

COVID-19 Resources and Updates

Houston, TX - Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin understands this is an unprecedented time for our communities as we battle COVID-19. The District E Office continues to monitor the situation and provide information as it becomes available. As a reminder, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner announced a "Stay Home, Work Safe" Order earlier this week to further contain the spread of COVID-19 in Houston and Harris County. The order went into effect at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24 and will last until Friday, April 3, unless modified. More information on the official order can be found in our recent [press release](#). <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/-Stay-Home--Work-Safe--Order-Issued-for-Harris-County-Residents.html?soid=1107463978136&aid=kr-radosGYU>

You may also view the official order [here](#).

<https://houstonemergency.org/wp-content/uploads/03-24-20-Stay-Home-Work-Safe-Order-by-the-County-Judge.pdf>

Below you will find a list of resources to answer any questions you may have regarding this pandemic. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the District E Office. My staff is working remotely and operating under normal office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can also follow me on [Facebook](#) <https://houstonemergency.org/wp-content/uploads/03-24-20-Stay-Home-Work-Safe-Order-by-the-County-Judge.pdf>

and [Twitter](#)

<https://twitter.com/cmDaveMartin>

for regular updates.

Local Announcements/Resources:

[Harris County/Houston COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool](#)

<https://checkforcorona.com/harris-county#/welcome>

[City of Houston Health Department COVID-19 Updates](#)

<https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/>

[City of Houston Service Status](#)

<https://houstonemergency.org/city-of-houston-service-status/>

[Office of Emergency Management COVID-19 Updates](#)

<https://houstonemergency.org/city-of-houston-service-status/>

[Harris Health Ask My Nurse Service](#)

<https://www.harrishealth.org/services-hh/outreach/Pages/ask-a-nurse.aspx>

[New Guidelines for City Council Meetings](#)

<http://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/press/2020/new-guidelines-city-council-meetings.html>

[Houston Public Works Suspends Water Disconnections](#)

Houston Parks and Recreation Department:

[Curbside Meal Program \(Youth\)](#)

http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/pdfs/2020/HPARDCurbsideMealDistributionProgram_NewInfo.pdf

[Park Facility Closures](#)

<http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/>

[How to Practice Social Distancing at Houston Parks](#)

<https://twitter.com/HPARD/status/1243269028187078656>

[Harris County Public Library Temporary Closures and Online Resources](#)

<https://www.hcpl.net/blog/2020/03/harris-county-public-library-temporary-building-closure>

[Short-Term Rental Assistance](#)

<https://haaonline.org/financialhelp/>

[Harris County Primary Runoff Elections Delayed to July](#)

<https://www.harrisvotes.com/PressReleases/News%20Release%20Primary%20Runoff%20Delayed.pdf>

[Municipal Court: No Jury Trials/No Jury Duty](#)

<https://mailchi.mp/houstontx/city-of-houston-municipal-courts-suspends-all-trials-jury-and-judge-jury-duty-arraignments-and-parking-adjudication-hearings?e=d526fe7ee7>

[Houston Permitting Moving \(Mostly\) Online](https://www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/news-events/new-operations-plan-response-covid-19)

<https://www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/news-events/new-operations-plan-response-covid-19>

[Harris County Clerk Main Office Closed to the Public](https://www.cclerk.hctx.net/Forms/Uploads/NRCOVID-19%20HC%20Clerk%20Closures-PUBLIC.pdf?t=1584544941725)

<https://www.cclerk.hctx.net/Forms/Uploads/NRCOVID-19%20HC%20Clerk%20Closures-PUBLIC.pdf?t=1584544941725>

[METRO Response to COVID-19](https://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx)

<https://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

[Houston Food Bank](https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/find-help/)

<https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/find-help/>

[Harris County Area Agency on Aging](https://www.houstontx.gov/health/Aging/)

<https://www.houstontx.gov/health/Aging/>

[United Way of Greater Houston and Greater Houston Community Foundation COVID-19 Recovery Fund](https://www.greaterhoustonrecovery.org/)

<https://www.greaterhoustonrecovery.org/>

State of Texas Announcements/Resources:

[Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 Case Counts](https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83)

<https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83>

[Texas Health and Human Services COVID-19 Website](https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19)

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19>

[Supreme Court of Texas Postpones Eviction Hearings until Mid-April](https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1446203/209045.pdf)

<https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1446203/209045.pdf>

[TxTag Service Center Closures](https://www.txtag.org/en/home/index.shtml)

<https://www.txtag.org/en/home/index.shtml>

[Texas Department of Emergency Management COVID-19 Website](http://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/?fbclid=IwAR1cGt7dOI47F_xQTevGC-olp5w7GEenL2GjbodW3hU9o5nF3ZfLvbUU_9Y#1584884767024-4a025bba-5977)

http://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/?fbclid=IwAR1cGt7dOI47F_xQTevGC-olp5w7GEenL2GjbodW3hU9o5nF3ZfLvbUU_9Y#1584884767024-4a025bba-5977

[Announcements from Governor Greg Abbott](https://gov.texas.gov/news/category/press-release/P0)

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/category/press-release/P0>

[Executive Order to Mitigate Spread of COVID-19](https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-issues-executive-orders-in-accordance-with-federal-guidelines-to-mitigate-spread-of-covid-19-in-texas)

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-issues-executive-orders-in-accordance-with-federal-guidelines-to-mitigate-spread-of-covid-19-in-texas>

[Major Disaster Declaration](https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-announces-approval-of-major-disaster-declaration)

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Federal Government Announcements/Resources:

CARES Act:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, \$2 trillion stimulus bill designed to help families and businesses hurt by the Coronavirus epidemic. The bill would provide direct payments of up to \$1,200 for most individuals and \$2,400 for most married couples filing jointly with an extra \$500 for each child. Assistance would start to phase out for individuals earning more than \$75,000 and for couples with more than \$150,000 in income. Also, the bill provides small businesses access to a nearly \$350 billion loan program to cover monthly expenses like payroll, rent and utilities. The loans would not have to be repaid if businesses maintained their workforce. Another component of the bill will also allocate \$100 billion in reimbursements and lost revenue to hospitals and health care providers that are overwhelmed with patients suffering from the virus.

Read the bill [here](https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6819239-FINAL-FINAL-CARES-ACT.html).

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Officially [signed into law](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-providing-economic-relief-american-workers-families-businesses-impacted-coronavirus/) on 3/27/2020.

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[Center for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Website](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-19/)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
[Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\) Coronavirus Tax Relief Website:](#)

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>
The IRS has established a special section focused on steps to help taxpayers, businesses and others affected by the Coronavirus.

[Tax Day now July 15:](#) Treasury, IRS extend filing deadline and federal tax payments regardless of amount owed

Census 2020 Update:

The Census Bureau has suspended field operations until 4/1/2020 to comply with public health directives. The deadline to respond has been extended to 8/14/2020. It is more important than ever and EASIER than ever to self-respond online, by phone, or by mail. [Start your Census response here today.](#)

<https://2020census.gov/>

Small Business Resources and Updates:

[U.S. Small Business Administration COVID-19 Guidance & Loan Resources](#)

<https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>
The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) granted Texas' Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) assistance declaration, making loans available statewide to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Small businesses who believe they may be eligible for an SBA EIDL, should visit the [SBA's](#) website <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance> where they can directly apply for assistance. The online application is the fastest method to receive a decision about loan eligibility.

All forms and further details are available on the SBA Disaster Loan website: www.sba.gov/disaster. Click on the Coronavirus link at the top of the page.

Texas Workforce Commission

The Texas Workforce Commission has additional resources for employers regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on their [website](#).

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/news/covid-19-resources-employers>

[Identifying Critical Infrastructure During COVID-19](#)

<https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>
To learn more about essential vs. non-essential work, please call: 832-393-4220
To report non-essential businesses remaining open, please call: 832-839-6941

[Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

<https://www.lakehouston.org/>
LHACC launched their #LHAOpen4Biz Campaign to encourage community support of Lake Houston area businesses during this time. To learn more about how to get involved please visit their [website](#).

<https://www.lakehouston.org/lhaopen4biz/?fbclid=IwAR008Jwz5Vr7gcJyiQ0H0kA3t0jyP8HhjIz2kXfrq0iRZObRPVYyJe24Nq8>

Follow their [Facebook](#) page for updates.

https://www.facebook.com/LHACHamber/?ref=br_rs

Educational Resources and Updates:

[Humble ISD Updates](#)

<https://www.humbleisd.net/coronavirus>
Humble ISD closed through April 10, 2020

[Meal Carry-Out Updates](#)

<https://www.humbleisd.net/domain/89>

[Facebook](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/HumbleISD/>

[Twitter](#)

<https://twitter.com/HumbleISD>

[TXschools.org Meal Finder](#)

<https://txschools.gov/>

[Houston Public Media at Home Learning](#)

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/education/kids/schedule/>

[Scholastic's Learn at Home](#)

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

[Children's Museum Virtual Learning](#)

<https://www.cmhouston.org/>

[Houston Zoo Webcams](#)

<https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/>

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