good afternoon,

Attached is the COVID-19 statistics report for today.

Thank you and take care,

Jennifer M. Scott M.P.A Executive Assistant Mark Jones Commissioner Precinct 2 Phone: 512-262-2091

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Kyle, TX 78640

Email: Jennifer.scott@co.hays.tx.us

From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us >

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:36 PM

Subject: Hays County COVID-19 Update June 25

Hi all – we have 81 new cases, six new hospitalizations and 14 more people recovered.

The full report is attached and copied below.

Thanks, Kim

Kim Hilsenbeck Communications Manager Hays County, Texas <u>Kim.Hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us</u> 512.395.4214

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Media Contact: Kim Hilsenbeck, Communications Manager 512.395.4214

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Hays County COVID-19 Update as of June 25

Hays County Courthouse, San Marcos, TX – Hays County Local Health Department today reports 81 new cases of COVID-19, along with six new hospitalizations and 14 additional people considered recovered.

Epidemiologist Eric Schneider said the County's total of lab-confirmed cases is 2,275, which includes 111 from the testing performed by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – see note below about test results from TDEM.

Hays County now has 1,853 active cases. The total number of individuals now considered recovered is 417. The number of negative tests is 6,547. Schneider is awaiting results on 59 tests. Hays County has had 62 total hospitalizations; 23 people are currently hospitalized.

"With the recent surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Hays County," Schneider said, "we strongly encourage everyone keep practicing these simple yet effective measures: stay distanced in public, wash hands and wear masks. We can slow the spread of the virus by working as a community."

Note: the COVID-19 online <u>Dashboard</u> will be updated once daily.

June 25 Report

Lab Confirmed*	Negative*	Pending**	Recovered	Active	Fatalities	Hospitalizations	Current Hospitalizations
2,275	6,547	59	417	1,853	5	62	23

residents tested by TDEM are included in current case counts (positive and negative).

NOTE: If you were tested at a TDEM site, you will receive your results directly from that agency, not the Hays County Local Health Dept.

^{**}Pending does not include tests conducted by TDEM where there is no result yet.

Age Range	Female	Male	Total	Fatalities
0-9 yrs.	25	30	55	0
10-19 yrs.	80	51	131	0
20-29 yrs.	581	595	1176	0
30-39 yrs.	170	169	339	0
40-49 yrs.	117	102	219	0
50-59 yrs.	100	90	190	0
60-69 yrs.	58	36	94	1
70-79 yrs.	24	20	44	1
> 80 yrs.	16	11	27	3
Total	1,171	1,104	2,275	5

Area	Total Cases	Active Cases	Fatalities
Austin	21	11	1
Bear Creek	1	0	0
Buda	209	148	1
Driftwood	13	11	0
Dripping Springs	29	21	0
Hays	0	0	0
Kyle	601	389	0
Manchaca	2	2	0
Maxwell	6	6	0
Mountain City	1	1	0
Niederwald	8	6	0
San Marcos	1,354	1,240	2
Uhland	3	2	0
Wimberley	27	16	1
Woodcreek	0	0	0
Total	2,275	1,853	5

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	Percentage of Cases
Hispanic	469	437	906	39.8%
Non-Hispanic	243	217	460	20.2%
Not Specified	459	450	909	40.0%

Race	Percentage of Cases
American Indian	0%
Asian	0.6%
Black	1.7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
White	54.1%
Not Specified/Unknown	43.6%

^{*}Note: Some Hays County residents have Austin addresses. Because of HIPAA laws, additional information about patients is not allowed to be shared.

Schneider reminded residents to rely on qualified information sources for additional information such as the <u>Texas Department of State Health</u>

<u>Services</u> and the <u>Centers for Disease Control</u> which offers information in Spanish and Chinese as well as English. The County's COVID-19 info is here.

As with any emergency situation, <u>www.HaysInformed.com</u>, the countywide emergency notification blog, has a rolling list of important information regarding COVID-19. Many City websites also have information for residents.

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Countywide Emergency Info: www.haysinformed.com

From: Eric Schneider

Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 2:08 PM

To: Ruben Becerra; Alex Villalobos; Tammy Crumley; Margie Rodriguez; Kim Hilsenbeck; Mike Jones; Ingle, Rachel

Cc: Ian Harris; Hayden Matz

Subject: Update

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We received 54 new lab confirmed cases today, 1 new hospitalization, and 1 new COVID-19 related fatality. The fatality was a woman in her 70s that was a San Marcos resident. This brings San Marcos' total fatalities to 3 and the entire county now has 6.

The demographics of each case will be reflected in Monday's report.

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent:Monday, June 29, 2020 10:36 AMTo:Eric Schneider; Tammy CrumleySubject:RE: Covid-19 Testing Update

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OK, sounds good. I'll update the site.

----Original Message-----

From: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:35 AM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck <kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: Covid-19 Testing Update

Almost all of them use CPL. They overextended themselves and are 50,000+ specimens backlogged. At the moment, we are referring anyone that wants a test to the TDEM testing site in Kyle.

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:30 AM

To: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: Covid-19 Testing Update

We have a list of testing sites on the web. Should I put notes on those that aren't doing testing right now? Other than Premiere, I'm not sure which facilities would be included.

https://hayscountytx.com/covid-19-testing-sites-in-hays-by-appointment-only/

----Original Message----

From: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:26 AM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck <kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: Covid-19 Testing Update

We are aware. Many facilities that use CPL will not be testing this week.

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:25 AM

To: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: FW: Covid-19 Testing Update

FYI

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From: Cynthia Bentley <cynthia.bentley@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:33 AM

To: Shari Miller <shari.miller@co.hays.tx.us>; Kim Jeter <kim.jeter@co.hays.tx.us>; Amanda Barrios <amanda.barrios@co.hays.tx.us>; Mercedes Hinojosa <mercedes.hinojosa@co.hays.tx.us>; Lori Wiggins <lori.wiggins@co.hays.tx.us>; Kim Hilsenbeck <kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>; Isacc

Ramirez <isacc.ramirez@co.hays.tx.us> Subject: FW: Covid-19 Testing Update

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From: Premier <patientadvocate@premier.care>

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:24 PM

To: Cynthia Bentley < cynthia.bentley@co.hays.tx.us > Subject: Covid-19 Testing Update

Premier is suspending all Covid-19 testing until further notice due to significant supply shortages in the state. CPL, a primary resource fo https://so834.infusion-links.com/api/v1/click/5168505928024064/5321261963804672

Covid-19 Testing Update

Premier is suspending all Covid-19 testing until further notice due to significant supply shortages in the state. CPL, a primary resource for the states testing demands, has also suspended all Covid-19 tests excluding hospitalized patients, healthcare workers and pre-op surgical requirements. We will continue to diligently pursue options and will communicate any changes immediately. Our priority is to restore testing capacity at this critical moment.

We proudly maintain our core of Emergency and Urgent Care services, and well as 24/7 virtual care. We will continue to serve our communities and patients needs at all times, especially during the pandemic.

Please read attached letter from the CEO of CPL here for more information. https://so834.infusion-links.com/api/v1/click/5454805495185408/5321261963804672

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From: Jennifer Scott

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:46 AM

To: Alex Villalobos;Tammy Crumley;Eric Schneider;Mark Kennedy

Cc: Mark Jones

Subject: FW: COVID-19 FREE TESTING DATES: Hays County Offering 10 More Testing Days

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Good morning, all,

I received this email from a citizen in Precinct 2 and wanted you all to review my responses to her questions before I emailed her back to make sure that I understand all that has taken place in recent days. Thank you for your help.

Happy Monday,

Jennifer M. Scott M.P.A Executive Assistant Mark Jones Commissioner Precinct 2

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Email: Jennifer.scott@co.hays.tx.us

From: dgay3@austin.rr.com <dgay3@austin.rr.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 3:23 PM

To: Jennifer Scott <jennifer.scott@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: COVID-19 FREE TESTING DATES: Hays County Offering 10 More Testing Days

Jennifer,

I have a few questions about this and other things related to the County's response to COVID-19:

After these "10 more days", where will people be told to go to get testing, particularly those who do not have insurance? I know that these free testing days are offered by TDEM, so there could be additional testing days depending on their supply, correct? Please let me know if there are other places doing free testing if you are aware of any.

Will the results from these testing sites be reflected in the Hays County daily numbers when the test results return? I am assuming TDEM gives us the results once they have them and they go into our stats once that happens.

Has the Commissioners Court given more direction on the reporting on what the County Health Dept's assessment of the drivers of our outbreak?

They had put in their FAQ a bit ago that they did not want to do this because they did not want to impact businesses. I find that to position to not be centered on the health and well being of the citizens of our community and I would like to see if this is Mr. Jones' position as well (that the County/Health Dept should not be reporting what they are seeing as the drivers of our positive test results). Any orders in place by the State supersede any executive order issued by the county. One item that the county had control over was the issuance an executive order for citizens to wear masks, correct?

We are in a critical situation here in Hays County, our region and the State. Since June 3rd, I have had seven extended family members diagnosed with COVID-19 from three different parts of the state (none of the three regions are related in any contact) including two here in Hays County. **Seven. One of them just died last week**, alone, and 100's of miles from his home (flown to another hospital) due to the fact that the rural hospital he was originally at was not capable of handling his care. Two of them work in a child care center and was diagnosed one week after they re-opened the day after Memorial Day. I have a mother in an assisted living facility and I have not been able to see her since March 7th.

I really want our elected officials in charge of making these safety decisions are in me and my family's corner and is going to be making decisions based on our health and safety and well being and to help us get this under control sooner rather than later.

I appreciate responses to the questions above. Thank you for your time.

From: "Jennifer Scott"

To: Cc:

Sent: Thursday June 25 2020 12:18:50PM

Subject: COVID-19 FREE TESTING DATES: Hays County Offering 10 More Testing Days

Good afternoon,

Hays County has added additional free testing dates.

Thank you,

Jennifer M. Scott M.P.A Executive Assistant Mark Jones Commissioner Precinct 2 Phone: 512-262-2091

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1180 Physical Address: 5458 FM 2770

Kyle, TX 78640

Email: Jennifer.scott@co.hays.tx.us

From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us >

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:18 AM

Subject: Hays County Offering 10 More Testing Days

Morning, all – attached and copied below are details about 10 additional free COVID-19 testing days for Hays County; the first round begins this Saturday. We greatly appreciate if you are able to share this information with your respective audiences. Folks do not have to be Hays County residents to get the free testing.

Note, these are walk-up testing sites, not drive-thru. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks and take care, Kim

Kim Hilsenbeck Communications Manager Hays County, Texas Kim.Hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us 512.395.4214

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Media Contact: Kim Hilsenbeck, Communications Manager 512.395.4214

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More Free COVID-19 Test Sites Coming to Hays County

Hays County Courthouse, San Marcos, TX – Because of the success of recent testing events, Hays County has planned two new COVID-19 testing sites offering ten additional testing days. This **FREE** testing is made possible by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Texas Army National Guard in collaboration with the Hays County Office of Emergency Management.

These sites will offer walk-up testing only, not drive-thru, so please be prepared to exit your vehicle. No pre-registration is needed. Remember to wear a mask to the testing site.

Below are the details about the upcoming testing opportunities, which are for those age five (5) and older only:

Location #1: Hays CISD Performing Arts Center, 979 Kohlers Crossing, Kyle, Texas

Date: Saturday, June 27 to Wednesday, July 1

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday*, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all other days

*NOTE: On June 27, the earlier morning hours between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. are reserved for school staff only.

Location #2: San Marcos High School, 2601 Rattler Rd., San Marcos, Texas

Date: Sunday, July 12 to Thursday, July 16

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day

Results from these testing sites will be sent directly to the individual not the health department. On average, results are sent within seven days of being tested.

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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:12 AM

To: Eric Schneider

Subject: FW: Quick questions on current methods for COVID data entry

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Eric -

Cell:

For your review and response as well. We will send only one response and get together later.

Thank you,

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From: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna. Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:47 AM

To: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: lan Harris <ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us>; Henderson,Seth (DSHS) <Seth.Henderson@dshs.texas.gov>

Subject: Quick questions on current methods for COVID data entry

Good morning, Tammy and Ian,

I've been asked to collect some information from LHEs who are entering data into THT or who are getting close to entering into THT. This information will give us a better idea of your status and methods so that we can come up with

a way to ensure cases are closed out, limit duplication and ensure the most accurate metrics are reported as locals start transitioning from NEDSS to THT.

- How do you currently track the number of COVID cases in your jurisdiction?
 - o Line list?
 - o Other describe:
- What does your number of cases on the DSHS website represent?
 - o Number of persons with a positive COVID PCR test?
 - o Completed investigations?
 - o Other describe:
- How many completed investigations do you have that have not been entered into NEDSS?
- Who is currently entering cases in NEDSS for your jurisdiction?
 - Surveillance staff (#)
 - o Other agency staff (#)
 - o Temps (#)
 - o Other (#) describe

Thank you! gl

Glenna Laughlin MA, CHES Regional and Local Coordination Team RLHO

From: Ian Harris

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 1:23 PM

To: 'Canion, Sarah B'

Cc: Tammy Crumley; Eric Schneider

Subject: RE: Texas State data

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Dr. Doss,

Below are my answers to your questions. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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Yes, we would prefer to file share if that is possible.

- 2) We are planning to send an email to close contacts who are Texas State students / faculty / staff. We were not planning to reach out to close contacts who are not part of the university system, because we are not a public health authority and don't really have the authority to give those persons any instructions. If we wanted to pursue a more formal relationship with you all, is there a way we could temporarily serve as an extension of the public health department? I am not sure we would be able to do that (our resources are stretched really thin now as well), but wanted to ask.

 This would be more of a question and authorization that our Director, Tammy Crumley, would be able to help you with.
- 3) Because we are not planning to notify close contacts who are outside of the university system, they will be on the list we are planning to see you but will not be marked as "contacted." That way, you will know which ones we have sent information to and which ones we have not.

 This will work great because we can use the contact tracing team we have here and if it becomes too much we can request the assistance of the DSHS contact tracing team. Their team has a lot of capacity and they are assisting the smaller health departments that are seeing large spikes like we are.
- 4) We are anticipating that we may end up sending an email with instructions to quarantine to someone who does not need it. This may be an accident (case puts in the wrong email address for their friend), or it could be intentional (case wants to keep someone else at home). Do you have any suggestions for dealing with this if it occurs? How do you prevent people from making false claims about their close contacts? How do you deal with contacts who insist that you are wrong and they did not have any contact with a case?

 We view the contact tracing as a reasonable effort to inform individuals that they may have been exposed and that they need to self-monitor for symptoms and take other reasonable precautions. Unfortunately, you will encounter people that are resistant to this information and choose to ignore it. We don't really have an enforcement tool for these persons under monitoring at the moment but if they were a lab confirmed case and were violating isolation orders we could probably have law enforcement assist with compliance. Fortunately, this situation seems to be fairly uncommon as

most people are concerned about passing COVID along to friends and family or they just feel too horrible to be out and about. I think that we are all between a rock and a hard place when it comes to trusting the information that is provided to us and the answers of anyone that you contact. Most people that we have contacted have been very cooperative, even when they didn't really like the situation, and I believe that you all will have a similar experience.

Best regards,

Ian Harris, CIC

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From: Canion, Sarah B <dr.doss@txstate.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:32 PM **To:** Ian Harris <ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Texas State data

lan:

We are getting close to having our self-reporting system up for university students / faculty / staff. We are contemplating a couple of issues with this, and I would appreciate your feedback:

- 1) When I talked with Eric yesterday, he said that you would be interested in getting all of the data we have for cases (includes where they work, live, and a list of their close contacts.) Of course, we will get written consent before sharing any data (because we are not seeing these students as patients, they are just voluntarily reporting results to us). We will not have lab reports for them. This will be a large amount of data: can we send it to you via file sharing rather than faxing?
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We are still testing and CPL is still picking up our samples, as of today. However, we are experiencing very long turnaround times (5 to 7 days). I am hoping we will be able to get a rapid (antigen) test so that we can do case investigation before it is too late to make an impact. Let me know if you have suggestions for that (where to get a good antigen test).

Sarah Doss, M.D., M.P.H. Chief Medical Officer Student Health Center Texas State University 601 University Drive San Marcos, Texas 78666 (512)245-2161 Dr.Doss@txstate.edu

From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 5:14 PM **To:** Eric Schneider; Tammy Crumley

Subject: FW: ADVISORY: Texas State to extend online classes through second summer session

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From: Blaschke, Jayme <jb71@txstate.edu> Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 5:12 PM

Subject: ADVISORY: Texas State to extend online classes through second summer session

Texas State University

News from the Office of Media Relations 601 University Drive San Marcos, TX 78666 (512) 245-2180 Jayme Blaschke jb71@txstate.edu 07/02/20

The preferred abbreviation for Texas State University is TXST.

ADVISORY: Texas State to extend online classes through second summer session

SAN MARCOS – Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in Hays and Williamson Counties, Texas State University will transition nearly all classes to online delivery for the Summer II session beginning July 6 on both the Round Rock and San Marcos Campuses.

"The President's Cabinet and I have been monitoring daily the COVID-19 situation in Hays and Williamson Counties," Texas State President Denise Trauth said. "In consultation with Chief Medical Officer Emilio Carranco, M.D., this afternoon, we made the decision that for summer II we will transition nearly all face-to-face classes to online delivery. The only courses that will remain face-to-face are those that require a face-to-face

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component for licensure or degree requirements. The number of students enrolled in face-to-face courses during summer II will be about 200 on the San Marcos Campus and about 200 on the Round Rock Campus. The courses remaining in the face-to-face mode will follow strict standard operating procedures to ensure the health, wellness, and safety of faculty and students. There is no change to the status of our phased resumption of research in research facilities and field sites.

"The health, wellness, and safety of staff are also our priority. We do not expect all staff to return to full-time in-person work during the summer II session. Offices that have been able to operate with minimal staff physically present on our campuses since the beginning of summer should continue to do so until we begin to ramp up for the fall semester in early August," Trauth said. "All units that normally provide face-to-face student services in the summer must continue to do so with appropriate modifications to enhance public health. To limit the number of people in an area at a given time, we have asked supervisors to develop plans for alternating schedules, where employees work remotely on some days or portions of days, and/or work on weekends, early morning hours, late evening hours, or combination of these.

"We are planning for a return of face-to-face instruction and services in fall 2020. If students are comfortable returning to our campuses, we have many protective measures in place," she said. "For students who are not able to return to campus at that time, or choose not to do so, remote learning opportunities are available to keep them on track academically. Not all classes will be available in a remote format; so, students will need to meet with their advisors to assess how such a choice would affect their paths toward graduation."

The university's chief medical officer monitors the campus and local situation closely and is in regular consultation with public health officials at the local, state and federal levels. Social distancing and other strategies the university has implemented to help control the spread of COVID-19 are outlined in the Roadmap to Return at www.txstate.edu/coronavirus/road-map.html.

About Texas State University

Founded in 1899, Texas State University is among the largest universities in Texas with an enrollment of 38,694 students on campuses in San Marcos and Round Rock. Texas State's 201,000-plus alumni are a powerful force in serving the economic workforce needs of Texas and throughout the world.

From: Eric Schneider

Sent: Friday, July 03, 2020 1:04 PM

To: Ruben Becerra;Alex Villalobos;Tammy Crumley;Margie Rodriguez;Kim Hilsenbeck;Mike Jones

Cc: Ian Harris; Hayden Matz

Subject: Update

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17 new lab confirmed cases have been reported to me today. This does not mean the COVID-19 epidemic is over, this means that a lot of places that would normally send me reports are closed for the holiday weekend.

All demographic information from today and the next two days will be reflected in Monday's report.

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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Eric Schneider;Kim Hilsenbeck

Subject: Re: Hays County COVID-19 Update July 6; New COVID-related Fatalities Reported

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Absolutely not.

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From: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 6:16:29 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Re: Hays County COVID-19 Update July 6; New COVID-related Fatalities Reported

I'm not going to be reaching out to them to ask this.

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 5:10:41 PM

To: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Fwd: Hays County COVID-19 Update July 6; New COVID-related Fatalities Reported

I'll leave this up to y'all.

Kim Hilsenbeck Communications Manager Hays County Sent from my iPhone - please excuse any typos

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Subject: Re: Hays County COVID-19 Update July 6; New COVID-related Fatalities Reported

Kim-- any way you'd be able to see if the family of the father/son would be willing to speak to us? Maybe they'd have a message for others?

Very sad.

Thanks,

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 4:42 PM

Subject: Hays County COVID-19 Update July 6; New COVID-related Fatalities Reported

The Hays County Local Health Department is reporting three new COVID-related fatalities today. All three are males from San Marcos. Two of the deceased are a father (in his 70s) and son (in his 50s). The County now has a total of 10 COVID-related deaths.

A full report, including demographic data for the new cases reported over the holiday weekend, is attached and copied below.

Take care, Kim

Kim Hilsenbeck Communications Manager Hays County, Texas Kim.Hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us 512.395.4214

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Hays County COVID-19 Update as of July 6

Hays County Courthouse, San Marcos, TX – Hays County Local Health Department today reports three new COVID-related fatalities; all three are males from San Marcos. Two of the deceased are a father (in his 70s) and son (in his 50s). The third male was in his 80s. The County now has a total of 10 COVID-related deaths.

The health department reports 77 new cases, four new hospitalizations, two people released from the hospital and 34 additional recoveries. The demographics in today's update include 66 new cases from the Fourth of July holiday weekend. The department also received about 2,400 negative lab reports from the recent Texas Division of Emergency Management tests sites.

Epidemiologist Eric Schneider said the County's total of lab-confirmed cases is 3,193; of those, 2,655 are considered active. The total number of individuals considered recovered is 528. The number of negative tests is 10,294. Schneider is awaiting results on 72 tests. Hays County has had 68 total hospitalizations; 20 people are currently hospitalized.

"Regardless of your age, profession, gender or any other factor, you have the power to help slow the spread of COVID-19," Schneider said. "We are looking at a virus that may not severely hurt you, but you could pass it along to a loved one or friend who isn't able to fight the virus."

He added that there are simple, effective steps we all can take to slow the spread.

"If you don't need to go out, stay home," he said. "If you go out, remain distanced from others, wear a mask and wash your hands often. When we work together for the safety of our community, we can make an impact."

July 6 Report

Lab Confirmed*	Negative*	Pending**	Recovered	Active	Fatalities	Hospitalizations	Current Hospitalizations
3,193	10,294	72	528	2,655	10	68	20

^{**}Pending does not include tests conducted by TDEM where there is no result yet.

Age Range	Female	Male	Total	Fatalities
0-9 yrs.	42	39	81	0
10-19 yrs.	118	87	205	0
20-29 yrs.	769	761	1,530	0
30-39 yrs.	257	241	498	0
40-49 yrs.	187	162	349	0
50-59 yrs.	140	125	265	1
60-69 yrs.	91	60	151	1
70-79 yrs.	38	33	71	3
> 80 yrs.	24	19	43	5

Total	1,666	1,527	3,193	10	l
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Area	Total Cases	Active Cases	Fatalities
Austin	30	20	1
Bear Creek	1	0	0
Buda	359	290	1
Driftwood	20	18	0
Dripping Springs	46	37	0
Hays	0	0	0
Kyle	859	625	1
Manchaca	2	2	0
Maxwell	6	5	0
Mountain City	3	3	0
Niederwald	10	7	0
San Marcos	1,806	1,609	6
Uhland	5	4	0
Wimberley	46	35	1
Woodcreek	0	0	0
Total	3,193	2,655	10

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	Percentage of Cases
Hispanic	652	631	1,283	40.2%
Non-Hispanic	312	290	602	18.9%
Not Specified	702	606	1,308	40.9%
Total	1,666	1,527	3,193	

Race	Percentage of Cases
American Indian	0.0%
Asian	0.4%
Black	1.2%
Native Hawaiian/	
Pacific Islander	0.0%
White	52.8%
Not Specified/	
Unknown	45.6%

^{*}Some Hays County residents have Austin addresses. Because of HIPAA laws, additional information about patients is not allowed to be shared.

Note: the COVID-19 online **Dashboard** is updated once daily.

Schneider reminded residents to rely on qualified information sources for additional information such as the <u>Texas Department of</u>

<u>State Health Services</u> and the <u>Centers for Disease Control</u> which offers information in Spanish and Chinese as well as English. The County's COVID-19 info is <u>here</u>.

As with any emergency situation, <u>www.HaysInformed.com</u>, the countywide emergency notification blog, has a rolling list of important information regarding COVID-19. Many City websites also have information for residents.

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Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 4:58 PM

To: Katherine Remick;Hanafi, Anjum;Stephanie Helfman
Cc: Pickett, Jason;Kate Remick;Tammy Crumley;Eric Schneider
Subject: Assisted Living ISOFAC for COVID + in Hays COunty

Attachments: 20200527 Symphony of Wimberley - Proposal for COVID-19 Assisted Living Facility (1).docx

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Hi,

I am bringing in a few more folks from Austin Public Health who work with the Nursing Facility ICS hoping they can help you all in Hays so we can get this project finished. As a reminder this is a brand new AL building that is completely empty that is wanting to take all COVID + patients for 1 month respite or possibly 15 day respite/care. The proposal is attached. I do not see that we need to do a site visit since they won't have any "non-covid" patients there for us to make sure are protected.

We will need to ask HHSC to bless this because they are waiting on their CHOW -- I am thinking that we can push that up quickly once both counties agree and have something in writing. I am including Anjum who is working on a joint proposal for Williamson County/Travis County and so could put together language if that would be helpful.

The contact for the AL are below; Symphony of Wimberley

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Director of Nursing: Heather Gerritse heather.gerritse@symphonyofwimberley.com

Thanks everyone

From: Dennis Gutierrez

Sent:Monday, July 06, 2020 11:33 AMTo:Kim Hilsenbeck;Brett LittlejohnCc:Eric Schneider;Tammy Crumley

Subject: Re: COVID-19 cases at Juvenile Detention Center

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Does the juvenile detention center have a PIO? If not, this will be you Kim. The SO doesn't have anything to do with the detention center. Not trying to push off work.....

Dennis

Lt Dennis Gutierrez Hays County Sheriff's Office 1307 Uhland Road San Marcos, TX 78666 (512) 393-7877

From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 11:19:11 AM

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Subject: RE: COVID-19 cases at Juvenile Detention Center

FYI – media request for Juv. Det. Center.

Dennis, passing this off to you.

Kim

From: Nick Castillo <ncastillo@sanmarcosrecord.com>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 11:13 AM

Hi Brett,

My name is Nick Castillo. I work for the San Marcos Daily Record. I'm reaching out about possible cases of COVID-19 among residents and staff? I'm looking to see if there are cases?

I'm also wanting to see if testing has been happening at the juvenile center and what protocols are in place to keep residents and staff safe?

Thanks, Nick

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From: Laughlin,Glenna (DSHS) <Glenna.Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 4:16 PM **To:** Ian Harris; Tammy Crumley

Cc: Margie Rodriguez;Henderson,Seth (DSHS);Eric Schneider

Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

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Great news, Ian! You all should receive invitations for some upcoming live training, and I also wanted to ensure you all had access to the Training System called 'Contact Trace Academy.' If anyone does not have access to that, they can email

support@contactraceacademy.com

Kind Regards, gl

Glenna Laughlin MA, CHES Regional and Local Coordination Team RLHO 512-431-9642 (m)

From: Ian Harris [mailto:ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:33 AM

To: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna. Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov>; Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

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Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

Good morning Glenna,

Everyone from our team tuned into the most recent webinar. Now that we have a better understanding of how to navigate the system we will be working on entering our compiled completed cases and each investigator will enter their cases as soon as they are done speaking with the case patient. We have one Epi

that joined us yesterday that has experience with using THT so he will be able to help us troubleshoot along the way. We will continue to attend the webinars to enhance our teams capabilities. As of today we have three investigators that are entering cases and we will have two more join in before the end of the week. I anticipate that the rate of entry will increase as we all become more familiar with the system. Please let us know about the upcoming trainings so that I can have everyone schedule to attend one.

Thank you,

Ian Harris, CIC

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Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

Great! Thanks for the update, Eric.

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From: Eric Schneider [mailto:eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:54 AM

To: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna.Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov >; Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us >

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Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

We have one team member that started entering cases into THT yesterday and two other ones that are starting today.

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<<u>Seth.Henderson@dshs.texas.gov</u>> **Subject:** RE: Texas Health Trace

Hi Tammy,

Just reaching out to check on you all. I haven't seen any cases being entered into THT. Was your team able to attend the training webinars that were offered last week? We have more being scheduled for later this week.

Hope you are well, gl Glenna Laughlin MA, CHES Regional and Local Coordination Team RLHO

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From: Tammy Crumley [mailto:tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us]

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:50 PM

To: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna. Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov >

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Subject: Texas Health Trace

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Glenna -

As a follow up to our conversation this afternoon, Hays County Health Department would like to change our contact tracing for COVID-19 from Option 1 to Option 2.

I understand that Hays County will perform all case investigations within its jurisdiction, and DSHS will perform all contact tracing activities. Hays County is responsible for entering data into Texas Health Trace and/or working with DSHS on plans to provide this data. Hays County will ensure users of the system have completed Texas Health Trace system training, as well as Cybersecurity and HIPAA trainings. If Hays County does not have Cybersecurity and/or HIPAA trainings, DSHS will provide access to these trainings.

Hays County would like to begin Option 2 on Monday, June 29, 2020. I believe this will provide enough time for DSHS to have everything set-up within the THT system.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 3:41 PM

To: Liam Fry

Cc: Katherine Remick; Hanafi, Anjum; Helfman, Stephanie; Kate Remick; Tammy Crumley; Eric Schneider

Subject: Re: Assisted Living ISOFAC for COVID + in Hays COunty

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I have reviewed the plan and I think it looks good. It is approved from our end at Austin Public Health.

V/R,

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Hi,

I am bringing in a few more folks from Austin Public Health who work with the Nursing Facility ICS hoping they can help you all in Hays so we can get this project finished. As a reminder this is a brand new AL building that is completely empty that is wanting to take all COVID + patients for 1 month respite or possibly 15 day respite/care. The proposal is attached. I do not see that we need to do a site visit since they won't have any "non-covid" patients there for us to make sure are protected.

We will need to ask HHSC to bless this because they are waiting on their CHOW -- I am thinking that we can push that up quickly once both counties agree and have something in writing. I am including Anjum who is working on a joint proposal for Williamson County/Travis County and so could put together language if that would be helpful.

The contact for the AL are below; Symphony of Wimberley

Executive Director: Tish

Nendell tish.nendell@symphonyofwimberley.com

Director of Nursing: Heather Gerritse heather.gerritse@symphonyofwimberley.com

Thanks everyone

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From: Dennis Gutierrez

Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 4:14 PM

To: Tammy Crumley;Kim Hilsenbeck;Julie Villalpando

Cc: Eric Schneider;Alex Villalobos;Mark Kennedy;Margie Rodriguez

Subject: RE: Communications Request

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I won't be in tomorrow.

Dennis

Dennis Gutierrez, Lieutenant

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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:04 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>; Julie Villalpando < julie@co.hays.tx.us>; Dennis Gutierrez < dg1203@co.hays.tx.us>

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Rodriguez <margie@co.hays.tx.us> **Subject:** RE: Communications Request

Do you all have some time tomorrow to discuss this?

Thanks,

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:48 PM

To: Julie Villalpando <julie@co.hays.tx.us>; Dennis Gutierrez <dg1203@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: Eric Schneider < crumley cruml

Subject: FW: Communications Request

Hi all – we received this request from Rep. Erin Zwiener in late June about updates on testing and in particular, cases in assisted living enters, group homes, nursing homes and jails.

I don't believe we've responded, but I could be wrong.

Passing along to make everyone aware of the request. Let me know if there is anything you need from communications.

Many thanks, Kim

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From: David Janise < David.Janise@house.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:40 AM

To: Eric Schneider < eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us; Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us; Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us; Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us; Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us;

Cc: Erin Zwiener < Erin.Zwiener@house.texas.gov>

Subject: Communications Request

Good Morning,

This is David Janise, State Representative Erin Zwiener's Chief of Staff. As her conversations continue with DSHS and TDEM, the Representative respectfully requests to receive regular updates on the amount of positive COVID-19 cases coming out of the recent Texas National Guard testing locations, cases in assisted living centers, group homes, and nursing homes, and cases in the jail and prison.

Thank you so much,

David Janise | Chief of Staff

State Representative Erin Zwiener House District 45 | Hays & Blanco Counties

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o: 512-463-0647

From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 12:34 PM **To:** Ian Harris;Tammy Crumley;Eric Schneider

Subject: RE: contact tracing

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Great to know – I think this is the first time I've heard about our health dept doing this kind of thing.

From: Ian Harris <ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us> Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:01 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck <kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

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Kim,

We have been utilizing this method since the first case in Hays County. People tend to feel more comfortable letting their friends and family know about potentially exposing them and then the exposed individuals will call into us to see what needs to be done if they have a concern. Quiet a few of our cases, especially asymptomatic cases, have come from this method.

I think APH's capacity to handle the mass amount of cases they have has runout. This is probably the best they can do to try and continue contact tracing.

Thanks for the update!

Ian Harris, CIC

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Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:51 AM

To: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Ian Harris <ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: contact tracing

FYI: Austin Public Health is recommending "crowd sourcing" for COVID-19 notification. (I'm watching their live FB feed right now)

e.g., if you test positive, you should contact people with whom you've come in contact over the past 48 or so hours. Thus putting more of the onus on those who test positive to contact people.

This is an interesting concept. Passing along in the event our Local Health Dept. wants to share a similar message.

Thanks, Kim

Kim Hilsenbeck Communications Manager Hays County, Texas <u>Kim.Hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us</u> 512.395.4214

From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 5:05 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck;Ian Harris;Eric Schneider

Subject: Re: Fact or Fiction/Rumor Control

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Sure.

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Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:30:27 PM

To: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Ian Harris <ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Fact or Fiction/Rumor Control

Can I put something together to go on website that addresses all the rumors and misinformation about COVID, testing, hospitalization, etc.?

I would need y'all to review and edit, but I'm tired of all the bad info out there in the world.

Thoughts?

Kim Hilsenbeck Communications Manager Hays County, Texas Kim.Hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us

From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 3:12 PM

To: Tammy Crumley;Ian Harris;Eric Schneider

Subject: FW: Another Inquiry

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Here are her questions:

From: Sahar Chmais <saharchmais95@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 3:09 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Re: Another Inquiry

That is a sensible way to do it! Here are some questions:

- What kind of contact tracing is being done in Hays County?
- How many people are being reached through contact tracing? I have heard from some people they they never got a call
- Since the county has the job of taking on emergency management, what steps is Hays taking to stem this outbreak of new cases?
- How long is it between testing and knowing if someone is positive?
- Does contact tracing become ineffective the longer time goes (between testing and finding out the results)?
- How many contact tracers are on the team now, and did they bring any of the state designated ones onto the team?

Thank you,

Sahar Chmais

On Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 2:58 PM Kim Hilsenbeck kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us wrote:

The health dept. asked if you have specific questions about contact tracing; with them being so busy with COVID, it would help to be focused on what you want so they can be prepared and perhaps pull data in advance.

From: Sahar Chmais < saharchmais 95@gmail.com > Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 6:04 PM To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us >
Subject: Re: Another Inquiry
Hello Kim,
It would be something like what we did last time during the first wave of quarantines.
Also, I spoke with Alex today and he said that Dr. Crumbly or Dr. Schneider would be better to talk to about contact tracing, do you think they would have time to discuss this sometime?
On Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 2:13 PM Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us > wrote:
Hi Sahar – how would you define a lockdown?
From: Sahar Chmais < <u>saharchmais95@gmail.com</u> > Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:00 PM To: Kim Hilsenbeck < <u>kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us</u> >
Subject: Another Inquiry
Hello Kim, I hope you're doing well.
I was wondering if you know whol can talk to about what may happen in the near future in regards to doing some sort of county lockdown, like is that something that is being considered at all?

Maybe I can discuss that with Mr. Villalobos, but just wanted to get some insight from you first.
Thank you,
Sahar Chmais

From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:14 PM

To: Lee Urbanovsky;Travis Mitchell;Eric Schneider;Mayor George Haehn;Ruben Becerra;Lon Shell;Mayor Larry

Odom;mayor@cityofwimberley.com;Mark Jones;Mayor Bruce Upham;Mayor William P. Scheel;Mayor Pro-tem Vicki Hunter

Subject: RE: Covid Report

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All –

The numbers reflect the hospitalizations of **all** Hays County residents whether they are treated in county or transported out of county that have been reported to the Hays County Local Health Department.

Thank you,

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From: Lee Urbanovsky < LUrbanovsky@ci.buda.tx.us>

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:58 PM

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Cc: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Re: Covid Report

State Rep Erin Zwiener just posted in the biggest Facebook group in Buda, the county is only reporting hospitalizations actually in Hays. She says we are missing everyone from Hays in other county's hospitals either these residence went elsewhere for treatment or they were transported out of Hays.

Can someone confirm?

Thank you

Lee Urbanovsky I city council

City of Buda

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Subject: Re: Covid Report

Αll

My two questions beyond Mayor Haehn's are:

- 1. I would like an understanding of negative test reporting. This has been on going, for the last two days the county reported 85 positives on Wednesday and 81 on Thursday but 0 negative tests Wednesday and 6 on Thursday. That is a 97% positive rate.
- 2. I would like to understand how recoveries are being counted. The large jump (young people in SM initially) started with 82 cases on June 11. If I understand recovery is 3 days fever free and at least 7 days past symptom onset. I know at least 15 people who have been through this, I think I can assume 2 weeks duration for a healthy individual??? We should be seeing a significant recovery curve by now a month after the spike started.

	new cases	recoveries
6/11	82	6
6/12	99	3
6/13	142	0
6/14	196	0
6/15	69	1
6/16	155	55
6/17	145	8
6/18	210	8
6/19	103	51
6/20	57	0
6/21	103	0
6/22	160	0
6/23	130	8
6/24	193	6
6/25	81	14
6/26	140	1
6/27	54	0
6/28	117	0
6/29	75	4
6/30	158	50
7/1	105	11
7/2	126	11
7/3	0	0
7/4	21	0

7/5	28	0
7/6	94	34
7/7	50	53
7/8	85	15
7/9	81	10
	3059	349

Thank you

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All -

I was not included on the original email and did not have an opportunity to respond. We receive information from numerous sources and at different times throughout the day. Unfortunately, the information coming into the LHD is not in real time.

I appreciate your patience. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions.

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Thanks

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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:37 PM **To:** Ruben Becerra;Alex Villalobos

Cc: Jennifer Anderson; Mike Jones; Margie Rodriguez; Eric Schneider

Subject: FW: RNA testing of poll workers before their service

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All –

In response to Mr. Smith's email, we would happy to discuss his concerns and the opinion of the LHD.

Let us know how you would like to proceed.

Thanks,

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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:05 AM

To: Eric Schneider; Tammy Crumley; Ian Harris

Subject: FW: question about contact tracing and hotspots MEDIA QUESTION

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Follow-up on contact tracing; not sure we will be able to provide any level of specificity about hot spots, but y'all are seeing the data and info. Let me know if we have a response. This is from the HFP, the same paper that Tammy spoke with yesterday.

Thanks, Kim

From: csb haysfreepress.com <csb@haysfreepress.com>

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:57 AM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: Sahar Chmais

Subject: question about contact tracing and hotspots

I had a reader ask me this morning about this, and I thought it would probably be a good question for Mr. Schneider.

As there are surges in Hays County, and there seem to be hotspots, have you found any places that are hotspots? (Bars are probably obvious, but I am thinking about others.)

Have you seen that the spread is coming more from church gatherings, from grocery stores, from bars, from restaurants? Are there any places in particular which seem to contribute to the hotspots.

I know that other towns have shown that churches were a problem. I don't know if that has been shown locally.

I am including Sahar on this email thread, as she has taken up the reins of a lot of the COVID stories.

ALSO, I hear you are getting an assistant. Congrats. You probably have your hands full these days with all of the COVID-19 requests.

Finally, are we going to have another session with Mr. Schneider? I thought that went very well and answered a lot of questions.

See you around – months from now I am sure. Best to the kids. Wow, high school.

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:11 AM

To: Eric Schneider;Ian Harris;Tammy Crumley;Mike Jones;Alex Villalobos

Subject: FW: New report warns of potential obstacles to effective COVID-19 vaccine delivery

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Passing along this info about COVID vaccines; thought it might be interesting to read.

From: Blaschke, Jayme <jb71@txstate.edu>

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:38 AM

Subject: New report warns of potential obstacles to effective COVID-19 vaccine delivery

Texas State University

News from the Office of Media Relations 601 University Drive San Marcos, TX 78666 (512) 245-2180 Jayme Blaschke jb71@txstate.edu 07/10/20

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https://news.txstate.edu/research-and-innovation/2020/new-report-warns-of-potential-obstacles-to-effective-covid-19-vaccine-delivery.html

New report warns of potential obstacles to effective COVID-19 vaccine delivery

SAN MARCOS – As COVID-19 cases continue to increase in Texas, development of a vaccine is viewed by many as the best option for getting the pandemic under control.

A new report from a national work group co-chaired by Emily Brunson, associate professor in the Department of Anthropology at Texas State University, warns that an array of social factors could ultimately undermine any vaccine's effectiveness if not addressed.

The report, "The Public's Role in COVID-19 Vaccination: Planning Recommendations Informed by Design Thinking and the Social, Behavioral and Communication Sciences," was released July 9 by the Center for Health Security at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and may be accessed at www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/our-work/pubs-archive/pubs-pdfs/2020/200709-The-Publics-Role-in-COVID-19-Vaccination.pdf.

"While vaccines represent a promising solution to the COVID-19 pandemic, the development of the vaccines is only part of the solution. Widespread acceptance of these vaccines is also needed," Brunson said. "In this report, which was drafted by a 23-person working group composed of national figures in public health and the social sciences, my co-authors and I provide practical recommendations that we believe, if acted upon, will advance public understanding of, access to, and ultimately acceptance of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines."

The report provides recommendations to U.S. policymakers and practitioners on how to advance public understanding of, access to, and acceptance of future vaccines that would protect against COVID-19. It warns that despite several promising vaccines in current development, some U.S. residents, particularly those most at risk of infection, may miss out on this potentially lifesaving public health measure due to concerns such as:

- anxieties about whether COVID-19 vaccines are safe or effective
- mistrust of vaccine manufacturers and the agencies that regulate the industry and/or the public health authorities recommending the products
- whether a COVID-19 vaccine will be affordable and administered in a place that is readily accessible and feels safe.

In the report, the authors offer recommendations for U.S. vaccination planners and implementers, which if put into place now, could help overcome potential hurdles when a vaccine becomes available:

- Earn the public's confidence that vaccine allocation and availability are evenhanded. The U.S. government should take steps to make the vaccine available at no cost for all U.S. residents and publicly pledge that everyone who wants a vaccine can get one.
- Make vaccination available in safe, familiar and convenient places. Assess local vaccination capacities and address any inadequacies, and work with community members—particularly members of minority and other marginalized groups—to establish vaccination sites that will be accessible and feel safe.

- Communicate in meaningful, relevant, and personal terms, to counter misinformation. The U.S. government, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and community spokespeople should be engaged in message development and communication efforts to help neutralize misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines.
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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:20 PM

To: Tammy Crumley **Cc:** Margie Rodriguez

Subject: FW: RNA testing of poll workers before their service

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Tammy,

I'll let you decide if this is something we want to start doing. When we opened up testing to anyone (symptomatic or asymptomatic) it overwhelmed our lab and they had to shut down for a week. Do not want that to happen again.

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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:51 AM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck; Tammy Crumley; Alex Villalobos

Subject: RE: Communications Request

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I have not and have no intention to respond to anything from her office. I'll leave that up to Tammy or Alex if they want to communicate with her office.

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Subject: FW: Communications Request

Morning - has anyone responded to her yet?

Dennis said the jail reports are being posted on social media.

From: David Janise < David.Janise@house.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:40 AM

To: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Kim Hilsenbeck <kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: Erin Zwiener < Erin.Zwiener@house.texas.gov>

Subject: Communications Request

Good Morning,

This is David Janise, State Representative Erin Zwiener's Chief of Staff. As her conversations continue with DSHS and TDEM, the Representative respectfully requests to receive regular updates on the amount of positive COVID-19 cases coming out of the recent Texas National Guard testing locations, cases in assisted living centers, group homes, and nursing homes, and cases in the jail and prison.

Thank you so much,

David Janise | Chief of Staff

State Representative Erin Zwiener House District 45 | Hays & Blanco Counties

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o: 512-463-0647

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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:58 PM

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6/29	75	4
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The information you are requesting changes multiple times per day and would be extremely tedious for us to incorporate into our daily reports. I agree that the color of someone's skin shouldn't matter, or be reported, but it was this group of elected officials that demanded we know what color someone was, so that is why it is being reported now.

The majority of people being hospitalized are between the ages of 40 – 80+, typically requiring a 5-10 day hospital stay, and they are from every city. Christus Santa Rosa in San Marcos is almost at 100% capacity for COVID patients. Seton Kyle an Baylor Scott and White will probably be close to that soon as well since Travis County/Austin is saying they will reach maximum capacity at all their hospitals within 2 weeks.

This is the middle of a pandemic. It isn't over, and it isn't going away any time soon. The County is not hiding anything from you. All of the information that is necessary is in our daily report.

Please stop with your CAPITAL LETTERS.

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I have asked repeatedly that the County's COVID-19 report show not only the raw data but the breakdown of how many are hospitalized BY AGE GROUP and BY CITY.

We take the time to break down the information by ethnicity but this virus doesn't care what color you are. So this may be information useful to demographers but not really useful to me.

I see that the vast majority of cases being reported are in the 20-49 age groups. But not a corresponding increase in hospitalizations.

That means to me that the increase in raw numbers does not mean that we are in trouble when it comes to hospital bed availability.

It does tell me that we must take extraordinary steps to protect those who are most vulnerable, anyone with OHI or over age 65. Let us continue to do so.

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Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Tammy Crumley

To: Tammy Crumley
Cc: Eric Schneider
Subject: RE: web site info

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Here's another screen shot:



Zak Hall Wow. I had no idea. Thank you for explaining this, Erin. I'm flabbergasted that our county health officials have not explained this themselves. Or if they did, I completely missed it.

Like · Reply · 2d





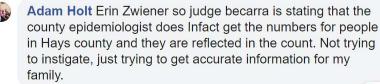
Erin Zwiener Zak Hall if they have explained, I have missed it too. I found out and confirmed through convos with hospitals and the hospital regional advisory council.

We need way more transparency about what the data means.

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Erin Zwiener Adam Holt I fully believe that they are sharing all the numbers they know about and would love to see the health department share more info publicly about who they're able to count and how.

The issue is that there's no process for a hospital to notify a local health department about a hospitalization that walks into the ER.

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Cassie Knapp-Abeln Erin this is the response that I am receiving. "there can be a delay in reporting, but hospitalizations outside of Hays Co make their way back to our epidemiologist.

Like · Reply · 2d





Adam Holt Erin Zwiener got it! Thank you!

From: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 6:44 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us> **Cc:** Eric Schneider < eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Re: web site info

Probably.

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck <kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:26:14 PM

To: Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us Cc: Eric Schneider@co.hays.tx.us

Subject: web site info

Do we need this on the testing page?

Many testing locations listed below are temporarily discontinuing testing due to backlogs with laboratories. You can get tested at the TDEM location through July 1, or July 12-16, or contact your physician or health care provider.

From: Tammy Crumley <tx.us>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:10 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: links

That works!

Thank you,

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Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:04 PM

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Let me know if this work:

https://hayscountytx.com/covid-19-information-for-hays-county-residents/

Scroll down to Helpful Links.

From: Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:51 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: links

Kim -

Can we add these two links to the testing information portion of our COVID page?

https://txdps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8bf7c6a436a64bfe9a5ce25be580e4ff

https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html

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Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:03 PM

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Eric's dismissive response to yet another mayor of this county is why we don't trust the HCLHD. This attitude WOULD NOT STAND (all caps!) in Kyle, TX.

Travis Mitchell

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City of Kyle, TX

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To: Tammy Crumley

Subject: This goes against everything I stand for, but here is my honesty

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Tammy, let me know if this will calm the storm and I will repost it in the mass email that started all this.

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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:04 PM

To: Eric Schneider;Kim Hilsenbeck;Mike Jones;Alex Villalobos

Subject: RE: Hays County COVID-19 Update July 14

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I do not have that information.

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Sounds like a Mike Jones question to me.

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Subject: FW: Hays County COVID-19 Update July 14

Hi – do we have the info requested by the reporter below?

Thanks, Kim

From: Jakob Rodriguez < <u>irodriguez@ksat.com</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:55 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us Subject: Re: Hays County COVID-19 Update July 14

Kim, do you happen to know how many patients are on ventilators and how many ventilators the county has at its disposal?

Best,



From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us >

Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:53 PM

Subject: Hays County COVID-19 Update July 14

Hi all – here is today's COVID-19 update; we have two additional COVID-related fatalities, 56 new cases, three more hospitalizations and 51 additional recoveries.

Full report attached and copied below.

Kim Hilsenbeck Communications Manager Hays County, Texas Kim.Hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us 512.395.4214

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact: Kim Hilsenbeck, Communications Manager 512.395.4214

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Hays County COVID-19 Update as of July 14

Hays County Courthouse, San Marcos, TX – Hays County Local Health Department today reports two more COVID-related fatalities. Both were female residents of San Marcos; one woman was in her 70s, the other was in her 80s. Epidemiologist Eric Schneider also reported 56 new lab-confirmed cases, three new hospitalizations and 51 additional recoveries.

"The most effective way to slow the spread of the virus is to limit your trips, wash your hands, stay distanced from others and wear a mask when in public," he said. "We urge everyone take these simple, effective steps to protect those in our community who are most vulnerable."

The County's total of lab-confirmed cases is 3,699; of those, 2,942 are considered active. The total number of individuals considered recovered is 744. The number of negative tests is 10,926. Schneider is awaiting results on 59 tests. Hays County has had 75 total hospitalizations; 23 people are currently hospitalized. Some patients are in hospitals outside Hays County but are included in our numbers.

A COVID-19 Fact Sheet has been added to the County website: https://hayscountytx.com/covid-19-fact-sheet/. This document provides a glossary of terms and insight into methods and results calculations.

July 14 Report

Lab Confirmed*	Negative*	Pending**	Recovered	Active	Fatalities	Hospitalizations	Current Hospitalizations
3,699	10,926	59	744	2,942	13	75	23

^{**}Pending does not include tests conducted by TDEM where there is no result yet.

Age Range	Female	Male	Total	Fatalities
0-9 yrs.	62	47	109	0
10-19 yrs.	145	98	243	0
20-29 yrs.	831	844	1,675	0
30-39 yrs.	308	307	615	0
40-49 yrs.	218	193	411	0
50-59 yrs.	171	142	313	1
60-69 yrs.	111	80	191	1
70-79 yrs.	51	41	92	5
> 80 yrs.	27	23	50	6
Total	1,924	1,775	3,699	13

Area	Total Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Fatalities
Austin	33	21	11	1
Bear Creek	1	0	1	0
Buda	446	363	82	1
Driftwood	21	19	2	0
Dripping Springs	64	53	11	0
Hays	0	0	0	0
Kyle	1,045	781	263	1
Manchaca	2	2	0	0
Maxwell	6	5	1	0
Mountain City	4	3	0	1
Niederwald	13	10	3	0
San Marcos	1,998	1,634	356	8
Uhland	8	7	1	0
Wimberley	57	43	13	1
Woodcreek	1	1	0	0
Total	3,699	2,942	744	13

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	Percentage of Cases
Hispanic	753	709	1,462	39.52%
Non-Hispanic	340	324	664	17.95%
Not Specified	831	742	1573	42.53%
Total	1,924	1,775	3,699	100.00%

Race	Percentage of Cases
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American Indian	0.0%
Asian	0.5%
Black	1.1%
Native Hawaiian/	
Pacific Islander	0.00%
White	53.7%
Not Specified/	
Unknown	44.7%

^{*}Some Hays County residents have Austin addresses. Because of HIPAA laws, additional information about patients is not allowed to be shared.

Note: the COVID-19 online **Dashboard** is updated once daily.

Schneider reminded residents to rely on qualified information sources for additional information such as the <u>Texas Department of State Health</u>

<u>Services</u> and the <u>Centers for Disease Control</u> which offers information in Spanish and Chinese as well as English. The County's COVID-19 info is <u>here</u>.

As with any emergency situation, <u>www.HaysInformed.com</u>, the countywide emergency notification blog, has a rolling list of important information regarding COVID-19. Many City websites also have information for residents.

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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:04 AM **To:** Kim Hilsenbeck;Eric Schneider

Subject: Re: Clusters

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Same old answer.

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To: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: FW: Clusters

Same old question. With contact tracing back in the mix, do we have a sense of hot spots or clusters?

From: Tahera Rahman < Tahera. Rahman@kxan.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:14 AM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Clusters

Good morning Kim,

The last time Schneider spoke to press, he mentioned COVID-19 case clusters at restaurants, protests, rivers and construction. Just wondering if there are any updates on that-- any one in particular that is now standing out the most? Any new ones?

Thank you, Tahera

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From: Eric Schneider

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:15 AMTo: Tammy Crumley;Ruben BecerraSubject: FW: Texas State University

Attachments: Faculty Senate Minutes 07.08.20_FINAL.docx

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Here are the notes I referred to from the Texas State Faculty Meeting.

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From: Dr. Elizabeth Bishop

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:38 AM

To: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Texas State University

Dear Eric Schneider,

Attached, please find minutes from Texas State University's most recent Faculty Senate meeting, Wednesday 8 July.

Asked under what scenario Texas State would not reopen for Fall semester (p. 5), the minutes record President Trauth as saying: "it is the decision of the Departments of Public Health in both Hays and Williamson counties as well as in consultation with Dr. Carranco." She also is recorded as saying, "there are several indicators that need to be considered and the situation is being monitored continuously."

With kind regards,

Elizabeth Bishop

Elizabeth Bishop, Ph.D.

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Texas State University

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From: Luizzi, Vincent < vluizzi@txstate.edu>

Date: Wed, Jul 15, 2020 at 3:51 AM

Subject: Resending with attachment: Please complete Faculty Senate survey

To: Luizzi, Vincent < vluizzi@txstate.edu>

Minutes mentioned below attached.

From: Luizzi, Vincent <<u>vluizzi@txstate.edu</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:39 PM

Subject: Please complete Faculty Senate survey

Hello Liberal Arts Faculty,

You should have received a short survey from the Faculty Senate yesterday about the university's plans for the fall semester. If you haven't already, please take a few moments to complete and submit it.

Attached are the minutes, FYI, of the July 8, 2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate with the President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG). They contain information relevant to the survey.

Best wishes,

Liberal Arts Senators:

Rebecca Bell-Metereau Jennifer Jensen Vince Luizzi Roque Mendez

From: Eric Schneider

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 3:26 PM

To: 'Kristin Herrington'
Cc: Tammy Crumley

Subject: RE: Please help keep schools closed

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I completely understand your concern of the situation. However, the elected officials of the County and State, as well as the Board Member of the ISDs, are the ones that have the ultimate power to decide if schools should return in the Fall. I can provide recommendations and guidance to them (which I have been doing since the beginning of this), but ultimately, I do not have the final say in the reopening of schools.

You would need to speak with the County Judge (Ruben Becerra).

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----Original Message----

From: Kristin Herrington

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 3:23 PM

To: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Please help keep schools closed

Hello,

I am a teacher at Hays CISD as well as a mother of a five month old and I'm very worried about schools reopening with the amount of new cases of Covid-19 breaking records each day. I'm hoping you can help us keep schools closed until we get a handle on this pandemic.

I saw an article in the Texas Tribune that said the governor will allow schools to stay closed if the local health officials decide it is necessary. Would you and your team be the people who would make that call? If I need to reach out to someone else, would you be able to provide me with a name?

Thank you so much! Kristin Herrington-Albrecht

Sent from my iPhone

From: Laughlin,Glenna (DSHS) <Glenna.Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 4:13 PM **To:** Ian Harris; Tammy Crumley

Cc: Margie Rodriguez;Henderson,Seth (DSHS);Eric Schneider

Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

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Sounds great, Ian. Let us know if you have questions as you begin getting active in the system.

Kind Regards,

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Glenna Laughlin MA, CHES
Regional and Local Coordination Unit Team Lead
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512-431-9642 (cell)

From: Ian Harris [mailto:ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us]

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:51 PM

To: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna. Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov>; Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: Margie Rodriguez <margie@co.hays.tx.us>; Henderson,Seth (DSHS) <Seth.Henderson@dshs.texas.gov>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

Good afternoon Glenna,

Everyone has been attending the various trainings that you all have offered and we will be entering and assigning cases to the call center for contact tracing after we make initial contact with them. Thank you for sending the training webinar invites and all your assistance to help us. I certainly have a better idea of how THT works from the trainings and I believe everyone else does too.

Thanks,

Ian Harris, CIC

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Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

Hi Ian,

Just checking back in to see how you all are doing. Hopefully some of your folks were able to attend one of the two user trainings that were conducted yesterday. I believe those will be offered on a weekly basis for the near future.

How can we help you get you all entering cases into THT?

I did see your response that you are good with keeping your threshold of ELR lab feed that will be auto shunted from NEDDS beginning on Saturday set to 50.

Thanks, and let us know how we can help! gl

Glenna Laughlin MA, CHES Regional and Local Coordination Unit Team Lead Division for Regional and Local Health Operations Department of State Health Services

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From: Ian Harris [mailto:ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:33 AM

To: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna.Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov >; Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us >

Cc: Margie Rodriguez <margie@co.hays.tx.us>; Henderson,Seth (DSHS) <Seth.Henderson@dshs.texas.gov>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

Good morning Glenna,

Everyone from our team tuned into the most recent webinar. Now that we have a better understanding of how to navigate the system we will be working on entering our compiled completed cases and each investigator will enter their cases as soon as they are done speaking with the case patient. We have one Epi that joined us yesterday that has experience with using THT so he will be able to help us troubleshoot along the way. We will continue to attend the webinars to enhance our teams capabilities. As of today we have three investigators that are entering cases and we will have two more join in before the end of the week. I anticipate that the rate of entry will increase as we all become more familiar with the system. Please let us know about the upcoming trainings so that I can have everyone schedule to attend one.

Thank you,

Ian Harris, CIC

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From: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna. Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov >

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:56 AM

To: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: lan Harris <ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us>; Margie Rodriguez <margie@co.hays.tx.us>; Henderson,Seth (DSHS) <Seth.Henderson@dshs.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

Great! Thanks for the update, Eric.

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From: Eric Schneider [mailto:eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:54 AM

To: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna.Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov >; Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us >

Cc: lan Harris < ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us>; Margie Rodriguez < margie@co.hays.tx.us>; Henderson, Seth (DSHS) < Seth.Henderson@dshs.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

We have one team member that started entering cases into THT yesterday and two other ones that are starting today.

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Subject: RE: Texas Health Trace

Hi Tammy,

Just reaching out to check on you all. I haven't seen any cases being entered into THT. Was your team able to attend the training webinars that were offered last week?

We have more being scheduled for later this week.

Hope you are well, gl Glenna Laughlin MA, CHES Regional and Local Coordination Team RLHO 512-431-9642 (m)

From: Tammy Crumley [mailto:tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us]

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:50 PM

To: Laughlin, Glenna (DSHS) < Glenna. Laughlin@dshs.texas.gov >

Cc: Eric Schneider < critical-number-2 / Ian Harris < ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us / Margie Rodriguez < margie@co.hays.tx.us / Ian Harris < ian.harris@co.hays.tx.us / Ian Harris < ian.harris@co.hays.tx

Subject: Texas Health Trace

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Glenna -

As a follow up to our conversation this afternoon, Hays County Health Department would like to change our contact tracing for COVID-19 from Option 1 to Option 2.

I understand that Hays County will perform all case investigations within its jurisdiction, and DSHS will perform all contact tracing activities. Hays County is responsible for entering data into Texas Health Trace and/or working with DSHS on plans to provide this data. Hays County will ensure users of the system have completed Texas Health Trace system training, as well as Cybersecurity and HIPAA trainings. If Hays County does not have Cybersecurity and/or HIPAA trainings, DSHS will provide access to these trainings.

Hays County would like to begin Option 2 on Monday, June 29, 2020. I believe this will provide enough time for DSHS to have everything set-up within the THT system.

Thank you for your continued support.

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From: Eric Schneider

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:53 PM **To:** 'Wiles, Robert E.';Tammy Crumley

Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL - Daily COVID Numbers 7/16/2020

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Thank you sir.

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Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:35 PM

To: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>; Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL - Daily COVID Numbers 7/16/2020

For some reason your addressed don't pop up in my outlook.

Robert E. Wiles, MS, CHEP, CHSP
Regional Director, Environment of Care & Safety
CHRISTUS SANTA ROSA

O: 512-753-3804 C: 210-683-8317

Email: robert.wiles@christushealth.org

From: Tabor, Sue

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:48 AM

To: Johnson, Micah <micah.johnson2@christushealth.org>; Johannsen, Lee <lee.johannsen@christushealth.org>; Wiles, Robert E.

<<u>teresa.zdunczyk@christushealth.org</u>>; Lewis, Amanda <<u>amanda.lewis@christushealth.org</u>>; Kelley, Marilyn M. <<u>marilyn.kelley@christushealth.org</u>>; Ramos,

Elaine < elaine.ramos@christushealth.org >

Cc: McKinney, Thomas < thomas.mckinney@christushealth.org; Ansaldo, Luanne < luanne.ansaldo@christushealth.org; Villarreal, Ricardo J.

<ricardo.villarreal2@christushealth.org>; Moreno, Carla <carla.moreno@christushealth.org>; SALAZAR, JONI R. <joni.salazar@christushealth.org>

Subject: CONFIDENTIAL - Daily COVID Numbers 7/16/2020

Good morning. Here are today's numbers. Please call me if you need anything or have any questions.

Total in house: 18 Everyone in house is confirmed positive – no PUI's in house

ICU - 7

5 are on a vent. 0 new admits in the last 24 hours

1 patient did transfer from the PCU after a Rapid Response

PCU - 10

1 new admits to PCU in the last 24 hours.

Women's

1 patient

Rapid Response

1 in the last 24 hours

Code Blue

1 COVID related in the last 24 hours – Patient Survived

Deaths:

0 COVID related in the last 24 hours

Remdisivir

See below:

0 in the last 24 hours

Convalescent Plasma:

1 in the last 24 hours.

High Flow Oxygen

4 in house are on high flow oxygen 2 on bipap

PCR Testing from the last 24 hours

Total PCR done - 9

1 Positive

1 tested in ED and discharged home – will do discharge call back

1 was a retest – this retest was due to a presumptive positive test. The 2nd test was positive. This is a rare occurrence. Will monitor to see if

it increases.

8 negative

0 - Associate tested in the last 24 hours

Antibody Testing from the last 24 hours

Total antibody done – 23

2 - (IGG (+)/IGM (+)) -

1 – discharged home

1 – procedure in OPS – procedure is being done

Associates Quarantined

11 as of the last 24 hours

Sue Ellen Tabor, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CHOP Director of Quality Operations CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital – San Marcos 1301 Wonder World DR San Marcos, TX 78666 Office phone: 512-753-3630 Our Mission: To Extend the Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ



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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:56 PM **To:** Kim Hilsenbeck; Eric Schneider

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hospitalizations from COVID 19

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I received the email too but not the invite.

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Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:42 PM

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To: Tammy Crumley < tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us >; Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us >

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From: Larry Odom < hays.tx.mayor@gmail.com >

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:26 PM

To: JHughson < JHughson@sanmarcostx.gov >

Cc: ghaehn <ghaehn@ci.buda.tx.us>; Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>; Ruben Becerra <judge.becerra@co.hays.tx.us>; mayormitchell <mayormitchell@cityofkyle.com>; mayor <mayor@cityofwimberley.com>; mayor@cityofdrippingsprings.com; mayor <mayor@vilbc.org>; mayor@cityofniederwald.org; mayor <mayor@woodcreektx.gov>; Lee Urbanovsky@ci.buda.tx.us>; Paul Daugereau pdaugereau@ci.buda.tx.us>; Remy Fallon <rfallon@ci.buda.tx.us>; Ray Bryant <rbr/>rbryant@ci.buda.tx.us>; Terry Cummings ; Terry.Cummings@ci.buda.tx.us>; Evan Ture <eture@ci.buda.tx.us; Kenneth Williams hwyor@cityofdrippingsprings.com; mayor@cityofdrippingsprings.com; mayor <mayor@vilbc.org>; mayor@vilbc.org>; mayor@cityofdrippingsprings.com; mayor <mayor@vilbc.org>; mayor@cityofdrippingsprings.com; mayor <mayor@cityofdrippingsprings.com; mayor <mayor@cityofniederwald.org</pre>; paul Daugereau hugor@cityofniederwald.org; paul Daugereau hugor@cityofniederwald.org; Ray Bryant <a href="mayor@cityofniederwald.org

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Hospitalizations from COVID 19

I find it ironic and discouraging that the meeting with the Mayors has been discontinued.

As much as cases have spiked, I would think such a meeting would be more valuable now than they were in April and May and early June.

Is there any way we can get this back on track? We need more communication and information now; not less.

Thanks,

Larry Odom

Mayor, City of Hays.

On Sat, Jun 27, 2020 at 8:04 PM Hughson, Jane JHughson@sanmarcostx.gov wrote:

This information would be extremely helpful!



Jane Hughson

Mayor | City Council 630 E Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666 512.393.8085 | Mobile

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From: Mayor George Haehn < ghaehn@ci.buda.tx.us >

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 7:45 PM

To: Eric Schneider < eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hospitalizations from COVID 19

Good evening all,

Mr. Schneider, I don't know if others have been asking for this information. If anyone addressed in this email has the info, please share it with me.

I would like to see the break down of hospitalizations for each city based on age. Adding two columns, one total hospitalizations and the other current hospitalizations.

Since the largest increase in numbers of positive cases is in the 20-29 year age group, I want to know how many of them have needed to be hospitalized and how many are currently hospitalized.

I do not want HIPAA info like names, addresses, etc.

It would really increase my understanding of the situation in my city.

Thanks. I know this adds some workload on an already overloaded staff.
Thanks again.
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From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:29 PM **To:** Tammy Crumley;Eric Schneider

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hospitalizations from COVID 19

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OK, Mayor Odom is good. We spoke for quite a while. His email (which I verified) was on my original July 15 email that went to mayors et al.

But I resent it to him and he's happy about the meetings starting up again.

Thanks, Kim

From: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:44 PM

To: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us>; Eric Schneider < eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Hospitalizations from COVID 19

Yes please

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From: Kim Hilsenbeck < kim.hilsenbeck@co.hays.tx.us >

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:42:25 PM

To: Eric Schneider < crumley < crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

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Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:41 PM **To:** Tammy Crumley;Kim Hilsenbeck

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Hospitalizations from COVID 19

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FYI, the word has not gotten out about the meeting this week. Still getting scolded by mayors.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:28 PM

To: Ruben Becerra;Alex Villalobos;Tammy Crumley;Margie Rodriguez;Mike Jones;Kim Hilsenbeck

Cc: Ian Harris; Hayden Matz; 'Beckett, Donica (DSHS)'; Greggory Drew

Subject: Update

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There were 25 new lab confirmed cases, 57 Recoveries, 1 new hospitalization, and 4 COVID-19 related Fatalities reported to us today. All of the Fatalities were hospitalized at the time of their death.

All four were San Marcos residents. The three males were in their 50's, 60's and 80's, and the female was in her 80's.

As of 4:25pm on July 21, 2020:

Lab Confirmed	Negative	Pending	Recovered	Active Cases	Fatalities
4004	12213	52	939	3044	21

AGE RANGE	Female	Male	Total	Fatalities
0-9 yrs	68	52	120	0
10-19 yrs	164	106	270	0
20-29 yrs	877	879	1756	0
30-39 yrs	339	330	669	0
40-49 yrs	243	206	449	0
50-59 yrs	190	162	352	2
60-69 yrs	124	91	215	2
70-79 yrs	55	52	107	9
> 80 yrs	35	31	66	8
total	2095	1909	4004	21

	Total Cases	Active Cases	Recovered Cases	Fatalities
Austin	39	27	11	1

Bear Creek	1	0	1	0
Buda	512	398	113	1
Driftwood	22	20	2	0
Dripping Springs	72	60	12	0
Hays	0	0	0	0
Kyle	1167	862	303	2
Manchaca	3	3	0	0
Maxwell	6	5	1	0
Mountain City	4	2	0	2
Niederwald	16	12	4	0
San Marcos	2090	1600	476	14
Uhland	9	8	1	0
Wimberley	62	46	15	1
Woodcreek	1	1	0	0
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Ethnicity	Female Male		Total	Percentage of Cases
Hispanic	830	772	1602	40.01%
Non-Hispanic	370	351	721	18.01%
Not Specified	895	786	1681	41.98%
Total	2095	1909	4004	100.00%

Race	
American Indian	0.00%
Asian	0.51%
Black	2.00%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.00%
White	54.38%
Not Specified/Unknown	43.12%

Total Hospitalizations

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85

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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 4:41 PM

To: Eric Schneider

Subject: RE: RNA testing of poll workers before their service

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I will discuss this with Jennifer Anderson to see if they have received any guidance. She should be involved with any discussions about her poll workers.

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From: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:10 PM

To: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: FW: RNA testing of poll workers before their service

Please scroll down and see Robert Smith's question from July 21st about testing poll workers prior to the opening of elections in October. Let me know what you think.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 2:06 PM

To: Eric Schneider < eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: RNA testing of poll workers before their service

As currently scheduled, the first day of in-person early voting is October 19th. Governor Abbott has said he will extend early voting, but I haven't seen specifics. My guess is that it would be extended to four weeks, which would make it October 5th.

Thanks for looking into this.

Robert

From: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 2:52 PM

To:

Cc: Ruben Becerra < judge.becerra@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: RE: RNA testing of poll workers before their service

I will have a discussion with my testing site and Director about that. What is the first day the polls reopen?

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To: Eric Schneider < eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us Cc: Ruben Becerra < judge.becerra@co.hays.tx.us

Subject: RE: RNA testing of poll workers before their service

Good afternoon,

Do you have an opinion about testing poll workers before the start of in-person voting? Is this something that is even under discussion?

Thanks, Robert Smith

From:

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:13 AM
To: eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us
Cc: judge.becerra@co.hays.tx.us

Subject: RNA testing of poll workers before their service

Good morning,

As an election judge, I received the description of the coronavirus safeguards that will be employed in the general election. There is no mention of testing for the poll workers, who can come in contact with hundreds of voters per day. The risks of infection from and among voters is bad enough. It would horrible if infected poll workers spread the virus and we hadn't done anything to prevent it.

I think poll workers should be tested before the start of their service. If they are working early voting, it would be good to test them before each week. And certainly they should be tested before Election Day, the busiest day of the cycle. If results are going to take several days, we should test them early and ask them to isolate themselves until the start of voting.

What is your opinion of the value of testing poll workers? Do you have any insight into or influence over this decision? Has testing been deemed too expensive or to be otherwise impractical? I look forward to hearing your views.

Best regards, Robert Smith

Subject: Hays County Bi-Weekly COVID-19 Update Meeting

Start: Wed 7/22/2020 1:00 PM **End:** Wed 7/22/2020 2:00 PM

Recurrence: Weekly

Recurrence Pattern: Occurs on Wednesday every other week from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM effective 7/22/2020.

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Kim Hilsenbeck

Required Attendees ghaehn; hays.tx.mayor; mayor; mayor; Vicki.hunter; Loriaux, Raymond F; Roman Baligad; KKistner; Stapp, Chase;

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Hays County Bi-Weekly COVID-19 Update for Cities, School Districts and Emergency Managers

Agenda

July 22, 2020

- I. Thanks and Introductions Kim Hilsenbeck, Communications Manager
- II. Welcome from Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra
- III. Update from Eric Schneider, Epidemiologist, Hays County Local Health Department

Addressing these items:

- Hospitalization data; split by age, city
- What would good trigger points for re-opening; e.g., daily new cases, the active case count, and the hospitalization count
- More visibility of epidemiologist (videos, etc.) on social media
- All data split by city
- IV. Update from Alex Villalobos, Emergency Management Coordinator

Addressing these items:

- Testing sites in Hays County; costs, locations, timeline
- Projected trends and any plans the county has moving forward in response
- How reopening plans for city offices are being adjusted based on CISDs recent announcements
- V. Closing and Next Meeting Kim Hilsenbeck

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From: Tammy Crumley

Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:01 AM

To: Eric Schneider

Subject: Fwd: Hays County Ascension COVID Report

Attachments: Hays County Ascension COVID Report.pdf; image001.png

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From: Alex Villalobos <alex.villalobos@co.hays.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 7:45:29 AM

To: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: Mike Jones <mike.jones@co.hays.tx.us>

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From: Kate Garza (TXAUS) <kate.garza@ascension.org>

Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 6:18:27 PM

To: Alex Villalobos <alex.villalobos@co.hays.tx.us>; Ruben Becerra <judge.becerra@co.hays.tx.us>; Rodriguez, Geronimo <GRodriguez1@ascension.org>

Subject: Hays County Ascension COVID Report

Dear Judge Becerra and Alex,

Please see attached the Hays County Ascension COVID report. It contains information that was shared with you during the briefing last week. Several other elected officials have asked for this information after our briefing sessions, and we will be sharing with them as well. Thank you again for your service to the Hays community.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or Geronimo.

Kindest regards,

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From: Eric Schneider

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 12:05 PM

To: 'Blackman, Alice F'

Cc: Tammy Crumley;Mccarthy, Leslie;Ross, Jessica O

Subject: RE: Repeat Covid testing

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Just the first positive tests need to be reported. Unless the patient recovers and symptoms begin again. Then this would be a new case due to a new infection.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 12:03 PM

To: Eric Schneider <eric.schneider@co.hays.tx.us>

Cc: Tammy Crumley <tammy.crumley@co.hays.tx.us>; Mccarthy, Leslie <Leslie.McCarthy@BSWHealth.org>; Ross, Jessica O <Jessica.Ross4@BSWHealth.org> **Subject:** Repeat Covid testing

Hi Tammy and Eric

Do you need us to report patients with a repeat positive Covid test or just the first known COVID test?

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Subject: DSHS Update to COVID-19 Fatality Data Reporting Criteria

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Dear Local and Regional Public Health Colleagues,

On Monday, July 27th, 2020, DSHS updated its reporting criteria for COVID-19 fatality data. Previously, we relied on local and regional public health departments to verify and report deaths. DSHS is now counting deaths marked on death records as having been caused by COVID-19.

This revised count has resulted in discrepancies between the fatality counts you have maintained in your local jurisdictions versus the counts being reported by the state. We understand the importance of reconciling our data across the state and are working to ensure that you have access to two things: 1) a full understanding of the fatality count's inclusion/exclusion criteria and 2) the detailed data that will allow you to validate that count for your jurisdiction.

Later this morning, the DSHS Division for Laboratory and Infectious Disease Services (LIDS) will be hosting a conference call for local and regional jurisdictions to discuss these updated criteria for fatality reporting. The meeting is intended to clarify the criteria for the fatality data being posted on the DSHS website, to communicate the publicly available death record data elements that you can use for data reconciliation, and to discuss next steps for requesting additional death record data elements.

We encourage you to attend the session being hosted today, July 30th from 11:30am – 12:30pm. The call-in number for the call is 1-877-820-7831, #263092.

Sincerely,

David Gruber Associate Commissioner Division for Regional and Local Health Operations (RLHO) Texas Department of State Health Services



From: Kim Hilsenbeck

Sent:Thursday, July 30, 2020 7:14 AMTo:Eric Schneider; Tammy CrumleySubject:Comments about COVID/HCLHD

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Not sure if we have an issue here. Reading FB comments. Samples attached. Do we need to clear things up?





Jennifer Gardner Price ► Hays CISD Community

Yesterday at 9:53 AM · 🖪

If you had COVID and have recovered please call our county health department at 512-393-5520 to get removed from the "active cases" list. Our county is only just now getting to people whose positive tests were turned in back on June 26th. There are only two people right naw in our Enidamialaav

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now in our Epidemiology department, so they are really behind. If our School District is using active cases to make decisions for our schools, then we need to have that number as accurate as possible. I called today, spoke to Eric, answered the necessary questions and got my daughters and I cleared off the active cases list.









Jennifer Gardner Price People are training right now I guess. Eric said they would have 6 people by next week.

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Anita Miller Byley

Well that would make sense but it's not the impression I got from watching commissioners court last week. Actually,





Jennifer Gardner Price

There is no official statement anywhere that I know of. From talking to Eric, our Epidemiologist, today they are going through and calling people by date the county received test results. With only two people, that's taking a long time. People not

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doesn't help. As of today he was going to start on the positive people from June 26th. For reference to show you how far behind everything is: my daughters started coughing on June 20th. We quarantined and went to the doctor for tests on Monday, June 22nd. They tested that day but the results didn't Sunday, June 28th and

didn't get the results until July 6th and those results were turned over to the county a few days later. I was recovered by July 9th. We were all still on the "active cases" list this whole time until I called today. They won't consider someone recovered until they

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Kim Hilsenbeck Communications Manager Hays County Sent from my iPhone - please excuse any typos

From: Shari Miller

Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 11:12 AM **To:** Tammy Crumley; Eric Schneider

Subject: FW: COVID-19 Employee Contact Tracing

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Shari Miller, PHR Human Resources Director

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From: Cynthia Bentley

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 10:31 AM

To: Tyler McWilliam <tylermcwilliam@workforce.com>

Cc: Shari Miller <shari.miller@co.hays.tx.us>

Subject: FW: COVID-19 Employee Contact Tracing

Good Morning Tyler,

I am forwarding this email to the Director of H. R., Shari Miller for a response.

Regards,

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Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 10:17 AM

To: Cynthia Bentley < cynthia.bentley@co.hays.tx.us>

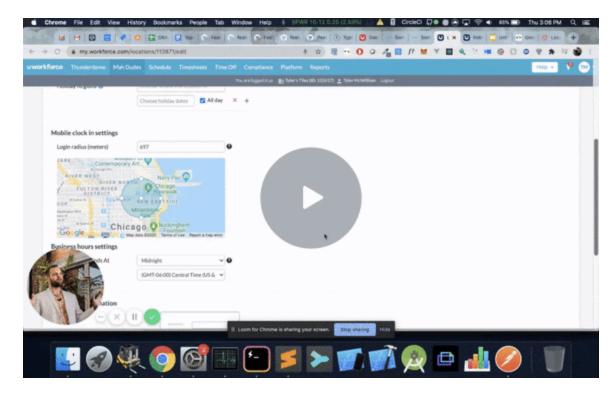
Subject: COVID-19 Employee Contact Tracing

Hi Cynthia,

I'm part of the engineering team here at workforce.com.

We've been working on a project to develop a COVID19 contact tracing program for employees using our GPS functionality.

Workforce.com | GPS COVID-19 Contact Tracing - Watch Video



If you get a chance, I put together a short video to show our progress and would love your feedback.

Is this something that you would use?

Regards,

Tyler McWilliam

GPS Engineer

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Dear City of Wimberley and Hays County Precinct 3 Officials:

In accordance with Governor Greg Abbott's June 3 Executive Order concerning large outdoor gatherings with estimated attendance of 500 or more, this letter is to seek approval from you for the Wimberley Lions Club to resume its monthly Market Days event in Wimberley starting in the month of August. As stated in the Executive Order, "The county judge or the mayor, as appropriate, in coordination with the local public health authority, may decide if a particular outdoor event should be modified or the occupancy further limited based on the facts and circumstances of the event and COVID-19 in the particular jurisdiction."

The Wimberley Lions Club will adhere to the following guidelines:

- (1) Because individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19, to the extent possible, signage will advise that persons attending Market Days should avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older.
- (2) Advance publicity will advise that individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible. Large gatherings, even those held outside, pose a significant risk to this population.
- (3) Advance publicity and signage will advise that individuals should avoid being in a group larger than 10 individuals (including those within the individual's household). Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize contact with others not in the individual's household. Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet of separation from individuals. When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing a face covering or mask, washing or sanitizing hand frequently, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects.

- (4) Advance publicity and signage will advise that individuals should maintain 6 feet of separation from others outside the individual's group. A group is defined as no more than 10 persons including the members of the household and those persons who traveled together to the event.
- (5) Advance publicity and signage will advise that individual in attendance should self-screen before going to Wimberley Market Days for any of the following: new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19 such as Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, Loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea, Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19.
- (6) Signage will recommend that persons attending Market Days wash or disinfect hands after any interaction with other individuals or items at Market Days.
- (7) Advance publicity and signage will advise that all persons attending Market Days should consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) at Market Days when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's group.
- (8) Signage will advise that persons attending Market Days should clean and sanitize any items before and after use.
- (9) Announcements reminding attendees that they should abide with social distancing guidelines and offer space of 6 feet from other persons will be made throughout the day.

The Wimberley Lions Club looks forward to resuming Market Days. As you know, all profits from these events are granted back to the community in

the form of scholarships, the youth exchange program and grants to community organizations. We look forward to your approval of the resumption of Wimberley Market Days.

Sincerely,

Robert Burris, President Wimberley Lions Club

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Case Report Form

Local health departments should submit this report to the regional health department.

Regional health departments should fax this report to 512-776-7616.

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☐ Fever ² ; Highest Measured Ter	nperatu	ire	_°F 🗆	Cough	☐ Sore throat ☐ Shortness of breat	th	☐ Chills	□ Hea	adache
☐ Muscle aches ☐ Vomiting	3 🗆	Abdom	inal Pain	☐ Diarrh	nea New olfactory and taste disord	der(s)		Loss of app	oetite
☐ Fatigue or malaise ☐ Runr	ıy nose		Wheezing	☐ Che	est pain				
Co-morbid conditions (check all	that ap	ply):	☐ None	☐ Unkn	own 🗆 Pregnant; Due Date:			Diabetes	
☐ Cardiac disease ☐ Hyperto	ension	☐ Chr	onic pulmo	nary diseas	se Chronic kidney disease C	Chronic	liver dise	ease	
☐ Immunosuppressive condition	n 🗆	Asthma	n 🗆 l	Hemoglobir	n disorders (e.g. sickle cell disease, thalasse	emia)			
☐ Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40)		Other,	specify:						
Is/was the patient: Hospitalized	I? □ Y, F	Hospital	name		Admit date		_		
Discharged from hospital? ☐ Y;	Date of	discharg	ge	🗆 N					
Admitted to ICU? Ty; Date add	mitted t	o ICU: _		D N	Intubated? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Unknown C	On ECM	0? □ Y	□ N □ Ui	nknown
					s on mechanical ventilation?				
Diagnosis/Clinical Findings (sele	ct all th	at apply	·):						
Pneumonia (clinical or radiologic	c) 🗆 Y	′ □ N		Acute re	spiratory distress syndrome	V			
Abnormal Chest X-ray? ☐ Y ☐	N 🗆	Unknow	n	Abnorm	al EKG? □ Y □ N □ Unknown				
Patient died? ☐ Y ☐ N If yes	s, date c	of death:	:						
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Is the patient isolated at home?	• □ Y	\square N							
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Additional Comments (smokin	g status	, other c	omorbiditi	es, potenti	al contacts/places of exposure, etc.):				
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LABORATORY RESULTS									
RESPIRATORY DIAGNO	STIC R	ESULTS	5						
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Test	Pos	Neg	Pending	done	Test	Pos	Neg	Pending	done
Influenza rapid Ag					Rhinovirus/enterovirus				
Influenza PCR					Coronavirus (OC43, 229E, HKU1, NL63)				
RSV					M. pneumoniae				

C. pneumoniae

Other, Specify:

H. metapneumovirus

Parainfluenza (1-4)

Adenovirus

NNDSS local record ID/Case ID¹_____

COVID-19 TESTING (complete information for all that apply)

Test type	Specimen type	Specimen ID	Test Result	Date	Date	Lab Type	Lab Name
□ RNA/PCR □ Serology □ IgM □ IgG □ IgA □ Viral culture □ Rapid antigen □ Other Specify:	□ NP Swab □ OP Swab □ Serum/Blood □ BAL fluid □ Tracheal Aspirate □ Sputum □ Stool □ Post-mortem, specify: □ Other, specify:		☐ Positive ☐ Negative ☐ Indeterminate ☐ Not done	Collected	Resulted	☐ Public Health ☐ Commercial or Hospital	
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- ¹ For NNDSS reporters, use GenV2 or NETSS patient identifier.
- Fever may not be present in some patients, such as those who are very young, elderly, immunosuppressed, or taking certain medications.
 Clinical judgement should be used to quide testing of patients in such situations
- 3 Close contact is defined as
 - a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case
 - or -
 - b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on)

If such contact occurs while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection), criteria for PUI consideration are met"

See CDC's updated guidance for infection control on their website for specific relevant guidance: https://cdc.gov/coronavirus

Data to inform the definition of close contact are limited. Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure (e.g., longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk) and the clinical symptoms of the person with 2019-nCoV (e.g., coughing likely increases exposure risk as does exposure to a severely ill patient). Special consideration should be given to those exposed in health care settings.



BEXAR COUNTY



EXECUTIVE ORDER NW-10 OF COUNTY JUDGE NELSON W. WOLFF ISSUED June 17, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff declared a state of local disaster on March 13, 2020 due to imminent threat arising from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), on March 18, 2020, the Bexar County Commissioners Court approved an Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster for Bexar County and on June 16, 2020, the Bexar County Commissioners Court again approved a Second Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster for Bexar County (hereafter, the "Second Order of Continuation of Declaration");

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the consent by Commissioners Court authorizes the Bexar County Judge to continue to exercise the powers granted by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 for the period specified in the order;

WHEREAS, there currently still exists a declaration of public health disaster in and for the State of Texas as declared by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and by approval of the Second Order of Continuation of Declaration, the Bexar County Commissioners Court authorized the Bexar County Judge to take such actions as are necessary in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bexar County by the issuance of executive orders as necessary (each, an "Executive Order");

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Bexar County Community and rates of infection are increasing at an alarming exponential rate and the number of people ending up in the hospital, ICU, or on ventilators is also dramatically rising despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread;

WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat;

WHEREAS, a County Judge is authorized to control ingress to and egress from a disaster area and control the movement of persons and occupancy of premises on an appropriate local scale

in accordance with Section 418.108(g) of the Texas Government Code and his authority as Emergency Management Director;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Executive Order to remain as consistent with and to harmonize, to the extent possible, the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott and the current declaration of the Mayor of the City of San Antonio (as extended or modified); and

WHEREAS, by the authority vested in me as Bexar County Judge and as the Emergency Management Director for the County of Bexar to continue to protect the health and safety of the community and address developing and rapidly changing circumstances when presented by the current public health emergency, I hereby rescind my previous Executive Orders and any Supplemental Executive Orders and issue this revised Executive Order in their place.

PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF 1975, BEXAR COUNTY JUDGE NELSON W. WOLFF HEREBY ISSUES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Effective as of 12:01 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 ("Effective Date"), and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 unless extended, modified or terminated early by Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff or as otherwise indicated below:

- I. Public Health Emergency. That this Executive Order shall continue the local disaster declaration and public health emergency for Bexar County for the period specified in this Executive Order and shall incorporate and adopt the most recent executive order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott on June 3, 2020, and any subsequent orders by the Governor relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.
- II. Health and Safety Policy - Commercial Entities. From the date of this Executive Order, all commercial entities in Bexar County providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("Health and Safety **Policy**"). The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees or visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is note feasible. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Executive Order may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Commercial entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Executive Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements. Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Executive Order within five (5) calendar days following the Effective Date may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.e
- III. <u>Face Coverings General Public.</u> That all people 10 years or older shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to keep

six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Bexar County residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home. Bexar County employees are also required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the general public.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL MASKS or N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

Our healthcare workers and first responders on the front-line combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical masks or other personal protective equipment. Face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

- When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside
- While driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk
- While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks
- When consuming food or drink

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. Face coverings are *not* a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick. All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask. Residents should keep up the following habits while in public:

- washing hands before you leave home and when you return,
- staying at least six feet away from others,
- avoiding touching nose or face,
- not using disposable masks more than three times, and
- washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott, no civil or criminal penalty will be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering.

IV. <u>Bexar County Justice Center Complex and Facilities</u>. That the Bexar County Justice Center Complex shall have limited points of access, subject to modification as deemed necessary by the County Judge: i) the Paul Elizondo Tower Nueva Street entrance; ii) one at the Cadena-Reeves Justice Center Dolorosa Street entrance; iii) the Bexar County Courthouse Bexar Heritage Center entrance; and iv) the County Courthouse South entrance at the Nueva Street entrance, and that all other county-owned or leased buildings have a single controlled point of entrance. Further, all citizens and employees shall be appropriately screened before entering any Bexar County owned or leased building. At the control points, citizens and employees shall be asked certain risk-related questions and their temperature taken by least obtrusive means. Any individual with a temperature

exceeding 100 °F or who fails the screening process will be not be allowed to enter the building. Citizens are encouraged to call the department or office you are attempting to visit prior to visiting a county-owned or leased facility. All social distancing measures must be implemented at the above-described control points and while in any Bexar County facility.

- V. <u>Bexar County Essential Business</u>. That residents of Bexar County conduct essential Bexar County business online or via regular mail to avoid visiting any Bexar County facilities unless absolutely necessary.
- VI. <u>Severability.</u> The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Executive Order are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Executive Order should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.
- VII. <u>Interpretation and Additional Terms.</u> To the greatest extent possible, this Executive Order shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive order issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the executive orders of the Texas Governor either existing or as, if and when issued, which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law shall be automatically incorporated into and constitute terms of this Executive Order, enforceable as if set forth herein without necessity for the issuance of any further orders.
- VIII. <u>Enforcement.</u> Excepting Section III of this Executive Order and in accordance with the limitations contained in the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott, that any peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Executive Order in accordance with the authority granted underthe Texas Disaster Act of 1975.

ORDERED this 17th day of June, 2020

Bexar County Judge

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HOW TO OPEN SECURE EMAILS FROM THE HHS ENTERPRISE PORTAL

HHSC Identity & Access Management

Introduction

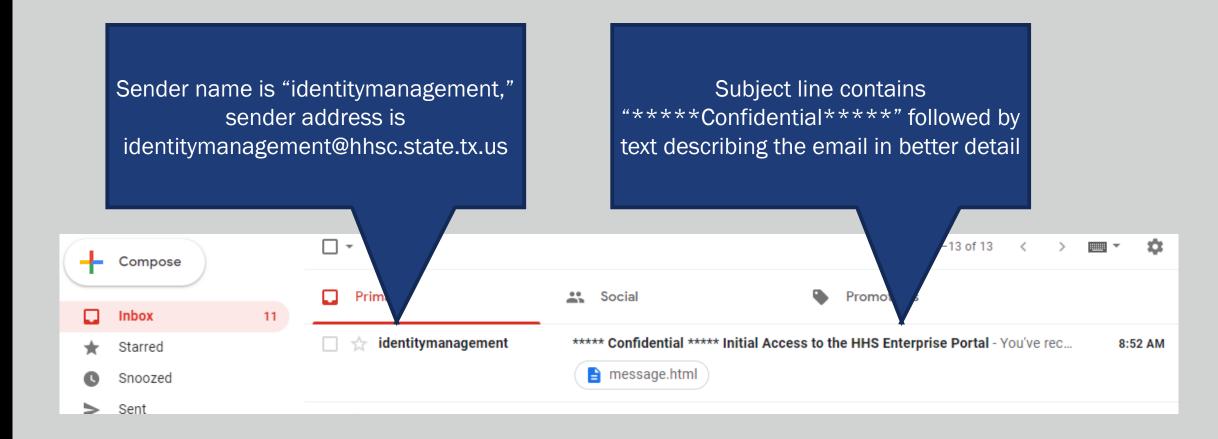
The portal notifies you of changes to your account using an encrypted email.

Users with an HHSC email address will receive the email after HHSC's Email Exchange Server automatically decrypts the email, and no further action is needed to view it.

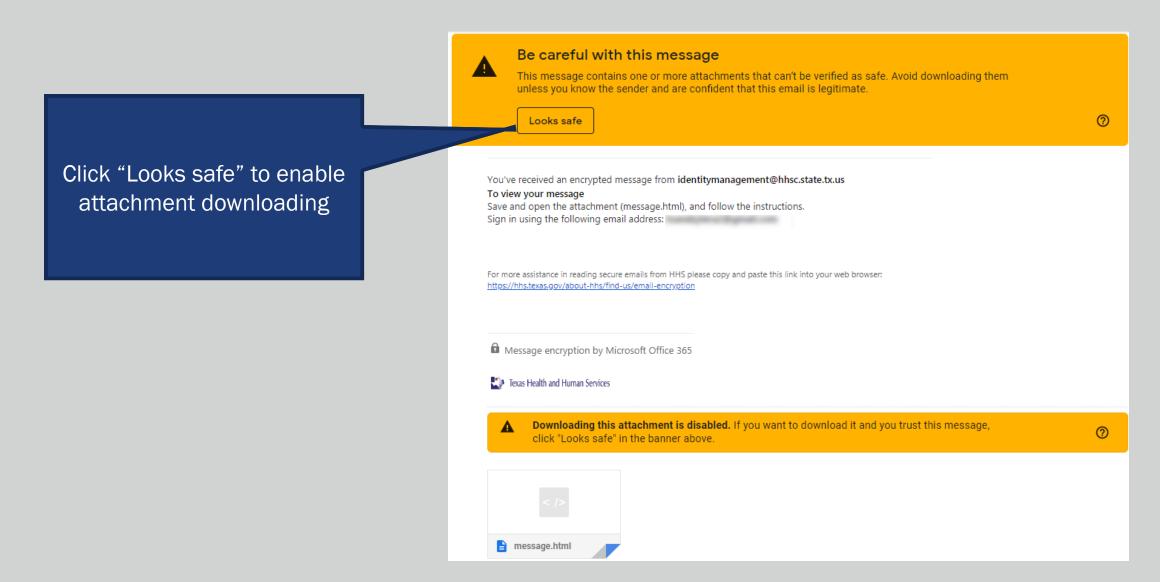
Users with a non-HHSC email address, however, will receive the information in an encrypted email attachment, and extra steps are required to view it.

The following pages explain how to open your encrypted email—however, steps may vary depending on the type of email server and browser used. The screenshots depicted in this guide were taken from a gmail account on a Chrome browser.

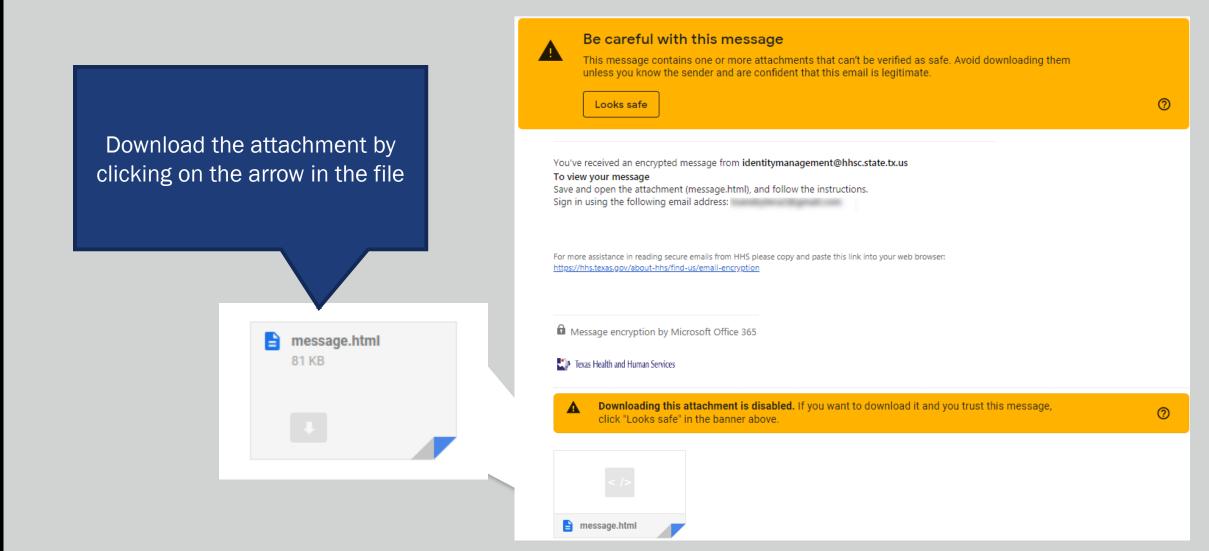
Email Delivery Details



Enable Attachment Download



Download the Attachment



Note for Users on Non-PC Devices

For iPhone and iPad Users...

Open the message, tap and hold the attachment, and select Open in OME Viewer.

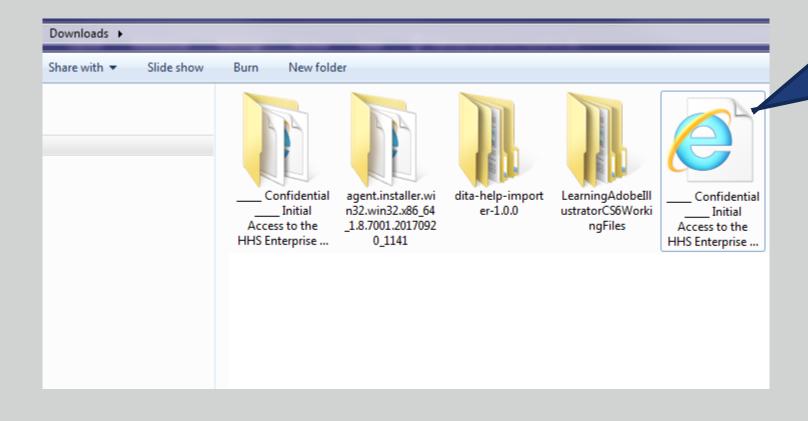
If you don't have the OME Viewer app, download it here.

For Android Users...

Open the massage again, tap the attachment, and select OME Viewer.

If you don't have the OME Viewer app, download it here.

Opening the Message



Double-click on the message from your download folder.
The file should open in your default browser

Select Access Method

The message gives you two options for retrieving the information. We recommend selecting the second option.

Encrypted message

From identitymanagement@hhsc.state.tx.us

To view the message, sign in with a Microsoft account, your work or school account, or use a one-time passcode.



Sign in



Use a one-time passcode



Message encryption by Microsoft Office 365



Texas Health and Human Services

Applying Passcode

Check your email for a passcode, then copy/paste it into the field provided and select "Continue"

We sent a one-time passcode to

Please check your email, enter the one-time passcode and click continue. The one-time passcode will expire in 15 minutes.

One-time passcode

This is a private computer. Keep me signed in for 12 hours.

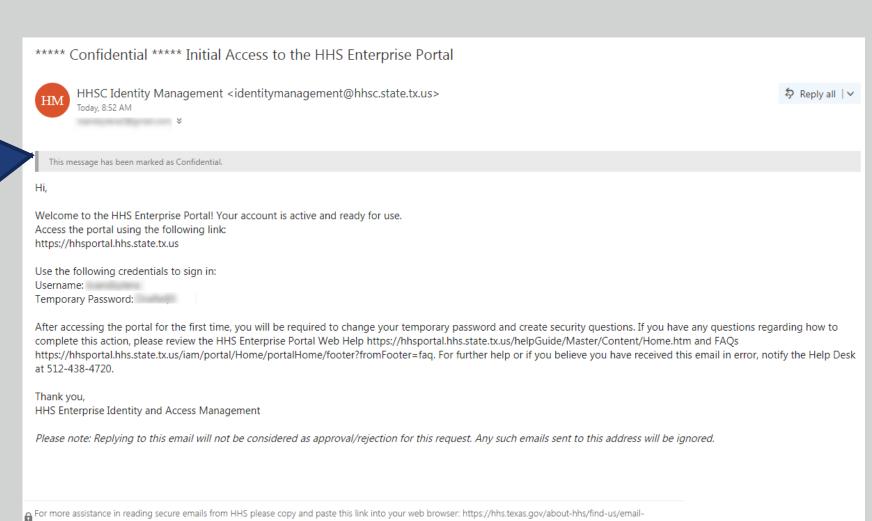


Continue

Didn't receive the one-time passcode? Check your spam folder or <u>get another one-time</u> <u>passcode</u>.

Retrieving Email

Your encrypted email should now open



Portal Account Registration and Management

The HHS Enterprise Portal

Last Updated: 6-27-19

About this Document

This document was designed to be read interactively on your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

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Click **New Topic** to return to the list of topics.





Select a topic

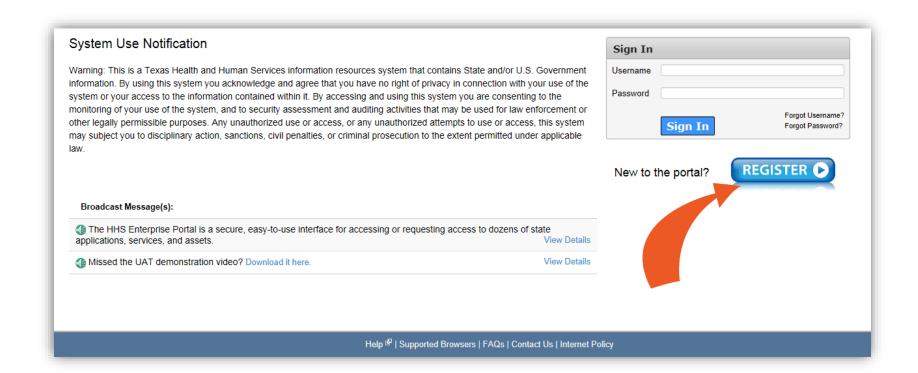
- I want to register for a portal account
- I want to change my password and/or security questions
- I want to change information on my portal account
- I forgot my password
- I forgot my username
- I am locked out of my account



Register for a Portal Account

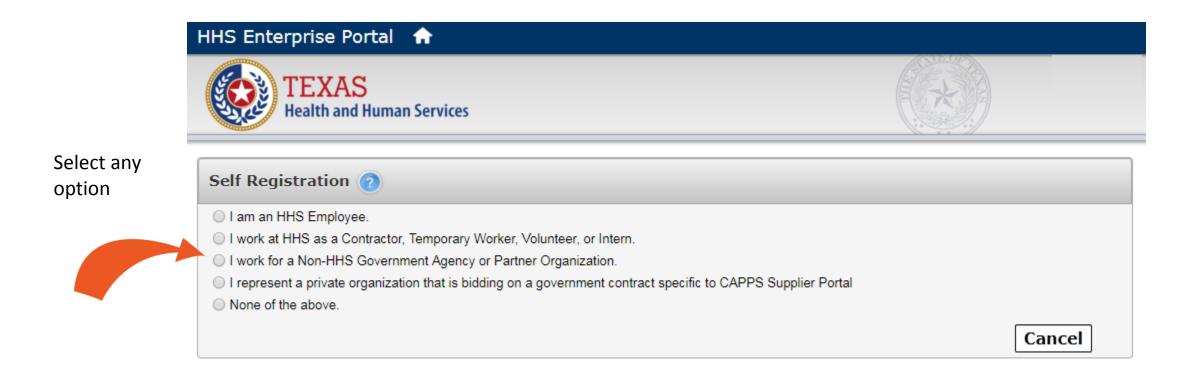
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Navigate to the portal and select Register



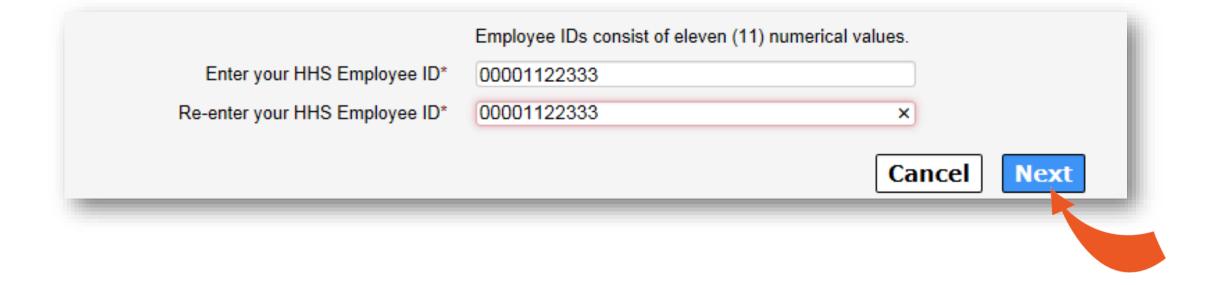
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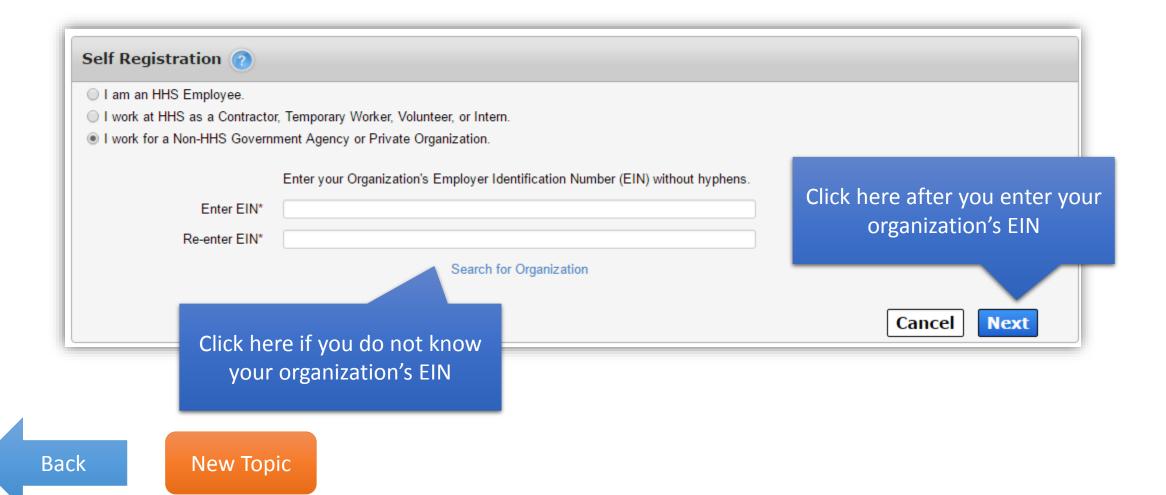
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Enter your Employee ID and click Next



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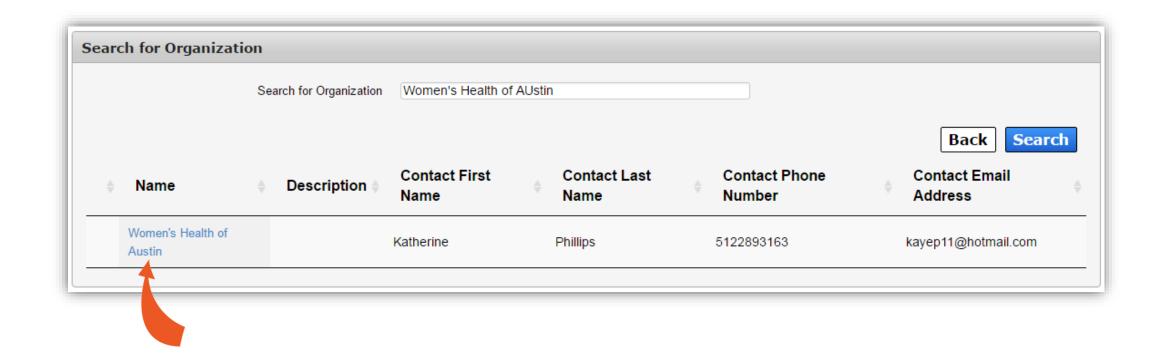


Enter your organization's name





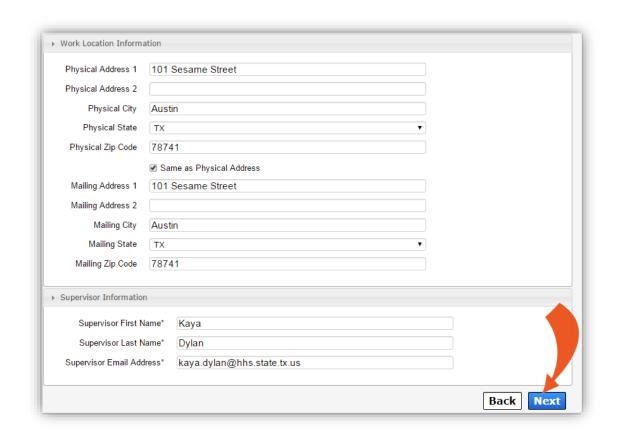
Click on the name of your organization



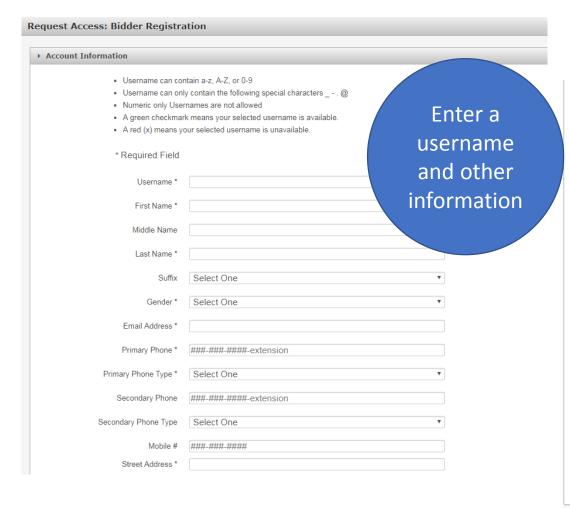
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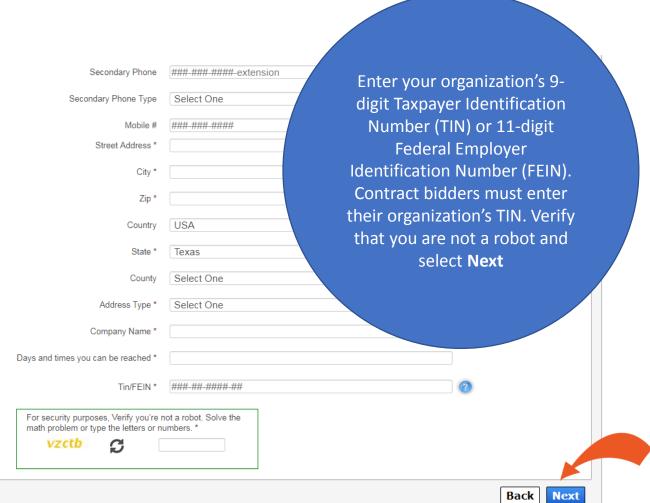
Fill out your profile details

- Fields with asterisks cannot be left empty.
- Read the rules before creating a username.
- Remember how you enter your name in the first/last name fields. Later, you will need to enter your name exactly as it appears here when signing the Acceptable Use Agreement.
- Click **Next** when you are ready.



Complete the Bidder Registration form





10-Day Request Period

- You will receive an request update via email within 10 days.
- Communicate with your Supervisor if the 10-day period is almost over and you have not received an update. If your Supervisor fails to respond to your request, you will be forced to resubmit an access request.
- You will receive an email after your request has been approved.

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Check your inbox for an email

The email contains:

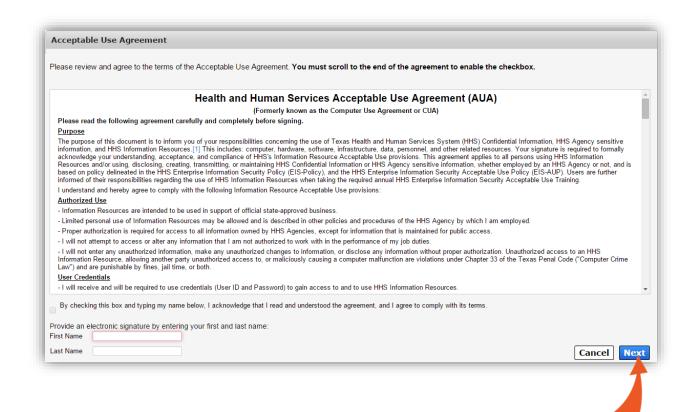
- Your username
- A temporary password
- A link to the portal

Click the portal link. On the portal Welcome page, enter your username and temporary password in the fields provided, then click **Sign In**.

Next

Sign the Acceptable Use Agreement

- Read the agreement, scrolling to the bottom of the page to enable the confirmation checkbox.
- Check beside the confirmation checkbox
- Enter your first and last name as it appears in CAPPS (if you are an HHS Employee) or as it was entered when you registered for an account (if you are not an HHS Employee).
- Click Next.





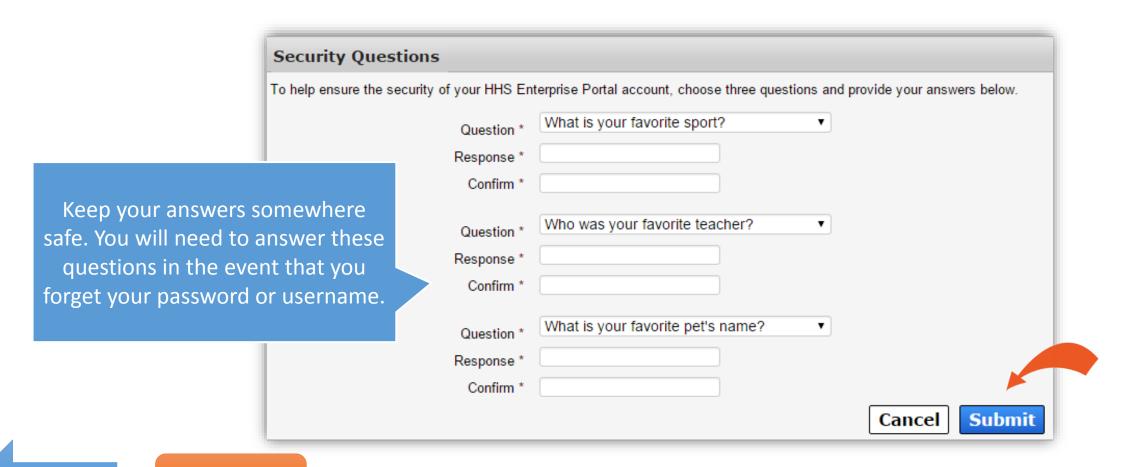
Create a Password

to green when a condition is met. **Change Password** Password Rules Your password must be changed to continue. The password should not be empty. There should be at least one upper case letter. There should be at least one lower case letter. New Password* There should be at least one number. Confirm New Password* There should be at least one non-alphabetic characters from the following: 1@#\$%^&* ()_+|~=`{}[]:?;<>,./ Minimum length of the password should be 8 characters. Submit Cancel Maximum length of the password should be 16 characters. At least four characters in the new password must be different from the current password. Both new password fields should contain the same data. The password should not be the same as the username. 🌟 The password should not be the same as the last 6 passwords used. rhe password will expire after 90 days and must be changed after expiration.

Read the password rules before

you start. The red text will change

Finally, select your security questions

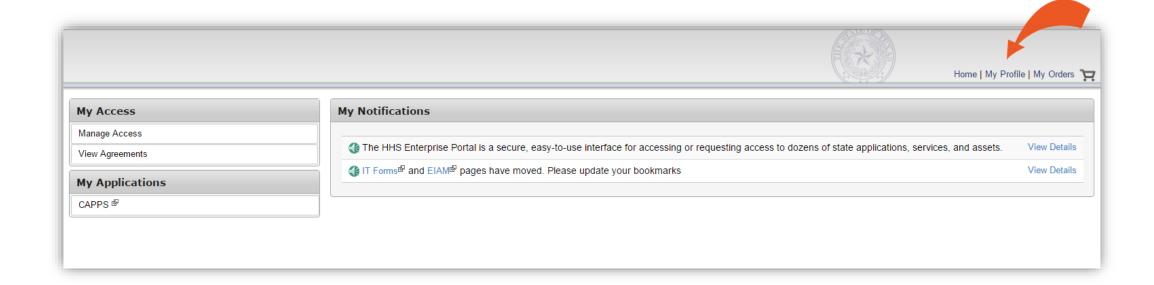


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Change Password or Security Questions

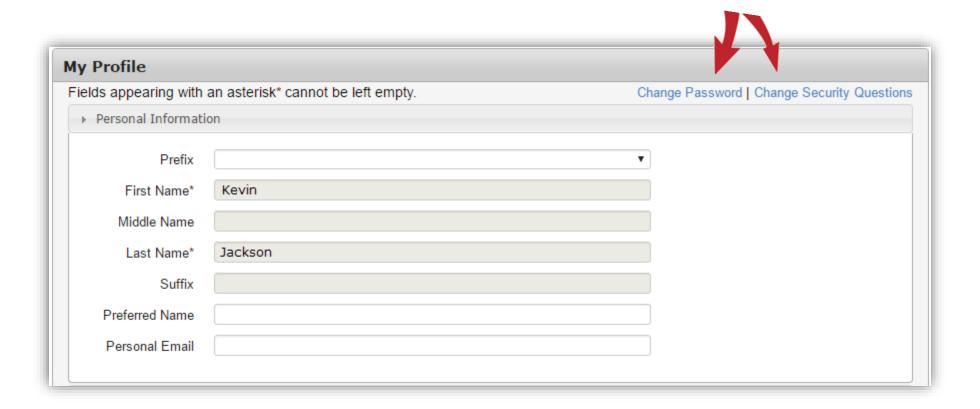
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Click on the My Profile link



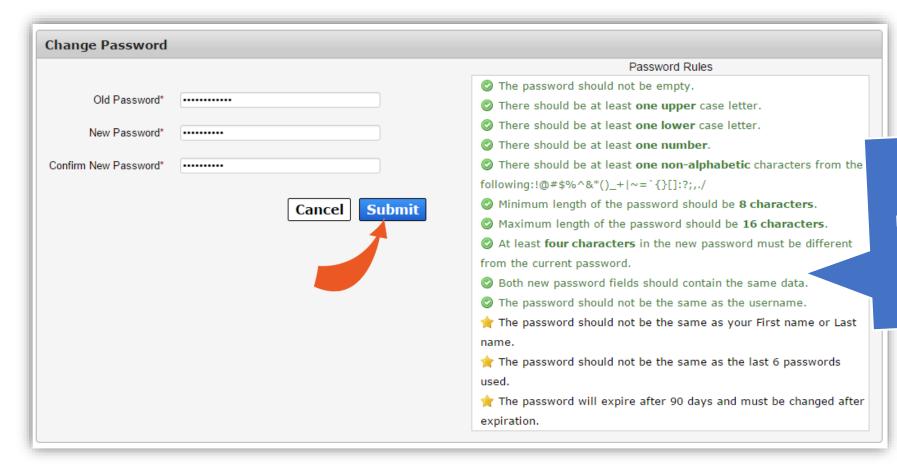
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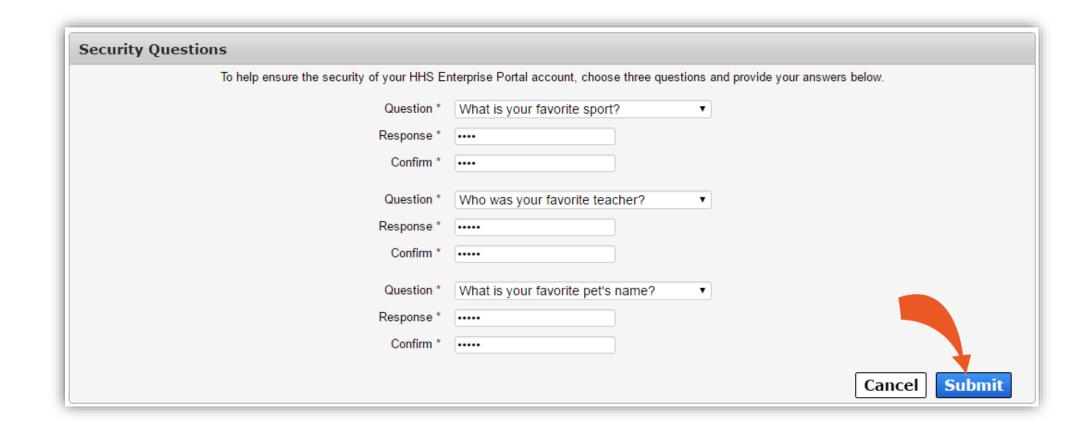
Enter your old password and new password



The red password rules will change to green when each condition is met.

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Change your security questions and provide answers

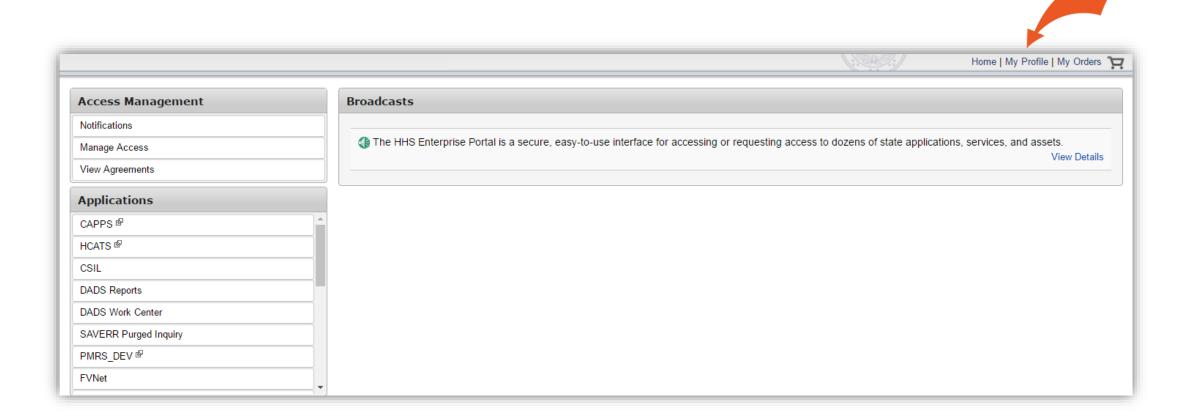


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Change Portal Profile Information

Click here to get started

Click on the My Profile link



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Make changes to your profile

- You can make changes to any enabled fields.
- Contact your Supervisor if you need to change information in fields that have been disabled.
- You cannot change your username.
- Select Submit after you have finished making the desired changes.

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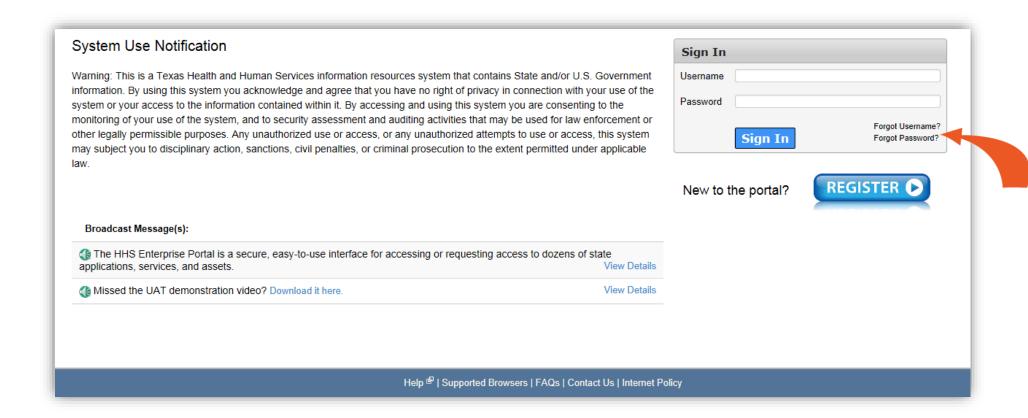


Reset Your Password

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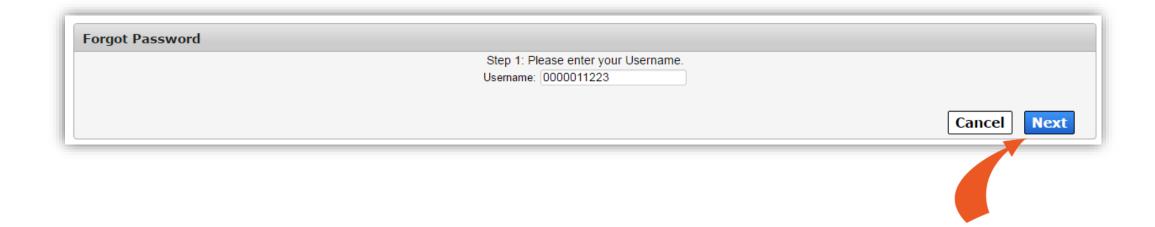
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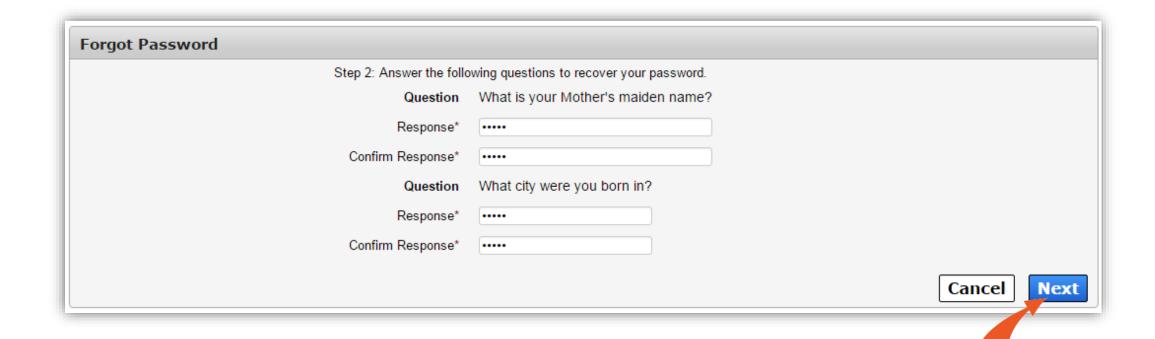
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Enter your username



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Answer your security questions





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Retrieve Your Username

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Are you an HHS Employee?

- Yes
- No

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For HHS Employees

Your username is your Employee ID.

Contact your Supervisor if you do not know your Employee ID.

OK

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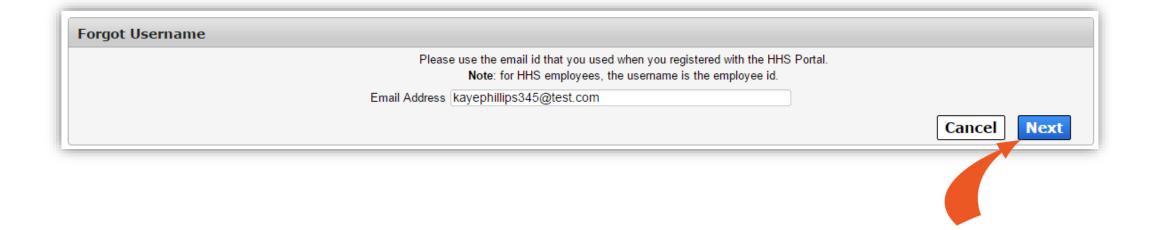
Navigate to the portal and select Forgot Username



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Enter your email



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Answer your security questions





The portal will display your username





If you are locked out of your account or experiencing other issues...

Contact the Help Desk at:

Phone: 512-438-4720

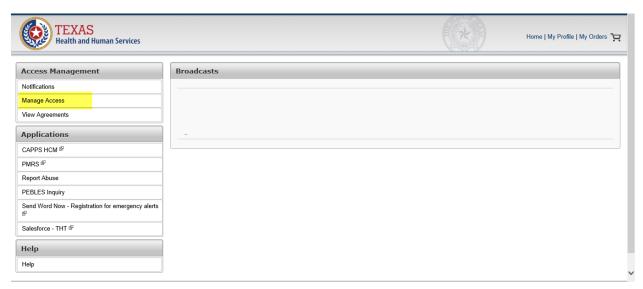
Toll Free: 1-800-435-7181 TDD 711

Email: help@hhsc.state.tx.us

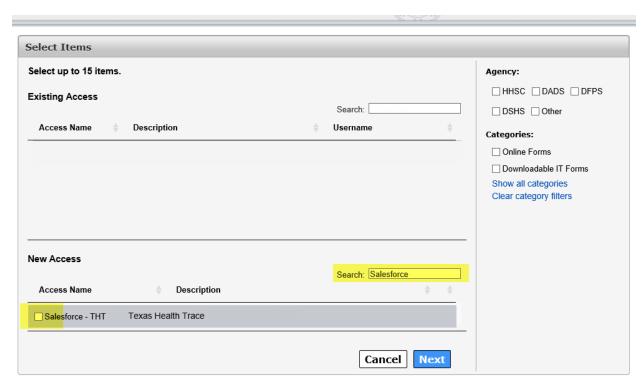


Requesting access to Salesforce - THT

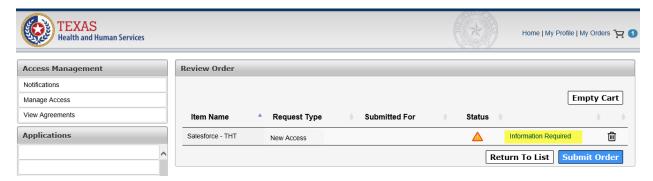
After logging in to the HHS Enterprise Portal, click on Manage Access:



Search and Select Salesforce -THT Access. Click Next.



Click on the Information Required link:



Complete based on information provided by your Coordinator/Team Lead:

Role: Case Investigator or Epi Lead

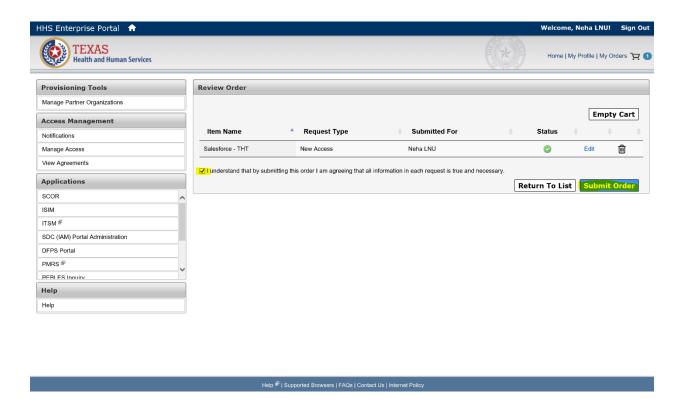
Team: None

Supervisor Name: N/A

Supervisor Email: N/A

Provide Information: Texas Health Trace (Salesforce - THT)				
Complete the following information before submit	tting your request:			
Role *		Call Center		
Select One	~	Select One	<u> </u>	
Jurisdiction *		Supervisor Name *		
Select One	~			
Team *		Supervisor Email *		
None	~			
		Spoken Language (s) *		
		✓ English		
		Spanish		
Comments (Maximum character length is 250)				
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Click Next.



Review your Order, then click "Submit Oder". Once approved you will receive an email with your Salesforce username and a temporary password.

Texas Health Trace Troubleshooting

It hasn't been 24 hours, but I cannot set up my account.

- 1. Make sure you are opening the link in Chrome.
 - a. Copy the link in the email.
 - b. Click on the Chrome icon.
 - c. Paste the link into the search bar.
- 2. Clear your browser history by following these instructions.
- 3. Restart your computer.

If after you've performed all these steps it still doesn't work, please send an email to

THTSupport@mtxb2b.com.

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Symphony of Wimberley

Assisted Living Care Community

COVID – 19 Assisted Living Step-Down Facility Proposal

May 26, 2020

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Symphony of Wimberley, LLC – Facility #704824 & #704825

Knowing:

- Symphony of Wimberley is an Assisted Living Care community located at 501 FM 3237, Wimberley (Hays County) Texas,
- 2. The community is separated in two buildings. One building has 16 studio rooms (271 sq. ft.) The second building has 12 studio apartments (353 sq. ft.) and 4 one-bedroom apartments (465 sq. ft.) with kitchenettes. All 32 apartments have their own private bathrooms with walk-in showers. Each apartment has a singular window located in each room,
- 3. Surveillance cameras are in place to allow for monitoring of all aspects of each building along with the parking spaces,
- 4. Every door in all buildings has Magnetic Doors Locks which prevent the entry, while meeting all Fire Safety Codes and Regulations,
- 5. Each apartment has its own Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning systems separate from the common areas in the buildings,
- 6. The facility has a separate entrance and exit that is specific to each building,
- 7. The community is located with 20 miles to Ascension's Seton Southwest and Seton Hays. Christus Santa Rosa and Resolute Health Hospital New Braunfels are located with 25 miles,
- 8. Meals will be prepared by our full-time chef serving the individual apartments using disposable containers and flatware,
- 9. Laundry Services will be provided on-site utilizing current and recommended infection control guidelines,
- 10. Extensive policies and procedures in reference to Infection Control Prevention are in place for the community. Additionally, preventative policies published by the Travis County Public Health, Center for Disease Control and State of Texas Department Health and Human Services have been implemented to address the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 11. The facility has telemedicine capabilities with dedicated mobile computer utilizing the iN2L™i technology to access each resident within their private rooms,
- 12. Facility is following all recommendations outlined from:
 - a. Hays and Travis County Public Health Department
 - b. Centers for Disease CDC Guidelines
 - c. Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and
 - Symphony of Wimberley corporate policy and procedures along with our compliance consultants

13. Current practices include:

- a. Prohibition of Nonessential Visitors
 - Limited access to only those providing essential services such as Doctors,
 NP, Hospice, and emergency dental professionals,
 - ii. Individuals with legal authority to enter facility such as law enforcement, HHSC inspectors, LTC Ombudsmen,

- iii. End of Life exceptions
- b. All visitors are screened to include:
 - i. Infection control including symptom screening is practiced prior to and during the visit,
 - ii. Critical access is granted only after the criteria are met,
 - iii. Residents who leave the facility are re-screened prior to access,
 - Facility has an Emergency Preparedness Plan to address the incidence of COVID-19,
 - v. Visible Signage is on all entrances and exits to describe screening requirements; and all entrance and exits have been reduced to a single area for each building,
 - vi. Staff will adhere to all Infection Control policies and procedures upon entry and exit of the community. Personal Protection Equipment will be able to staff and essential visitors,
- 14. The community will have an Infection Control liaison to monitor ongoing communication and publication from the public health authorities during the COVID-19 event,
- 15. Each building is on a continuous disinfection schedule to include a focus on all hightouch areas throughout the facility,
- 16. All incidents that require a resident to leave the facility are for critical/emergency/medically essential events,
- 17. Communal events have been suspended including dining service and activities,
- 18. Social distancing practices are in effect,
- 19. Assisted Daily Living (ADL) Assessment is initiated and utilized,
- 20. RCare Nurse Call wireless pendants and the use of resident cellular or room phones will be utilized wherever possible to communicate with residents,
- 21. Assisted Daily Living (ADL) Assessment is initiated and utilized,
- 22. Bundling resident care tasks will be performed wherever possible to maximize isolation,
- 23. Staff compensation will be increased above existing pay scales due to COVID-19 exposure risks,
- 24. On March 13, 2020, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) conducted the Initial Life Safety Licensing Inspection. Both buildings met state licensing requirements. The subsequent Health Safety Inspections were postponed after the COVID-19 lockdown. Recent governmental publications have indicated the licensing board is now conducting inspections. Currently, the community does not have residents and remains closed to new enrollments pursuant to the acceptance of this proposal by the tri-county emergency operations task force.

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Erin Zwiener, Texas State Representative ♥



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TI:dr Despite hospitalizations looking steady on the Hays County dashboard, more Hays County residents are in the hospital now.

Hey y'all, I want to correct a bit of misinformation that's floating around regarding COVID-19 hospitalizations and the idea that they are unusually low in Hays County.

Look at these charts. The first is for Hays County hospitalizations, pulled directly from the county COVID dashboard today. The purple bars are number of folks currently hospitalized, currently 20. The white dots are total hospitalizations ever, 69. The purple bars look nice and flat for the past week or so and like they haven't increased much since June, indicating that even though cases have spiked dramatically in Hays that hospitalizations have remained steady. So maybe people aren't getting as sick, right? WRONG.

Hays County is only reporting people as hospitalized if they are hospitalized *in Hays County*. Currently Hays only has one hospital with an active COVID unit, and that unit has 20 beds and is full.





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The problem is that many folks from Hays travel to other counties (usually Travis, Bexar, or Comal) for medical care, and some of the Hays hospitals have been transporting patients to hospitals in other counties. Those patients who are hospitalized outside of the county aren't counted in these numbers.

So how many Hays residents are hospitalized in other counties? I have no idea, and if someone is tracking that data, I haven't figured out who it is yet. Here's what I know, hospitalizations are increasing dramatically in the Austin Metropolitan Statistical Area (which includes Hays) and in the San Antonio region.

The second chart is Austin MSA hospitalizations. Again, these reflect the number of people hospitalized *in* the 5 counties of the MSA, not the number of residents hospitalized, but because it's regional, it give us a much better picture of the overall situation.

There are 440 people currently hospitalized in the Austin MSA today, which is over 4 times the number of people hospitalized a month ago. Some of this increase, though I have no way to determine how much, is almost certainly due to our dramatic spike in cases in Hays County.





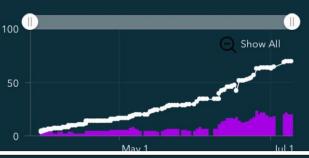


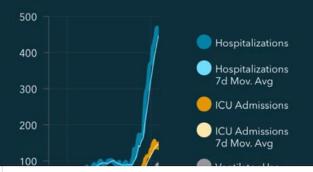
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We are not some strange blip here in Hays where fewer people are getting seriously ill. Instead most of our sick folks (at the moment) are being hospitalized outside of the county. As cases and hospitalizations continue to climb in central Texas, I suspect more of our hospitals here in Hays will establish COVID units.

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Faculty Senate Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 JCK 880, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Attending Senators: Gwynne Ellen Ash, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Stacey Bender, Janet Bezner, Dale Blasingame, Rachel Davenport, Jennifer Jensen, Lynn Ledbetter, Vince Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, Stan McClellan, Roque Mendez, Andrew Ojede, Michael Supancic, Nicole Wesley.

Guests: Denise Trauth (president), Gene Bourgeois (provost), Debbie Thorne (associate provost), Eric Algoe (vice president, finance and support services) Stephanie Towery (library), Taylor Acee, Gail Dickinson, Yasmine Beale-Rosano-Rivaya, Brenda Scheuermann, T. Edwin Chow, David Nolan, Jose Carlos de la Puente, Valarie Fleming, Judy Oskam, Daniel Carter, Catherine Jaffe, Russ Lang, Shannon Duffy (senate fellow), Katherine Ledbetter-Cho, Louie Dean Valencia, Geneva Gano, Karen Sigler, Anadelia Romo, Joaquin Rivaya-Martinez, Luz A. Murillo, Katie Salzmann, Amy Schwarz, Patrick Smith, Minda Lopez, Ellen Tillman, Peter Dedek, Carol Delaney, Scott Pope, Jessica Pliley, Lucia Summers, Maneka Brooks, Reem Muharib, Tom Alter, Antonio Gragera, Dwonna Goldstone

Meeting called to order at 3:01 pm by Senate Chair Janet Bezner.

President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG)

The Faculty Senate provided an article to PAAG regarding analysis of sewage outflow as an indicator of COVID and asked PAAG if this type of system would be feasible to use at Texas State. Mr. Algoe summarized a study related to testing sewage outflow as an indicator of COVID-19 presence in a community and whether similar testing would be useful for a university setting. Mr. Algoe communicated that he consulted with Dr. Carranco and other health professionals to guide his conclusion that the science is ahead of the public health response as there is not a clear indication of what to do with the data. This is in part because of the nature of the novel coronavirus; some fully recovered individuals continue to shed the viral RNA in their waste, people shed different quantities of the virus, etc. Although sewage outflow has been studied at the municipal level to determine prevalence in a community and focus where to possibly open testing centers, he was not sure how to implement this at a university. For example, if sewage outflow for a specific dorm indicated people were infected with the novel coronavirus, the university does not have the capacity to test everyone in that residence hall, in part because public health officials will not allow tests on asymptomatic people. Mr. Algoe concluded by suggesting that once the science and the application of testing sewage outflow dovetail, he foresees potentially putting this into practice.

Mr. Algoe discussed several measures the university is taking to mitigate COIVD-19 spread on the San Marcos and Round Rock campuses including:

Personal Protective Equipment for Faculty and Staff. The university is in the process of acquiring several hundred thousand masks. Several different types of masks will be available including N95, cloth, clear, etc.

Sanitizing stations. The university will place approximately 250 hand sanitizer dispensing stations across campus in high traffic areas such as lobbies and central offices.

Disinfecting bottles and refill stations. The university is in the process of ordering 50 thousand plastic spray bottles to hold a fragrance-free, 80% alcohol content disinfecting solution. The spray bottles will be available so that everyone has hand sanitizer on them at all times. Each bottle will hold enough sanitizer for 3-4 days of use. Twenty-five refill stations will be placed throughout campus.

Virex misting. Classrooms will be treated nightly with a Virex misting procedure. Mr. Algoe emphasized that the Virex solution has been proven to kill viruses on surfaces for up to 30 days. Lobbies, shared furniture, library study areas, residence hall common areas, etc. will likely be treated on a weekly basis. Virex misting will not occur in dorm rooms.

HVAC systems. Mr. Algoe addressed that there have been a lot of questions about ventilation and HVAC systems, particularly the age, filtration capacity, and overall condition of units across campus. He explained the balance between maximizing fresh air intake with humidity and recommended that overall, it is best to have a lower air flow volume so the virus is not suspended in the air for too long.

A senator asked how many HVAC systems have been certified and tested and what buildings/rooms has the university focused on at this point. The senator also asked if Mr. Algoe will publish a list of buildings that have been certified. Mr. Algoe responded that there is not a published list of building with certified HVAC systems. The university does not have the capacity to look at individual rooms so the plan is to inspect each system for each building. Mr. Algoe noted that there is a tremendous variety of systems across campus and acknowledged that some are antiquated so they are examining how to bring those systems up to standard. He said they have a report that shows the age of the systems, but suggested it is better to talk about how some are older and others newer. Very few of the older systems are the original systems.

A senator communicated concerns about aerosolization of the virus and reports that it can remain suspended in the air for up to three hours. Mr. Algoe responded that whether it is aerosolized or not, wearing a mask is the best form of protection. If the virus is aerosolized, HVAC filtration is not effective due to the filter capability of the systems on campus. They can filter droplets, but not aerosols. Mr. Algoe said the university is looking at installing UV light treatments near every teaching podium on campus. A senator asked a follow-up question about what type of UV cleaners will be used and if they are proven to be effective. Mr. Algoe said they were still assessing their options. A guest asked if the UV devices will be installed by the start of the Fall 2020 semester and Mr. Algoe stated that they would be in place by the start of the semester. There were additional concerns raised by guests about teaching methods, lecture podiums, and the space covered by the UV device. Mr. Algoe said

it's not possible to cover the entire room but that we're trying to cover as large an area as feasibly possible. A senator suggested that Mr. Algoe communicate to faculty that the safest area in a classroom is near the podium.

General cleaning practices. Mr. Algoe emphasized that the university is focused on more frequent cleaning as opposed to deep cleaning. The more frequent cleaning protocols will use the Virex solution.

General COVID-19 Concerns

The Senate Chair asked the PAAG to address the concern that enrollment is more important than safety. Dr. Trauth responded by emphasizing that the return to campus, as outlined in the Roadmap to Return, is not a return to what campus looked like pre-pandemic. Campus will look different in terms of facilities, cleaning protocols, and instruction. Classroom capacity will be limited to 50% occupancy on any given day and that everyone is required to wear face coverings. Dr. Trauth explained that campuses will have cases, but that the procedures outlined in the Roadmap to Return are designed to lessen the spread as much as possible. Dr. Trauth said that suggesting enrollment is more important than safety seems to disregard all of the steps that the university has taken to ensure safety. The administration still anticipates a drop in enrollment: although the current numbers do not reflect a drop, they still expect lower enrollment for the Fall 2020 semester.

Dr. Bourgeois reviewed the different planning scenarios and said that he anticipates 35-40% of Fall courses will be online. Of the remaining 60-65% of on-campus courses, 80% will be considered "little Hybrid" or little-h courses. Little-h courses are the result of maintaining 50% capacity for classrooms and the need to rotate students that physically attend class. Students that do not physically attend class will have the course material available to them online. He acknowledged that six feet distancing will not be possible in all classrooms and that is why the university is mandating face coverings in classrooms. Dr. Bourgeois asked faculty to consider Zooming their class meetings synchronously as well as offering a more flexible attendance policy. He also explained that face-to-face teaching does not necessarily mean teaching in person every day. For most undergraduate classes, the little-h delivery method will be in place to ensure 50% occupancy in classrooms.

Dr. Bourgeois also explained that as more workplace accommodations and modifications are approved, more large classrooms will be made available. He urged faculty to make their course delivery choice by July 15, 2020 so students know what type of class they are taking and how much it will cost. Dr. Bourgeois encouraged people teaching in large lecture halls to make work modification requests.

The Senate Chair asked if the university has surveyed faculty or students. Dr. Bourgeois responded that the university has surveyed neither faculty nor continuing students. They have informally surveyed freshmen though Enrollment Management and are waiting to see what the incoming freshmen do once faculty finalize their course delivery preference. He emphasized again that choice is given to faculty and students regarding course delivery

preference and for faculty to submit their request for work modification to their department chair by July 15.

The Senate Chair inquired about CDC-based workplace modifications and requests for modifications that do not meet the CDC guidelines. Dr. Bourgeois explained that faculty who request an additional workplace modification outside of CDC guidelines need to submit that request to their department Chair and the Chair will consider the type of class, best instructional methods, and licensure requirements before approving the request. A senator followed up asking for clarification about whether delivery method is a faculty member's choice or their Chair's choice and why additional workplace modifications are inconsistent across colleges. Dr. Bourgeois explained that course delivery method is the faculty member's choice with the approval of their Chair. The Council of Academic Deans decided to not provide or establish a blanket policy for additional workplace modifications because much like faculty workload and tenure policies, different programs have varying needs and expectations. Each college has established a policy to guide these decisions.

A senator followed up with an inquiry about why course delivery preference is not truly faculty choice and asked for Dr. Bourgeois to provide his perspective on the perceived danger about letting faculty choose. Dr. Bourgeois expressed that his concern is that students will not get what they signed up for and again encouraged faculty to submit their requests to teach online or hybrid if they want to. He reiterated that they anticipate up to 40% of courses will be offered online.

A senator asked if a cost-benefit analysis has been conducted by the university administration and whether the full costs of reopening had been considered. And if such an analysis has been completed, what the outcomes were. Dr. Trauth responded that the decision to reopen was never about a cost benefit analysis. The plan was always to return, knowing that COVID-19 would still be circulating in the community. The actions the university has taken are to work within the limitations presented by the virus and to plan the return based on scenarios so that we can come back to campus as safely as possible. She emphasized that they never analyzed what the cost was of traditional vs. remote instruction but noted that the spring transition to online was very expensive and a lot of cash reserves were used. Dr. Trauth acknowledged that if the university went back to fully online instruction and moved people out of the dorms, then those actions would have a large financial impact based on the way that accounting occurs and how fees are generated. She acknowledged again that there will be positive cases within the campus community and at some point the costs of reopening or staying open may outweigh safety.

A senator expressed concerns that COVID-19 disproportionately affects people of color. The senator asked whether the university plans to allocate resources to these at-risk groups, especially considering that our student population is largely Hispanic. Dr. Bourgeois explained that there should be enough course delivery options available so that students have the options to choose a delivery method that meets their needs. Students have been encouraged to work with the advisors to that they can make those important choices and that overall, the university is trying to balance student desires to engage in activities and overall safety.

A senator asked about student fees for the Fall semester and how they relate to course delivery method. Dr. Bourgeois explained that all students who take a face-to-face class will be charged fees (~\$375), even if they only have one credit of face-to-face class. Little-h hybrid classes are technically face-to-face, so they will not be assessed the \$50 per credit hour fee that online and Hybrid classes have. However, if a student takes a mix of face-to-face and online or Hybrid classes, they will be charged both in-person fees and electronic course fees.

A senator asked about ADA applications and expressed concern that the Office of Compliance has no record of their documents. They were concerned that this may have happened to other faculty and staff. Dr. Bourgeois said that they'll look into the problem.

A senator asked why messaging from the administration that online teaching is a less favorable delivery method is being communicated now but in the past online course delivery was strongly encouraged. Dr. Trauth explained that the core mission at Texas State is face-to-face course delivery and that faculty do a wonderful job. She acknowledged that there is a role for online course delivery, but ultimately, the need for face-to-face is necessary for some student populations and that is why face-to-face is the university's primary coal. Dr. Bourgeois added that in the past, online delivery was encouraged for some graduate programs but at present, the university is focusing on the need for face-to-face delivery for undergraduates (primarily freshmen, sophomores, and juniors).

A senator asked under what scenario will Texas State not reopen for the Fall semester and what entity would alert the administration to not reopen. Dr. Trauth explained that it is the decision of the Departments of Public Health in both Hays and Williamson counties as well as in consultation with Dr. Carranco or in the worst-case scenario, the governor announces a mandatory shelter-in-place order. Dr. Trauth also explained there are several other factors that affect the decision to close campus including incidence rates and hospitalizations. Additionally, the university has the capability to quarantine freshmen who have COVID-19 by moving them to Bobcat Village, which has been designated as the campus quarantine housing, but if that facility is overwhelmed, then that may be a reason to close campus. There are several indicators that need to be considered and the situation is being monitored continuously.

A senator asked if Travis or Bexar counties are issued an order to shelter-in-place whether faculty, staff, or students would be required to go to campus. Dr. Bourgeois said yes they are required to go to campus because Texas State University is considered to be an essential business.

A senator asked why there was not representation from the larger San Marcos community on any of the pandemic workgroups. Dr. Trauth explained that the university's primary focus is on the Texas State community. However, Dr. Lisa Lloyd and Mr. Algoe have maintained open communication with the City of San Marcos (COSM) City Manager as well as other city staff. Dr. Trauth used the example of closing Sewell Park and working with the COSM to encourage closing city parks in an effort to minimize COVID 19 spread. Additionally, Dr. Carranco works closely with the Hays County epidemiologist.

A guest expressed concerns from San Marcos community members about bringing thirty thousand students back to San Marcos for the Fall semester. Dr. Trauth acknowledged that the guest's point demonstrates how complex the situation is and that it indicates the university needs to work closely with students to make sure they are not part of the problem. The university will aim to keep some facilities closed and continue to work with the COSM to work toward the same goal.

A senator asked what role the UPD is going to take regarding planning and strategic preparation given the social climate of the past two months. Dr. Trauth explained that a great deal of work is being done and the university is anticipating changes within the UPD. In July and August, there will be three town hall meetings to identify and work on action items on which UPD can focus. Dr. Trauth also described establishment of a demonstration response team. Staff in Student Affairs and the Office of Diversity have received deescalation training to help minimize negative outcomes from on-campus demonstrations. Dr. Bourgeois mentioned possibly adding faculty to the de-escalation teams.

A senator asked the PAAG to comment on the international student situation related to the new rules published by the Department of Homeland Security. Dr. Trauth explained that two universities filed suit on the morning of July 8 and acknowledged that the outcome of the suit will affect all universities. She noted that even if there is an injunction, it does not provide certainty. Rosario Davis has distributed a Q&A for international students to consult and that administrators are working to ensure that face-to-face or little-h hybrid courses will be offered to international students even if the bulk of classes move to online.

A senator asked what, if any, disciplinary procedures are in place for faculty that refuse to wear a face covering. Dr. Bourgeois explained there is not a current policy in place for disciplining faculty that do not wear masks but that a committee will be created to recommend a disciplinary process and associated consequences. Faculty Senate has been asked to identify a faculty member to serve on this committee. Staff currently have a progressive discipline process that is specified by Human Resources.

Dr. Trauth ended the COVID-19 related discussion by emphasizing that the situation is complex and that not everyone is going to agree with the decisions that are being made. An enormous amount of time, energy, thought, and research has gone in to making decisions. She said that the goal is to do what is best for the Texas State community and that the Cabinet has had several listening sessions about current crises, including the pandemic and social justice climate. They are trying their best to find solutions to imperfect situations.

Diversity Training for Faculty

Dr. Trauth discussed that we have a lot of training opportunities available, but none of them are mandatory for faculty and staff. The university is at a point where diversity may need to be mandatory because people are in very different places regarding training, understanding, acknowledgement of social issues. The university community needs to explore whether mandatory training is something the university wants to pursue. Dr. Trauth thought the Faculty Senate was a good starting point for this conversation. Dr.

Trauth cited concerns raised in listening sessions that training on implicit bias is needed and asked for senate input on how to get the process moving forward.

Senators offered several suggestions including modeling diversity training after Allies training, offering different levels of training, and various modalities. The Faculty Senate agreed to move forward by submitting committee member and Chair recommendations to the Provost.

Research Enhancement Program (REP) Modifications

Senators approved two motions:

- 1. Adding Professors of Practice to the list of faculty eligible to submit REP proposals.
- 2. Modifications to the College of Liberal Arts REP proposal review form.

Dr. Agwuele (Chair of the UREC) and senators discussed issues related to faculty whose research project have been delayed by the pandemic. Dr. Agwuele also communicated to the senate that there are funds available for REP for FY21, but future funding is dependent on outcomes of the upcoming state legislative session.

Faculty Letter Submitted to Continuity of Education Workgroup

Senators discussed endorsing a letter circulated to faculty in late May, early June 2020 that expressed faculty concerns about health and safety related to the university's plan to move forward with face-to-face instruction for Summer II and Fall semesters. The discussion included concerns that as of July 8, 2020, the letter may be considered outdated since several of the items of concern have been addressed in the Roadmap to Return. Senators agreed that having a better understanding of faculty concerns is critical. Senators discussed surveying faculty and asking faculty to draft a new letter with current, overarching concerns. Senators passed a motion to "form a workgroup to create a survey or solicit narratives from faculty to gather concerns and perceptions related to university operations since the Roadmap to Return has been published." Senators Ashe, Blasingame, Davenport, and Mendez volunteered to serve on the workgroup. The workgroup plans to have a draft survey for senate approval by early next week and to share the results with the senate at its next meeting. Senators suggested that it be recommended to Dr. Cavitt and Dean Golato that all students, including graduate students and graduate teaching assistants be surveyed.

Next Senate Meeting

July 22, 2020 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Approval of Minutes

June 17, 2020 minutes were approved by senators.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Jensen

Hays County Ascension COVID Report

July 16th, 2020



Ascension

Hays County COVID Hospital Admissions by Zip Code

The table below shows all COVID hospital admissions at an Ascension facility in Travis

County from zip codes within Hays County from 3/23/20-Present

Zip Code	Hospitalizations
78640	72
78666	33
78610	20
78737	3
78620	3
78676	2
78667	2
78619	1
Grand Total	136



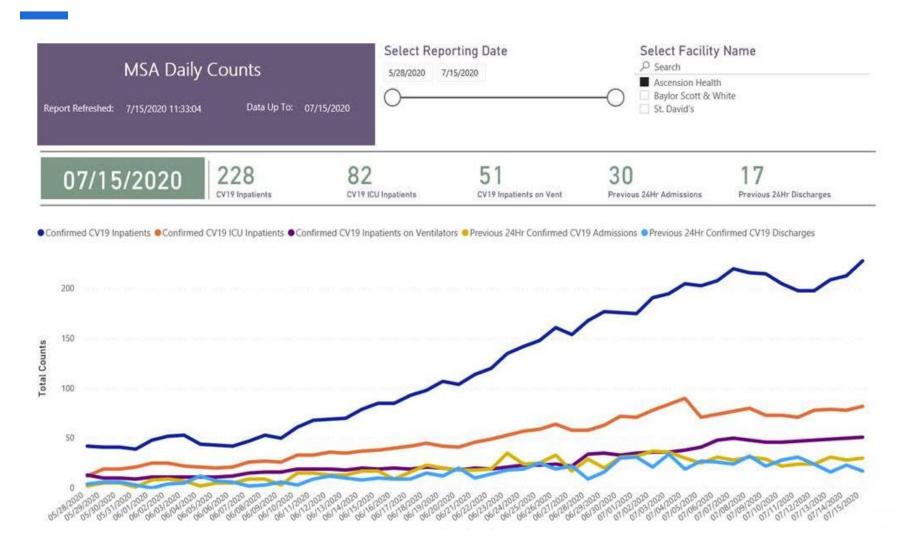
COVID Positive Hays County Residents Testing Locations

The table below shows COVID positive Hays County residents and the facility of their test location from 3/15/20-7/14/20

Facility of COVID-19 Test Collection	Number of Positive Patients
Dell Children's	1
Dell Seton Medical Center	12
Seton Edgar B. Davis	1
Seton Hays	233
Seton Medical Center Austin	8
Seton Northwest	2
Seton Southwest	4
Grand Total	261

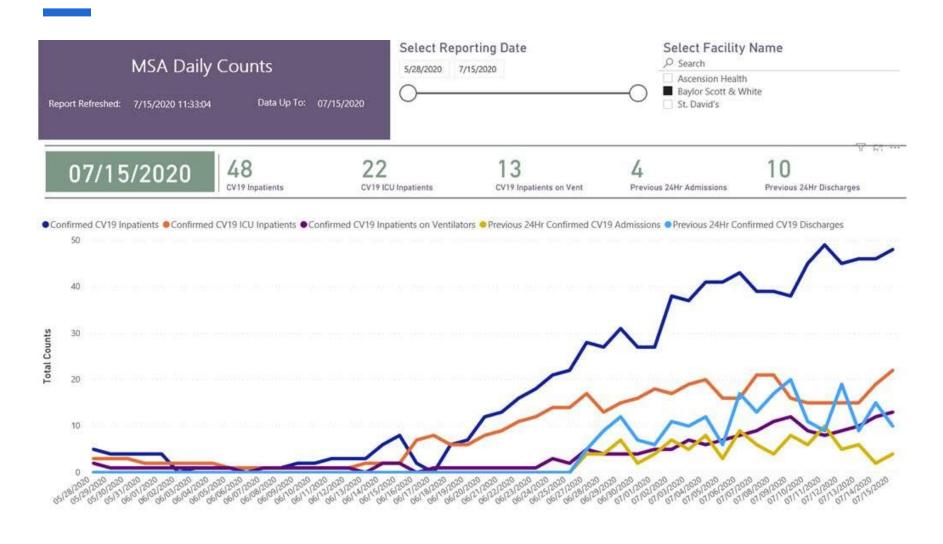


COVID Hospitalizations by MSA - Ascension Health





COVID Hospitalizations by MSA - Baylor Scott & White





COVID Hospitalizations by MSA - Saint David's

