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# COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

*\*Report will be updated bi-weekly*



Friends,

We are facing an urgent situation with COVID-19, but I am confident that our strong, resilient community will meet the challenge together. This isn't the first time Houstonians have faced a challenge, and we always come out the other side of it stronger and together as a community.

The state of Texas and Harris County have both issued stay-at-home orders. These orders restrict all but essential personal errands and business to slow the spread of COVID-19. This is an effort to "flatten the curve," or to slow the rate of infection so that our health care system is not overwhelmed.

Elected officials, health authorities, and members of our community are working at all levels to ensure that we protect public health and respond to the financial needs of workers and businesses. It will be difficult, but we will be able to rebuild our local, state, and national economies.

Enclosed is a guide with health, education, employment, and community resources. This guide will be updated twice weekly to reflect any changes. I intend this guide to be a one-stop-shop to find answers to your questions and help you navigate the flood of information available during this time.

As always, please contact my office directly at (713) 699-3043 or (512) 436-0554 if you need assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jarvis Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

State Representative Jarvis Johnson | District 139

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# Reach Out To Us!

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# COVID-19 In Our Community

The virus COVID-19 has spread across the world rapidly. There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best steps you can take is to prevent contracting the virus. Wash your hands thoroughly, for at least 20 seconds. Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth. Practice social distancing to the greatest extent possible.

## ***Harris County Stay Home, Work Safe Order***

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo has extended the Stay Home, Work Safe order until April 30, 2020. Per the order, everyone in Houston and Harris County is required to remain at home unless they are conducting essential business such as grocery shopping, picking up food or going to work at businesses that are deemed essential. Public and private gatherings outside of a household or single living unit are prohibited. Parks remain open, but the use of benches, playgrounds and workout equipment is prohibited. The order also requires everyone to maintain social distancing of at least six feet. Grocery stores and gas stations remain open. Restaurants can operate, but only as a take-out option.

A list of essential businesses can be found [here](#).



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# COVID-19 In Our Community

## *State of Texas statewide Stay-at-Home Order*

Governor Abbott issued a statewide stay-at-home order that is in effect until **April 30, 2020**. This order limits social gatherings and in-person contact with persons outside ones home other than for trips to the grocery store, pharmacy, laundromat and any other "essential" service. This statewide order essentially creates a "floor" for any local stay-at-home order. If local governments want to take more restrictive action than the executive order, they can do so as long as there is no conflict with the statewide order. This main difference between Harris Counties Stay Home, Work Safe order and the State of Texas' is churches were made an essential business. Governor Abbott also announced all Texas schools will be closed through May 4.

Governor Abbott also announced all Texas schools will be closed through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. On April 17th, Governor Abbott signed an executive order establishing Strike Force to open Texas. Starting next week, portions of Texas' businesses and parks will begin to open. On Monday April 20th, Texas State Parks will re-open, with social distancing guidelines in place. On Wednesday April 22nd, some surgical restrictions will be lifted. On Friday April 24th, Retail businesses will open for to-orders. More details will be made available next week regarding retail practices.



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# Healthcare Resources

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## Community Based Testing Sites

### ***CITY OF HOUSTON TESTING UPDATE - 04/14***

The Houston Health Department's two COVID-19 drive-thru sites will broaden testing to **anyone** wanting to get a test.

Each community site will ramp up its testing capacity from 250 to 500 people per day. The tests are free to the public. People can call the department's COVID-19 call center at **832-393-4220** between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to receive a unique identification code and instructions on where to go for testing and how to obtain their test results.

The community sites **only accept** people with the identification code obtained through the department's COVID-19 call center. People showing up at the test sites without an identification code will not get tested.

The testing sites will continue operating until further notice. Workers at the sites only collect insurance information and don't accept payment. The information obtained through testing or services will not be used against immigrants in their public charge evaluation.



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## Community Based Testing Sites

### ***Harris County Deploys Mobil Units to Increase Reach and Conduct More Tests - 04/13***

County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced two new Harris County Public Health (HCPH) mobile units will provide drive-through testing for COVID-19, adding up to 200 tests per day to the county's current testing capacity. Each pop-up site, which will rotate locations across the precincts and will be able to up to 100 drive-through tests per day.

To be tested, residents must complete online screening via [ReadyHarris.org](https://www.readyharris.org) and obtain an authorization code. Once confirmed they meet the criteria for testing, residents will be provided an appointment time and directed to a testing site closest to them. ***Walk-ins will be turned away.*** Testing sites will be allocated to the precincts from Monday through Saturday, spending three days in two precincts, and three days in the other two precincts. All individuals can access the online screening tool at [readyharris.org](https://www.readyharris.org). Individuals without access to a computer or Internet can call the Harris County Public Health COVID-19 resource line at 832-927-7575.



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## Community Based Testing Sites

### ***Governor Abbott, Harris County Judge Hidalgo Announce two new COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites - 04/16***

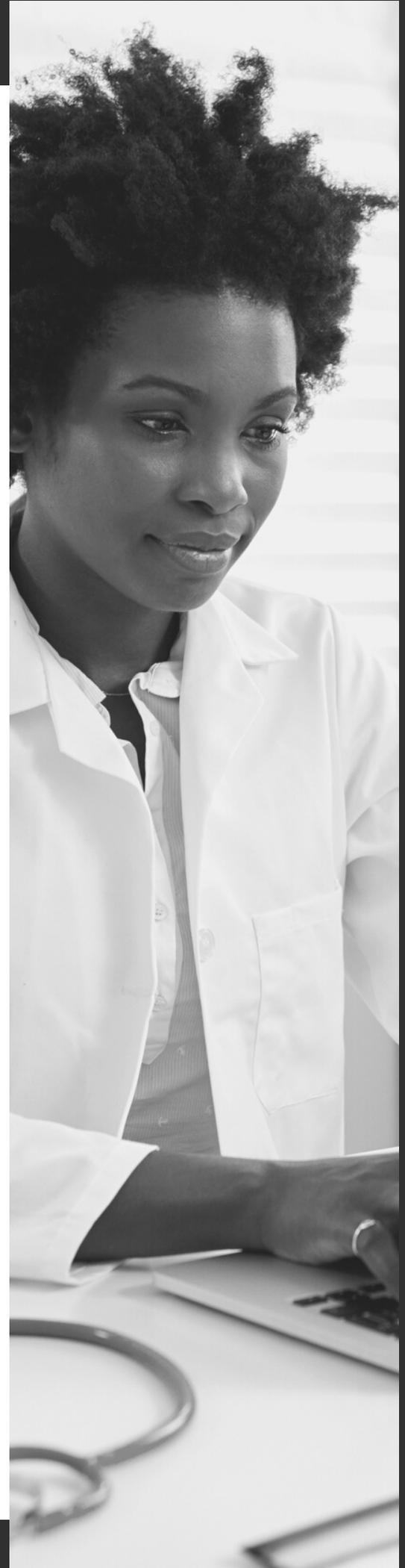
Governor Greg Abbott and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo today announced two new COVID-19 drive-through testing sites for Harris County in partnership with Walgreens. These sites are set to come online Friday, April 17th, and will have the capacity to conduct 200 tests per day at each location. For the past week, Governor Abbott has been working with Judge Hidalgo and Walgreens to bring these sites online and increase Harris County's testing capacity. Testing in these locations will be available by appointment and individuals will first need to complete a digital health assessment to determine eligibility using criteria establish by CDC.

The locations of the two new testing sites are below:

14531 Westheimer Road  
Houston, TX 77082

101 W Southmore Ave  
Pasadena, TX 77502

To make an appointment and learn more, visit [www.walgreens.com/coronavirus](http://www.walgreens.com/coronavirus) or [www.walgreens.com/findcare](http://www.walgreens.com/findcare).



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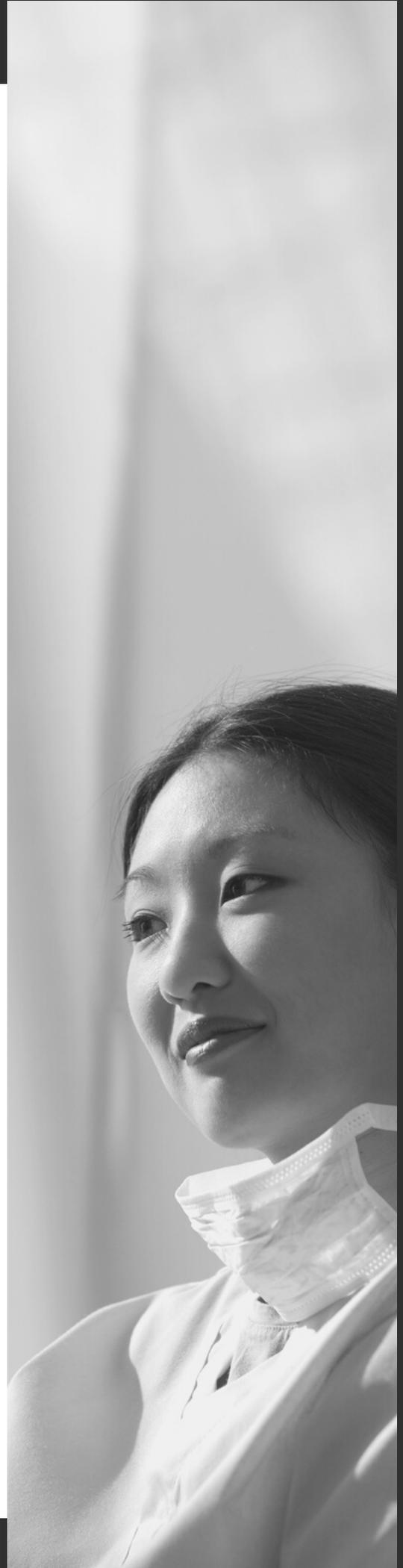
## ***Community-based test sites***

If you develop symptoms or feel sick, contact your primary care physician by phone to see if you should be tested for COVID-19.

The Houston Department of Health and the local medical community, including members of the Texas Medical Center, operate free COVID-19 test drive sites for high-risk symptomatic individuals.

Individuals may visit [ReadyHarris.org](https://www.readyharris.org) to use the online screening tool or call the Houston Department of Health's call center COVID-19 at 832-393-4220 to be tested. People who meet the test criteria will receive a unique identification code and instructions on where to go for the test.

The site only accepts people with a unique identification code obtained through the selection process. Those who appear without an identification code will not be evaluated.



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## Community Based Testing Sites Cont.

### **United Memorial Medical Center**

United Memorial Medical Center offers free COVID-19 drive-thru testing for high-risk people who register for pre-screening at [ummcscreening.com](http://ummcscreening.com) or call 281-618-8500. People who are eligible will be directed to a local drive-thru testing site.

### **Legacy Community Health**

Legacy Community Health offers COVID-19 testing for symptomatic people determined to be at-risk. People may visit [www.legacycommunityhealth.org](http://www.legacycommunityhealth.org) or call 832-548-5000 to be screened. Legacy offers testing on a sliding fee scale, and the clinic bills insurance companies for those who are covered. Testing can be found at any of the following centers:

- Legacy Bissonnet, 12667 Bissonnet
- Legacy Fifth Ward, 3811 Lyons Ave.
- Legacy Mapleridge, 6550 Mapleridge St.
- Legacy Montrose, 1415 California St.
- Legacy Northline, 5598-A1 North Freeway
- Legacy San Jacinto, 4301 Garth Suite 400, Baytown
- Legacy Santa Clara (East End), 5616 Lawndale St.
- Legacy Sharpstown, 6677 Rookin
- Legacy Southwest, 6441 High Star Dr.



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## Community Based Testing Sites Cont.

### **My Family Doctor**

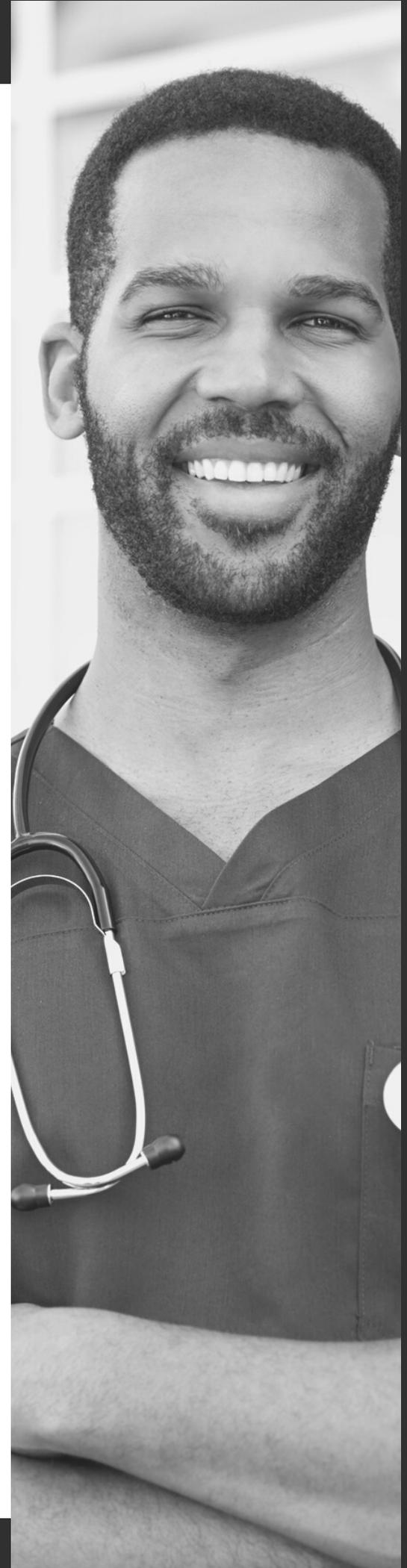
My Family Doctor has a drive-thru testing site at 6430 Hillcroft Street open Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This site is currently cash only and limited to high-risk people with symptoms. People can visit the My Family Doctor website at [www.covid19drivethru.com](http://www.covid19drivethru.com) for more information.

### **MD Medical Group: Clinicas Mi Doctor and MD Kids Pediatrics**

Two Houston MD Medical Group clinics offer drive-thru COVID-19 testing by appointment. People can request an appointment by calling or texting 1-888-776-5252, or visiting [www.mdmedicalgroup.us](http://www.mdmedicalgroup.us)

Testing can be found at the following sites:

- MD Kids Pediatrics Harrisburg location - 6812 Harrisburg Blvd. Houston TX 77011
- Clinicas Mi Doctor location- 10058 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX 77055



# Non COVID-19 Healthcare Resources

## **Mental Health**

***Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support  
Line  
833-986-1919***

**[National Alliance on Mental Health \(NAMI\) COVID-19  
Information and Resource Guide](#)**

**[NAMI Online Support Groups](#)**

***The Harris Center's Harris County COVID-19 Mental Health Support  
Line  
832-251-7544***

**[CDC's Coping with a Disaster or Traumatic Event Fact Sheet](#)**

**[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
\(SAMHSA\) Your Behavioral Health](#)**

## **Domestic Abuse**

**[Houston Area Women's Center](#)**

Domestic Violence: 713-528-2121

Sexual Assault: 713-528-7273

**[Salvation Army](#)**

**[Northwest Assistance Ministries](#)**

281-885-4673

1555 Kuykendahl Rd.

Houston TX, 77090

**[City of Houston Family Violence Resource Page](#)**

# Non COVID-19 Healthcare Resources

## **Substance Abuse**

[National Institute on Drug Abuse: COVID-19 Resources](#)

[SAMHSA Virtual Recovery Resources](#)

[Addiction Policy Forum Connections App](#)

[Center on Addiction Resources for Parents, Families, and  
Caregivers](#)

[Faces and Voices of Recovery: Advocacy Group Website](#)

[Shatterproof: How to Find a Virtual Recovery Meeting](#)

[Recovery Research Institute: Digital Recovery Support: Online  
and Mobile Resources](#)

# Government Resources

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## *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

The best place to find up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 precautions and best practices is the CDC. Check out this resource [here](#).

## *State of Texas*

If you need information or have been impacted by COVID-19 visit <https://texas.gov/#covid19>. Information & resources from State Agencies can be found there, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, Workforce Commission, Education Agency and more.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management releases situational reports daily that include up-to-date actions taken by the State regarding COVID-19 response. For daily situational reports, visit <https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

The Texas Department of State Health Services has a Case Dashboard where statewide data can be viewed. Additionally, hospitals, healthcare professionals, local public health, community leaders, and others can find resources throughout this website to help them in their response to COVID-19. To visit DSHS, visit [here](#).

## *Harris County*

[ReadyHarris.org](https://www.readyharris.org) is the central location for all COVID-19 information as it pertains to Harris County Residents. There is a dashboard of COVID-19 cases, in Harris County and the City of Houston, FAQs on the Stay Home/Work Safe order, and an online screening tool if you have symptoms of COVID-19

## *City of Houston*

[Houstonemergency.org](https://www.houstonemergency.org) is the central location for all COVID-19 information as it pertains to City of Houston residents. You can find announcements for testing sites, Houston/Harris County Cases, Hospital Capacity Data, and FAQ's for sanitizing, safe practices during the COVID-19 pandemic



# HOUSING RESOURCES

## Evictions

The Texas Supreme Court issued an order halting eviction proceedings statewide until April 19. At the end of the period, the chief justice can choose to renew the order. There is one exception to the order: Landlords may proceed with eviction cases only if the actions of the occupants “pose an imminent threat” of physical harm to the landlord, the landlord’s employees or other tenants, or if the occupants are engaging in criminal activity.



# Resources for Undocumented Communities



Undocumented individuals are not able to access unemployment benefits, Medicare, federal social services and resources/services from many federally funded organizations and programs. This leaves many in our community at-risk of being left without the proper resources they need to survive. This [link](#) provides access to a list developed by the Betancourt-Macias Family Scholarship Foundation for undocumented communities. For more information on this organization, visit their website at [www.undocuscholars.com](http://www.undocuscholars.com)



# Public Utilities

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Many utility companies are halting disconnection of services due to non-payment, they are not forgiving outstanding balances or the obligation to pay for the service. Below is a list of municipalities and companies halting disconnections:

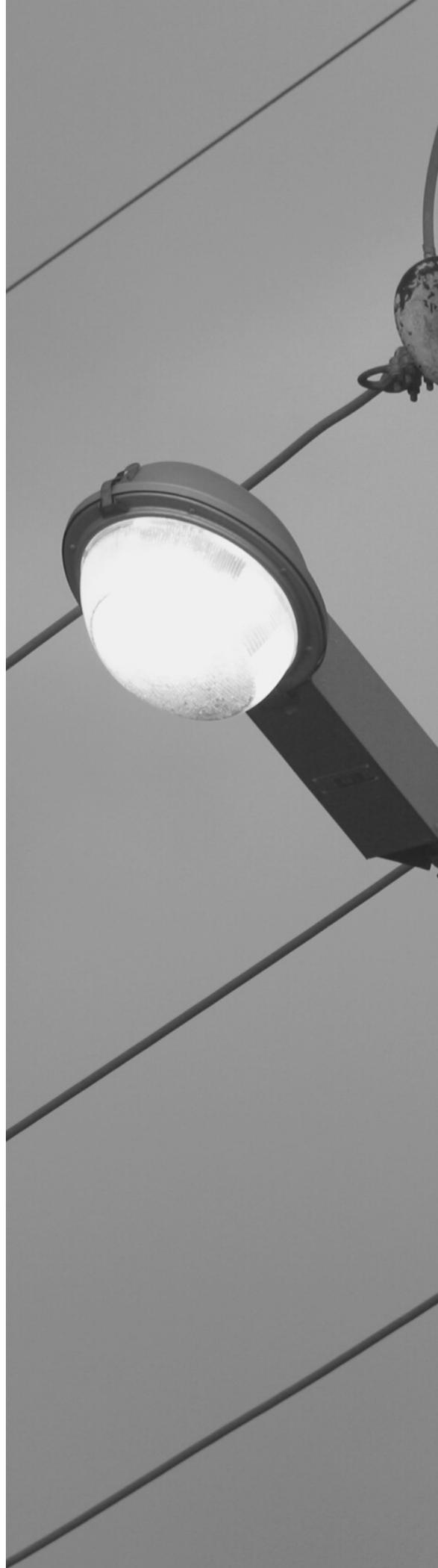
- The City of Houston will not disconnect water service for nonpayment during the COVID-19 emergency.
- CenterPoint Energy has temporarily suspended natural gas disconnections due to nonpayment.
- AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and T-Mobile are postponing service termination for customers who cannot pay their bills.

Additionally, Comcast, T-Mobile and Sprint are providing unlimited data to all current customers who have plans with data for the next 60 days. Comcast is also offering everyone free access to its hot spots for 60 days.

## **Texas COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program**

Residential electricity bills are expected to increase as COVID-19 has a whole new wave of people working from home and kids out of school. However, there is some relief for those economically impacted by the virus. On March 26th, the Public Utility Commission of Texas responded to the governor's declaration of emergency with a plan to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Texas utility customers who are experiencing genuine economic hardship as a result of the pandemic with the Texas COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program. This program is designed to help those who can't pay bills due to unemployment or economic hardship caused by COVID-19.

Apply for Texas COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program – Bill Payment Assistance – Click [here](#) or call (866) 454-8387.



# Unemployment Resources

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The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has created a recommended call and access times based on the first digit of your area code. This will help mitigate call traffic and ease backlog of Texas unable to access the Unemployment system. Please see schedule below:

<b>Area Code of Applicant</b>	<b>Suggested Call Time</b>
Area Codes Beginning with 9	Mon-Wed-Fri 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Area Codes Beginning with 3,4,5,6	Mon-Wed-Fri 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Area Codes Beginning with 7,8	Tues-Thurs-Sat 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Area Codes Beginning with 2	Tues-Thurs-Sat 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## **For Employees**

- Employees may apply for unemployment benefits [online](#) or by calling in at 1-800-939-6631. The Call center is open from 8 am-6 pm (Mon-Fri) and 8 am-5 pm (Sat). The online website is currently highly recommended and available 24/7.
- Individuals who have worked as independent contractors and/or self-employed may apply for [Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\)](#). A common mistake made when applying for DUA is forgetting to submit proof of employment within 21 days of completing a DUA application. DON'T FORGET!



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## **For Employers**

- [The Mass Claims Program](#) restructures the unemployment benefit claims process for employers faced with either temporary or permanent layoffs. It also helps mitigate the phone wait times and online traffic for employees. Employers can submit basic worker information on behalf of their employees to initiate claims for unemployment benefits. This program will help employers that have 10+ layoffs ensure that their employees receive their benefits promptly.
- [The Shared Work Program](#) is an alternative to laying off employees. This program is for businesses that have slowed down due to COVID-19 and have to reduce employee working hours. This program allows employers who need to reduce hours by at least 10% (no more than 40%) to supplement their employee's wages lost due to reduced work hours with partial unemployment benefits.

## HIRING INFORMATION

Click [here](#) for an up to date list of all job listings.



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# Small Business Resources

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## ***The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act***

The CARES Act allocated \$350 billion to help small businesses keep workers employed amid the pandemic and economic downturn. Known as the Paycheck Protection Program, the initiative provides 100% federally guaranteed loans to small businesses. Importantly, these loans may be forgiven if borrowers maintain their payrolls during the crisis or restore their payrolls afterward. The U.S Chamber of Commerce released a full FAQ guide related to the CARES Act, it can be found [here](#).

***As of April 17th, 2020, the \$350billion allocated for small business has been depleted.***

## ***Small Business Administration***

The Houston Office of the Small Business Administration is holding daily informational webinars relating to CARES Act, please check out their [website](#) for more details.

## ***Harris County Small Business Economic Assistance Loan Program*** **CLOSED - 04/14**

Due to an overwhelming number of applications received, the Harris County COVID-19 Forgivable Loan Program has been suspended indefinitely and they are no longer accepting new applicants.

If you have already submitted the application and want to check the status, click [here](#).



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## ***Houston "Work Safe" Company***

In response to Harris County's "Stay Home-Work Safe" order, the Greater Houston Partnership launched a new program to assist those "essential" companies exempted from the order to ensure the health of their employees and customers as they continue operations. The "Houston COVID-19 Work Safe Company" program features 10 principles these essential companies should consider as they continue their operations. More information can be found [here](#).

## ***Texas Small Business Emergency Micro-Grant Source***

The Texas Black Expo is offering grants to small business owners affected by the coronavirus epidemic. The Texas Black Expo has partnered with several major corporations, including H-E-B, Enterprise Holdings, Chevron, and UPS, in an ongoing effort to support small businesses.

At least 100 qualifying companies will receive \$1,000 each in grant funds. The grant portal is currently open, and the first round of funding will be distributed by April 30. Apply through the [this link here](#)

## **Mayor Turner Designates Arts Funding to Support Artists - 04/14**

In response to the economic crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs is adding \$25,000 of restricted arts funding to programs to support artists and others affected by the public health crisis. Grants from the [Greater Houston Area Arts Relief Fund](#) will help artists and arts workers who lost wages and opportunities as a result of COVID-19.



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## ***Samuel Adams & Greg Hill Foundation Restaurant Strong Fund - 04/02***

Samuel Adams and The Greg Hill Foundation are bringing the successful Restaurant Strong Fund to 20 total states to aid the restaurant workers impacted by the Covid-19 closures. Following the success of the Massachusetts launch in mid-March, Samuel Adams is donating over \$2,000,000 to kickstart funding in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Vermont.

To qualify for grant assistance, you must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Completed Application Form
- Full-time employee (Minimum of 30 hours total per week, can be multiple restaurants)
- Employed for 3 months or longer at the same location
- Worked in a restaurant, bar, cafe or nightclub located in:
  - Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Vermont.
- Submit the last two full-time (30 hour) pay stubs

If you meet the above requirements, please click [here](#) to complete the application form.



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## ***Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund***

Thanks to a \$2.5 million investment from Verizon, we are offering grants to help small businesses fill urgent financial gaps until they can resume normal operations or until other more permanent financing becomes available.

Additionally, Verizon recently launched #PayItForwardLIVE, a weekly livestream from big names to pay it forward for small businesses. Viewers can tune in every Tuesday and Thursday at 8PM ET/ 5PM PT on @Verizon's Twitter, Yahoo, Twitch, and Fios Channel 501. As people support their favorite small businesses with #PayItForwardLIVE, Verizon will commit an additional \$10 per use of the hashtag, up to \$2.5 million, for a total of up to \$5 million in support.

LISC will use the Verizon funding to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to businesses facing immediate financial pressure because of Covid-19—especially entrepreneurs of color, women-owned businesses and other enterprises in historically underserved communities who don't have access to flexible, affordable capital.

The application period for Round 1 is now closed. Please register [here](#) to stay updated about another round beginning mid-April. Having trouble? Email [enews@lisc.org](mailto:enews@lisc.org) to sign up.



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# Food, Meals & Provisions

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## **Senior Shopping Hours**

- Walgreens- Every Tuesday from 8am-9am
- Walmart- Every Tuesday (until April 28) from 7am -8am
- Costco- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am- 9am
- Foodtown- Everyday from 7am-8am \*access requires Texas State ID\*
- Trader Joe's- Everyday from 9am-10am
- Dollar General- Everyday from 8am-9am
- Target- Every Wednesday from 8am-9am

## **Senior Free Curbside/Delivery**

### • **Gallery Furniture & Mattress Mack:**

1. FOOD DELIVERY- Houston Seniors and Disabled Citizens can fill out a form in order to request and receive a care package of toiletries and other nonperishable foods delivered to your front door. Click here to submit your [online](#) request today!
2. CURBSIDE PICK UP- Free food for seniors and children at Gallery Furniture located at 6006 North Freeway, Houston, TX 77076, 7AM-8PM CST daily. In order to get pick up service there MUST be a child or senior in car, one meal per person in car.

### • **Houston Food Bank:**

3. The Food Bank partnered with CrowdSource Rescue to provide no-contact food deliveries to elderly Houston residents who are bed bound, disabled, and lack access to transportation. You can apply for delivery [online](#).

### • **H-E-B:**

4. HEB is offering free delivery to senior citizens using FAVOR. There is a dedicated Senior Support Line (1-833-397-0080) open 11a-3p daily. They are encouraging seniors to utilize [favordelivery.com/seniors](#), or use the Favor App. A Favor runner will be sent to pick up requested and purchased groceries for seniors over 60 years old while maintaining CDC requirements and safety by providing no-contact deliveries.



# Food, Meals & Provisions

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## ***Student Food Assistance Programs***

- [\*\*Aldine ISD\*\*](#)
  - Starting March 30th, Aldine ISD will be providing 6 meals to each student on Mondays and 4 meals on Thursdays at various locations in the district. If students cannot be present upon pickup, proof of enrollment documents are required for each student
- [\*\*Spring ISD\*\*](#)
  - For Curbside Pickups at Spring ISD Students MUST be present to receive meals. They have morning pickups from 8 am-11 am and evening pickups from 5 pm-7 pm. List of Pickup locations and menus are available online.
- [\*\*Cypress-Fairbanks ISD\*\*](#)
  - CFISD will be providing curbside pickups from 10 am-1 pm. List of locations can be found on their online website.
- [\*\*Klein ISD\*\*](#)
  - Every week Klein ISD updates their website every week on curbside pick-ups locations for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- [\*\*YES Prep\*\*](#)
  - Until schools reopen, YES Prep will be providing curbside pick-ups at their southside and northwest bus stops and non-partnership campuses. If the child(ren) is not able to be in the car upon pick-up, the parent must bring eligibility documents that are available online. These meals will be available Mondays and Thursdays between 11 am and 1:30pm.
- [\*\*Houston ISD\*\*](#)
  - Starting April 6 HISD will be relaunching their food distribution hubs throughout the district. The food distribution will extend to Friday, April 10. They will be distributing 500 boxes per day at various school campuses. The distribution schedule can be found online.



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## Other Available Food Programs

- [FoodBank Program](#)
  - Houston Foodbank has provided a centralized hub for curbside pick-up and food delivery programs with virtual maps to help individuals find the locations
- [Houston Parks & Recreation Dept. Food Drive](#)
  - The City of Houston Park & Recreation Department is providing 50 park locations to utilize as curbside pick-up locations. The list of locations can be found on their online website
- [UberEats & Grubhub Free Delivery](#)
  - Various food delivery services have partnered with local restaurants to provide free delivery to individuals who do not have access to transportation to enjoy their neighborhood restaurants
- [Comfort Food Care Package \(CFCP\) Program](#)
  - This program is designed to provide meals for at-risk youth and families identified by Family and Youth Success Program. This program allows for customers of participating restaurants to purchase a CFCP. Each package contains enough food to feed a family of 6. Visit the Texas Restaurant Association website to find participating restaurants or sign your restaurant up as a CFCP participant visit the Texas Restaurant Association website.



# RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES



## Childcare for Essential Workers

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[Findchildcarenow.org](https://www.findchildcarenow.org) connects essential workers with childcare centers that have immediate openings. Parents can also apply for childcare financial assistance

If you are an essential worker in need of financial assistance, Workforce Solution will contact you within four business days

# RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

### **LeVar Burton Reads!**

The star of the hit children's show "Reading Rainbow" is going to livestream himself reading books. Twitter [livestream](#)

[@levarburton](#)

*Mondays for Children: 11am CT*

*Wednesdays for Young Adults: 5pm CT*

*Fridays for Adults: 8pm CT*



### **Mind Heart's COVI Book:**

A coloring book to help explain COVID-19 to young children.

[English, Spanish, & other languages](#)

[LSU Health: Supporting Young Children Isolated Due to COVID-19](#)

[Zero to Three At Home Activity Guide](#)

[Sesame Street's My Healthy Week:](#)

A Downloadable chart to encourage three good hygiene habits.

[Free Calming Mandalas](#)

## FREE ONLINE LEARNING SITES

[Khan Academy](#)

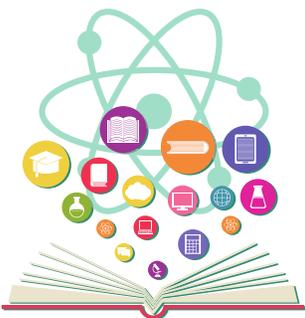
[Scholastic: Learn At Home](#)

[Crash Course](#)

[ABCmouse](#)

[We are Teachers.Com:](#)

*225+ Free Online Learning Resources*



# RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

## VIRTUAL TOURS

### ***Zoo's & Aquariums***

[The Houston Zoo](#)

[Cincinnati Zoo](#)

[Atlanta Zoo's Panda Cam](#)

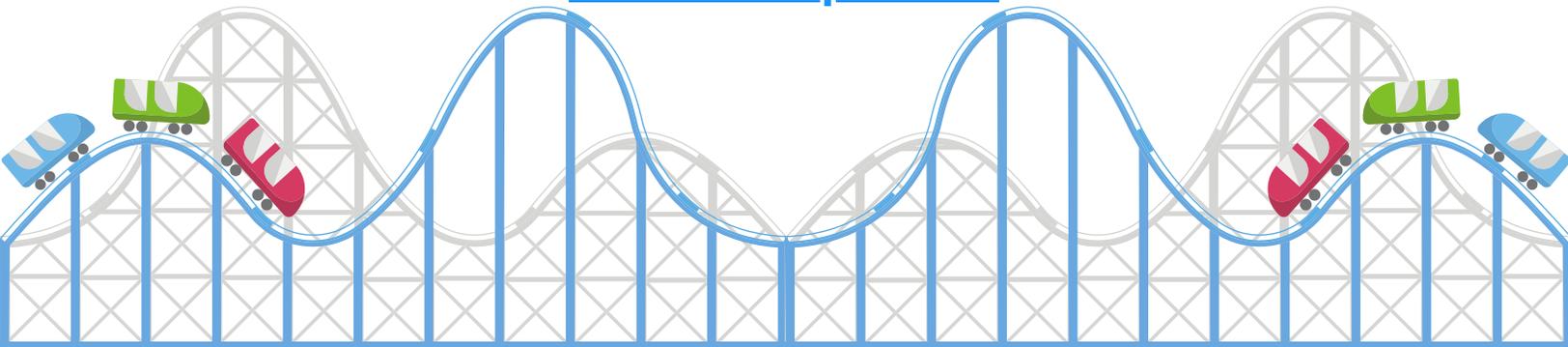
[Georgia's Aquarium](#)

[The Shedd Aquarium](#)

[San Diego Zoo](#)

[Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)

[National Aquarium](#)



### ***Theme Parks***

[Walt Disney World](#)

*360 Degree Panoramic Virtual Tours of Several Disney Attractions like Epcot, The Magic Kingdom, The Animal Kingdom, and Many More!*

[Legoland Florida Resort](#)

*Explore the Legoland Resort in a Virtual Tour of the Park*

[SeaWorld Orlando](#)

*A Virtual Tour of Seaworld including a tour of Discovery Cove and the option to "ride" the steel roller coaster!*

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## VIRTUAL TOURS

### *Museum & Art Gallery Tours*

[Explore YOUR City of Houston Art Collection!](#)

[The Louvre](#)

[Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum](#)

[Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History](#)

[Van Gogh Museum](#)

[Getty Museum](#)

[The Vatican Museum](#)

[Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum](#)

[Georgia O'Keeffe Museum](#)

[National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City](#)

[British Museum, London](#)

[NASA](#)

[National Women's History Museum](#)

[Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

[High Museum of Art, Atlanta](#)

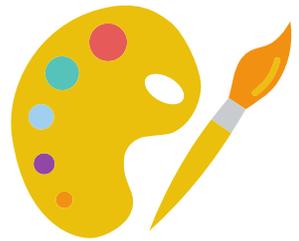
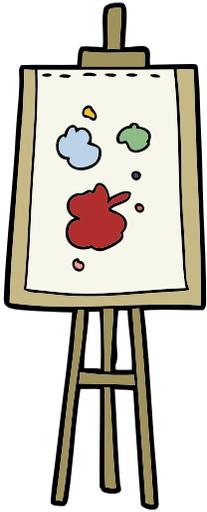
[Detroit Institute of Arts](#)

[Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam](#)

[National Museum of the United States Air Force](#)

[The Museum of Modern Art](#)

[Museum of Fine Arts, Boston](#)



# Student Resources

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Under the Governor's Executive Order, every school across Texas is closed until the end of the 2019-2020 school year. There are a multitude of resources available to parents and caretakers now stepping into to the role as teacher. Below you will find a list of some valuable resources.

- Information about internet resources for student's can be found [here](#).
- [Houston Independent School District H.O.M.E program](#)
- [Aldine Independent School District At-Home Learning plan](#)
- The Houston Library has a a wide range of resources to support your child's learning experience. Check it out [here](#).
- Houston Public Media has expanded their grade-level-student programming. Also, HPM will be providing free learn-at-home digital resources to accompany PBS' trusted programs. More information found [here](#).



# Volunteer and Support

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These resources provide access to volunteer opportunities and centralized hubs for other services related to COVID-19

- [Houston Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Catholic Charities Corona Virus Page](#)
- [Gallery Furniture & Mattress Mack](#)
- [Volunteer Blood Drive Opportunities](#)
- [Volunteer Houston](#)
- [Combined Arms- COVID-19 Medical Initiative](#)
- [Eldercare Support Link](#)
- [Star of Hope COVID-19 Response](#)
- [United Way Houston COVID-19 Hub](#)
- [Houston Case Managers COVID-19 Hub](#)
- [Greater Northside Management District](#)

