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COVID-19
Cases as of
April 7, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

2,968 POSITIVE
44 DEATHS
402 RECOVERED

TEXAS

8,420 POSITIVE
158 DEATHS

UNITED STATES

386,800 POSITIVE
12,021 DEATHS
20,191 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

1,412,103 POSITIVE
81,103 DEATHS
298,352 RECOVERED

More COVID-19 Test Sites open as death count rises

Harris County is looking at an escalating count of positive cases of COVID-19 flu, according to health officials. The 19 county area around Harris County has registered about 3000 cases, as shown in the chart at the left, and about 44 deaths. These figures have doubled in just a few days.

Authorities are reminding everyone of the need to follow the "Stay Safe" rules: wash your hands, keep a social distance from everyone, and stay at home, not in public. Only those who are conducting

See **TEST SITES**, page 6



INFORMATION ON CORONAVIRUS TEST SITES:

- United Memorial Med Ctr. site at 510 w. Tidwell, as seen above is free, and does not require pre-screening. They also have sites in Sugar Land, and at Forest Brook Middle School.
- City of Houston call 832-393-4220 for pre-screening. Two sites are open, at Butler and Delmar Stadiums.
- Harris County has one site open in East Harris County, in the Baytown area, and another in the Katy area. Prescreening is done at readyharris.com or by calling 832-927-7575.

CROSBY Fire Dept. leader Boyles passes



Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. Chairman dies of stroke leaving 38 year legacy.

Honors for Bob L. Boyles outside of the Methodist Church April 3. Story on Page 5.

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Pct. 2 expanding 'Homebound Senior Food' delivery program

New online portal and phone hotline will enroll qualifying seniors for daily hot meal delivery

HARRIS COUNTY PCT. 2 — With the thought that no one should go hungry during the current Harris County Stay-At-Home order, and because many in elderly population already have difficulties getting out anyway, Commissioner Adrian Garcia is expanding the existing homebound senior daily

free hot meal delivery program in Precinct 2. Any Precinct 2 resident who is age 60 or older possessing limited resources and is unable to leave home due to illness, disability, or lack of mobility qualifies.

Seniors that qualify will receive daily, nutritious hot meals delivered directly to their door by Precinct 2 staff. Anyone who believes they are eligible for this service is asked to register on an online form on the Harris Co. Precinct 2 website (www.hcp2.com/programs/precinct-2-meal).

Those without internet access are asked to apply over the phone via the Precinct 2 Hotline (713-274-2222) which is active Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Adrian Garcia issued the following statement:

“During this crisis, we will not forget our most vulnerable residents of Precinct 2, such as homebound seniors. I have instructed my staff to expand our current homebound senior food delivery program by signing up any



Commissioner Adrian Garcia

and all seniors who are struggling and are unable to leave their Precinct 2 homes, due to illness, dis-

ability, or lack of mobility. Our current program is great, but I know there is going to be an increasing need for help, and we are preparing to meet the demand.”

Eligibility

After submitting an application, a Harris County Precinct 2 representative will evaluate applicants' conditions. Evaluations will include assessing the ability to perform daily activities such as food preparations and shopping, how often the applicant leaves their home, as well

as their access to other assistance services. Note: All information gathered is totally confidential, and records are kept at the Harris County Precinct 2 service provider's office.

People may qualify for home deliveries if they are:

- Ages 60 and over.
- Homebound due to illness, disability, or frailty.
- Unable to prepare nourishing meals due to limited mobility, psychological, or mental impairment.
- Without resources such as family and friends.

Crosby Community Food Drive



Crosby Community Center staff, known to be friends with the Easter Bunny hosts a Food Distribution for Precinct 2 residents made possible by donations through Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) and H-E-B. grocers.

Free food distributed at several schools and centers



Precinct 2 Northeast Community Center, seen above, and Aldine's MO Campbell Center were just two of many sites throughout the area that were distributing free food to families in a drive-thru last week. Pct. 2 food came from the Hilton Americas Hotel, and consisted of carrots, potatoes, apples and brussel sprouts.

It was distributed by Second Serving, and deputy constables from local precincts. It only lasted two hours, and then the food was all gone. Anyone with extra food is encouraged to call Pct. 2 for future distribution. The city of Houston is also distributing food at their community centers. Earlier in the week Aldine ISD distributed food parcels at 22 schools throughout the district.

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ROUND-UP

CORVID-19 CASES CHAMBERS COUNTY

As of April 7, 2020

Confirmed-17
Recovered-3
Hospitalized-0
Tested-163

East Chambers-2
Med Chambers-4
West Chambers-11

FM 1490 Groundbreaking

Mont Belvieu - The FM 1409 extension has officially started construction last Monday, April 6.

The new road will extend FM 1409 from FM 565 in Old River to FM 565 in Cove. The extension will provide a two-lane undivided highway which will eventually cross over IH-10. Phase 1 of the project consists of both FM 1409 from N. FM 565 to IH-10 westbound frontage road, and FM 1409 from IH-10 eastbound frontage road S. FM 565; which is slated to be completed by November 2021.

Phase 2 consists of the FM 1409 bridge; which will be out for bid this year.

Commissioner Pct. 3 Gary Nelson said it will provide traffic relief to Eagle Drive. Judge Sylvia praised the teamwork to accomplish the project.

Judge Sylvia signs Amendment 3 of Executive Order

-Clarifies essential business, as related to religious services, to be consistent with the Governor's order;

-There is new CISA guidance (v2.0) since the original order, and that reference to the newest guidance is made clear;

-Allowed addition to essential business as determined by TDEM's vetting process (they are allowing businesses to submit determination to TDEM for inclusion);

-Expanding upon what essential retail is, to include persons who DELIVER goods related to residences (ie., furniture, appliances, etc.); and

-Affirmed that the Local Health Authority may quarantine a person or property to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Barbers Hill ISD schedules \$277 M. Bond vote May 2nd

NO TAX HIKE NECESSARY

MONT BELVIEU - The Trustees of Barbers Hill ISD approved a bond election for \$277.5 million to be voted on May 2 that requires no tax increase.

It is the largest bond increase in the history of the school and there has been no tax increase for the last 16 years. The previous bond has yet to conclude payment

The call follows a comprehensive demographic study that among other things indicates a 25% increase in kindergarten population.

The Early Childhood Center is to be expanded,

two intermediate campuses, a ninth grade campus and expansion of existing campuses with bond funding. Throughout the district there are to be safety and security upgrades. Early Childhood Education would include Pre-K and Kindergarten with additions to elementary schools included on the north and south ends of the district.

Barbers Hill ISD is enjoying the third fastest growth within the state with a 3.6% population increase.

According to Superintendent Greg Poole, "Barbers Hill ISD is one of the fastest growing schools districts in Texas. It is a state leading



Dr. Greg Poole, BHISD Superintendent

district with significant academic, extracurricular and financial success! We passed our last bond by an 86% margin and enjoy tremendous community support.

We will continue to be a child-centered district that seeks to maximize the potential of every child. We are proud of the many past leaders that have laid the foundation that has made Barbers Hill a destination district for the unprecedented numbers of parents that are moving here."

The school wants to move ahead with holding the bond election on May 2 to keep ahead of the need for classrooms for its rapidly growing younger pupils.

According to Sheriff Brian Hawthorne, We are trying to get another option of the Stay-At-Home Order. It is still in

effect, we want to make sure voters still have a way to get a ballot."

In the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic, the school is opting for the public to help by applying for mail in ballots based upon the Secretary of State's order that an election by mail in ballot is allowed when it can be established there is potential "injury to the voter's health," (Sec. 82.002) voters are being asked to go online to

<https://resources.finalsite.net> and apply for a mail in ballot to vote on the bond or see the instructions published on page 7 of this week's paper.

Senator Brandon Creighton's statement on COVID-19 relief package

Dear Texans,

Covid 19 has been devastating to small businesses across Texas--and now more than ever, we need to find ways to help the people that sponsor our little league teams, donate to our food drives, and make sacrifices everyday to make payroll for employees--who are often our family and neighbors.

Washington, D.C. finally acted on a package that can be a lifeline for small businesses. I am working with Senators Cruz and Cornyn, and many of our

Congressmen to make sure that Texas employers get as much help as possible during these unknown times.

On this website <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance> you can find more helpful information regarding small business loans, tax payments, and the best options for your employees as well as the application to apply for a loan.

I am working every day to strike a balance between the advice of public health experts and data, and charting a path forward for

our economy to get back on track as soon as possible. Email me at Brandon.Creighton@senate.texas.gov if you have any questions or need assistance with these programs.

And if you can, order takeout, buy a gift card to use at a later time, or pick up supplies at a local hardware store. At times of crisis, Texans come together, and I know we will get through this too.

God Bless Texas,
Senator Brandon Creighton

Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Injury Clinic Expands Hours of Operation

BAYTOWN - (April 3, 2020) - In an effort to provide support to the Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital emergency room staff as it prepares for a possible influx of patients seeking treatment for COVID-19 and to help patients in need of traditional ED services, Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine's Orthopedic Injury Clinic has established expanded hours of operation at its Baytown clinic.

The clinic, located in the outpatient center (1677 W. Baker Rd.) is now open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday for patients seeking same-day treatment for a variety of orthopedic conditions and injuries.

The injury clinic is staffed by board-certified orthopedic specialists and is available to treat orthopedic injuries requiring casting, bracing, splinting and other minor procedures.

Patients in need of immediate orthopedic care, can count on the highly trained doctors and staff at the Houston Methodist

Baytown Orthopedic Injury Clinic to quickly evaluate and treat injuries so you can get back to moving and doing the activities you love.

The clinic provides same-day treatment for a wide range of conditions, including:

- Acute orthopedic injuries
- Fractures and broken bones
- Injured tendons
- Minor dislocations
- Painful or swollen joints
- Sports injuries
- Sprains and strains
- Torn ligaments

In some cases, as an alternative to admitting patients into the emergency department, staff may refer patients to the orthopedics clinic for evaluation and treatment, provided the patient is not admitted for other, more serious reasons. It is recommended that all new and established patients call to schedule a same-day appointment.

The clinic will remain available for patients who might otherwise seek

emergency room services until the point at which pandemic conditions allow for a return to normal hours and services. For more information, call 281-427-7400, or visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown.

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Chambers County FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-Stay Safe Order

Can I go to work? Yes, but only if you are deemed an employee of an Essential Business, such as grocery store employees, healthcare providers, construction, industry and more. Those whose jobs are deemed essential are expected to maintain social distancing standards in the workplace.

Employers are encouraged to remember that congregations of people on any premises - either public or private - are prohibited.

According to the federal government's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency guidelines, there are 16 sectors considered essential:

- Communications
- Chemical
- Critical Manufacturing
- Commercial Facilities
- Dams
- Defense Industrial Base
- Emergency Services
- Energy
- Financial
- Food & Agriculture
- Government Facilities
- Healthcare & Public Health
- Information Technology
- Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste
- Transportation Systems
- Water/Wastewater Systems

Can I still go to the store to buy groceries? Yes, grocery stores will remain open during the order. However, all grocers will be required to keep customers at least six feet apart to meet social distancing standards. Health officials do not recommend leaving the house unless it is an absolute necessity. ONLY ONE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER should visit the grocery store at a time.

Can I go to church? No, all Chambers County churches will be required to host religious services online only. There can be exceptions made for one-on-one meetings for spiritual and mental health, but individuals involved must maintain social distancing requirements.

Can I still visit public parks? Yes, all public parks will remain open. However, visitors must stay six feet apart from one another. All public benches, exercise equipment, playgrounds and basketball courts will be closed to eliminate contact.

Is fishing permitted? Fishing is permitted. Boat ramps are open for public use.

Can I camp (either in a camper, RV or tent) at Chambers County parks? No, camping is prohibited at this time.

What if I need to leave my house to care for someone else, such as an elderly relative? You are allowed to leave your home for emergency/essential care of family members, pets, and other loved ones.

Are restaurants closing? No, Chambers County restaurants are still allowed to serve to-go and drive-thru orders, but customers picking up food will be required to stay six feet apart.

Are pet supply and/or care facilities permitted to stay open? Yes, pet supply, pet care and pet grooming facilities are permitted to stay open.

Are childcare providers allowed to provide services to all citizens or only to those with jobs that are deemed essential? Childcare providers are allowed to provide services to all citizens.

Is travel restricted in Chambers County? The Stay Safe Order does not restrict travel or movement in Chambers County.

Can COVID-19 be transmitted through mosquitos or ticks? No, mosquitos and ticks are not carriers for COVID-19.

Are homebuilders considered essential industry? Yes, homebuilders are considered essential and may continue with construction activities.

Can I still go to convenience stores? Yes, however no food service establishment, convenience store or other retail establishment is permitted to allow customers to self-serve ready to eat food or drinks. This includes buffets, beverage dispensers and customer self-service stations.

Operate or manage an Essential Business. Should I be screening my employees before they enter the premises? Yes, the CDC recommends that businesses screen employees before allowing them to enter the premises. Visit cdc.gov for more information.

Individuals who violate these restrictions could face a fine of \$1,000 or up to 180 days in jail.

★ OPINION PAGE ★

COUNTY TALK
 Harris County Judge
 Lina Hidalgo



Harris County Surpassing 1,000 Cases of COVID-19, 13 Fatalities

"Today, our county reached a grim milestone. Within Harris County, including the City of Houston, more than 1,000 residents have now tested positive. Deaths have now entered the double-digits - 13 people have had their lives stolen by COVID-19. We know it is easy to feel powerless against this virus, an invisible force responsible for so much hardship across our region. The truth is, we are not powerless. For those of you at home, distancing and protecting your community - thank you. That simple act of staying physically apart from others is making a difference by saving lives - among the vulnerable and strong alike. Those same actions will help us get past this surge in cases sooner so that we can go back to normal and our economy can get back on track as soon as possible. As we have with every other challenge we have faced, we will emerge stronger when this is over- but the only way to get there is together."

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo Extends Stay at Home, Work Safe Order to April 30

These past few weeks, our lives have been uprooted as our community has taken crucial and extensive measures to protect ourselves from the COVID-19 epidemic. We have declared a public health emergency in Harris County. Large gatherings have been canceled, schools have closed their doors, and we have ordered restaurants to close their dining rooms. Those who are able to do so are working from home, many juggling full-time jobs and caring for and homeschooling their children. Too many are without a job and struggling to make ends meet. Countless others, from medical professionals to grocery store employees, are on the job risking their health and working harder than ever, preparing for what is yet to come.

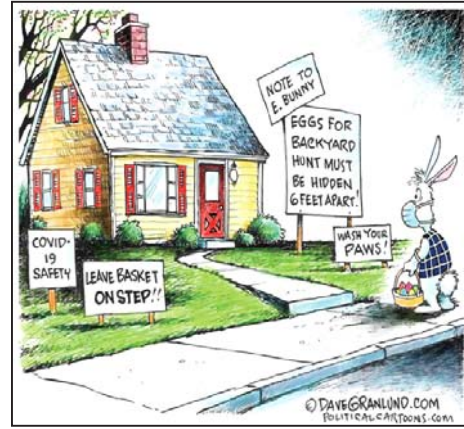
While I know this is an incredibly difficult time, we are in a crucial moment in which our sacrifices will save the lives of our relatives, neighbors, and friends. Everyone must play their part to help us stop the spread of Coronavirus. Only by stopping the spread of the virus will we keep our healthcare system from being over-

whelmed and ensure that we get over this crisis and back to normality as soon as possible.

The number of COVID-19 cases within Harris County continues to quickly grow, and we must continue to do everything possible to temper these numbers. On Tuesday, I extended the mandatory Stay Home-Work Safe order for Harris County. The order closes non-essential businesses and stops non-essential activities through April 30. This decision, and any other decisions we make, are based on science and data. Our North Star is the advice we are getting from our hospital leaders, who tell us rates are going up too quickly, but we are still in time to fare better than what we are seeing in other communities if we all do our part.

Please, follow the order and stay home as much as you possibly can. Keep practicing social distancing and following community guidelines. Support our local restaurants by ordering take-out or delivery. If you can, donate to the Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund to help our most vulnerable residents in this critical time of need. Stay informed by visiting the Ready Harris website for COVID-19 information, updates, and resources. Take some time to fill out your census. And take care of yourself — reach out for help if you or someone you know needs it.

We are in this together and we will beat this together. Stay strong.



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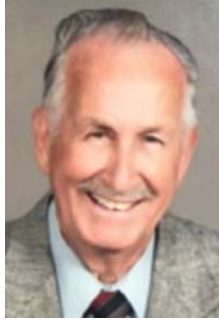
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LIFESTYLE PAGE

OBITUARIES

BOB L. BOYLES



Bob L. Boyles

Bob L. Boyles was born April 28, 1939, to Levi and Opal Boyles in Gladewater, Texas, the first of 5 children. He passed away March 30, 2020 with his family by his side.

After living in California, New Mexico and Houston, the family moved to Crosby, Texas in 1949, where Bob enrolled in the fifth grade in Crosby ISD, and that very same year, met the girl who would become the love of his life.

Bob graduated from Crosby High School in 1957, where he had been active in FFA as an officer, was class vice-president, and had been very active in Boy Scouts.

Bob enrolled in University of Houston when his education was interrupted by being drafted into the US Army. He was discharged from military service in 1960 after serving 18 months in Germany, with the rank of E-5, and was called back into the army in 1961 to serve a third year, which contributed to his forming many close, life-long friendships. One of his most enjoyable activities was participating in the many "Co-A" reunions with his army buddies.

On July 8, 1960, Bob married Joyce Polka and they were blessed with three children; Bob Jr., Belinda and Bethany, and the family resided in Crosby from 1963 to present.

Bob was employed at Pritchett Engineering and Machine for 28 years, followed by Montgomery Brothers, Marberry Machine, Montgomery Machine (Scottish firm) G & G Machine and was currently employed to USA Precision Machine. He was a member of NACE and ASME.

Bob was a member of Crosby United Methodist Church, having served on many committees. Co-founded and was president

of the Crosby High School Football Booster Club (1975-1979). He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Crosby Volunteer Fire Department, then upon the founding of Harris County Emergency District #80, he became the President and served in that capacity until his death. He was Republican Precinct chairman and Harris County Election judge for many years. Bob proudly served as Commander of the Crosby American Legion Post 658. He was a committee member of Crosby Alumni Association and was a member of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Houston General Go-Texas Committee for 20 plus years and became a Lifetime Member.

Bob loved his family, and enjoyed hunting all across Texas, owning a ranch and raising Beefmaster and Longhorn cattle in both Harris and Kerr counties. He loved the time he and Joyce spent traveling in the USA with their family and in later years in Canada, Mexico, the UK, Europe, Czech Republic, Alaska, Hawaii, Scotland and many other countries in Europe.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Levi and Opal Boyles, brother Jerry Lynn, son Bob Jr., and best friend Clyde Clements.

Bob is survived by his wife of 59 years, 8 months, Joyce, daughter Belinda and husband Jeff Armstrong; grandchildren Emily, Ashley (Kelly Staton), and Jeff Jr., great-grandchildren Baylor Marie and James Wyatt. Daughter Bethany and husband Matthew Gotthardt, Gotthardt children: Emily, Matthew, Holden, and Korbyt. Sisters Sharron Montgomery, Rev. Vivian Boyles and Savannah Boyles. In-Laws Raymond and Connie Polka, Joe Dee and Janet Polka, Carol Tepera and many loving nieces and nephews of the Polka, Tepera and Montgomery families.

It is a great wish of Bob's that there not be sadness nor mourning. Just to remember the joys that his past life has been. Due to the current situation in the United States, there will only be a graveside service for immediate family. A celebration of life to follow at a time to be announced later, with a gathering of everyone coming together.

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Bob Boyles leaves a legacy of dedication,

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CROSBY – Few leaders of a community have held so many leadership positions as did Bob Boyles and few have left a legacy that is dedicated to saving lives and guarding the security of a community.

On March 19, 1981, a vehicle was pulling out from a side street as a Crosby Fire Truck approached, a collision was to be imminent so Bob Boyles Jr. swirved to avoid injuring someone else, in the disaster that followed, the son of a community leader lost his life.

In that year a young Alan Kulak was mascot for the department, they told him he was too young to be a fireman at age 15, and he was training under Bob Junior to take on skills needed to save lives and fight fires. Now Fire Chief Kulak believes that due to the loss of his son in the line of duty, Bob Boyles dedicated himself to making Crosby have a great fire department as it could possibly afford.

He was elected President of the Board of Directors in 1982 when Crosby Firefighters had to rely only upon donations from the general public and fundraising to keep fighting fires.

Boyles spearheaded many of the fundraising

drives himself in those days, his dedication extended to asking for donations.

In 1988 a young Assistant Chief Kulak recalls going to Boyles to ask if it was possible to obtain a tanker for the department as this equipment would greatly expand the capacity of the firefighters to battle large flames. Boyles went to work finding a finance company that would extend credit to an organization that was running completely off of donations. Boyles came through and the department ordered its first tanker in 1989.

Boyles again got financing for badly needed equipment when the ladder truck was so delapidated it was costing more to keep it running than a new truck would cost in 1991. The department had not hardly begun paying off the tanker when Boyles got financed a new ladder truck.

"Bob always went above and beyond to keep our equipment operational throughout the late 1980's and 1990's before we had a tax basis," reports Chief Alan Kulak.

Boyles lead the charge to get a tax basis in 1998 and lead the effort to bring the ISO insurance improvements of 1999. That

Free Meals by Precinct 2 at centers and parks, schools

Meal Distribution during COVID-19

The safety and well-being of our communities come first in Precinct 2. We understand that during this time food accessibility can be limited due to vacant grocery stores. To help, Harris County Precinct 2 is hosting a food distribution at parks (children only) and community centers (all ages) Below you will find flyers and information about what's taking place this week (week of April 6th)

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OTHER FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

The Houston Food Bank, school districts, as well as other organizations are working together to host food distributions in various areas, in efforts to address the food insecurity while following social distancing procedures for the safety of the community. Are you or someone you know in need of food? Perfect! This blog is for you. We have put together a list of meal distribution locations for those in need during this difficult time.

Note: You can also find local pantries across the county by visiting the Houston Food Bank's website, or call their helpline at 832-369-9390.

PRECINCT 2 AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

ALDINE ISD
Starting Monday, March 30, Child Nutrition Service

es will be providing breakfast and lunch pickup from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families will be able to pick up six meals for each student on Monday and four meals for each student on Thursday. This change allows both families and staff to remain healthy and safe during meal pickup.

Students no longer have to be present for meal pickup, however, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) requires parents/guardians to show proof of enrollment in a school district through an ID badge, report card, attendance report/record, or birth certificate for students under school age.

GOOSE CREEK ISD

Since Monday, March 23, Goose Creek CISD has adjusted its Grab and Go meal distribution to include additional locations and to allow both breakfast and lunch to be given out at one time. This will not only give families easier access to the meal distribution sites, but it also will allow them to pick up breakfast and lunch in one stop. Children must be present to receive meals.

Each child age 18 and under will receive two bags of food. Goose Creek CISD staff will hand out the food from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on weekdays. The 19 locations include Alamo, Ashbel Smith, Austin, Bañuelos, Bowie, Carver, Clark, Crockett, Harlem, Highlands, Lamar, San Jacinto, and Travis elementaries; Cedar Bayou, Gentry, and Horace Mann junior schools and Goose Creek Memorial, Lee and Sterling high schools.

GALENA PARK ISD

Galena Park ISD's Student Nutrition Department will provide FREE meals beginning Tuesday, March 17, and continuing through the duration of the closure at the campuses listed below.

Students must be 18 years of age to qualify. Breakfast will be provided from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and lunch will be provided from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Meals will be distributed near the bus ramp of the campus.

CURBSIDE MEAL CAMPUSES:

Woodland Acres Elementary School - 12956 Sarahs Ln, Houston, TX 77015

Sam Houston Elementary School - 4101 East Sam Houston Pkwy N, Houston, TX 77015

Galena Park Elementary School - 401 N Main St, Galena Park, TX 77547
Dr. Shirley J. Williamson Elementary School - 6720 New Forest Parkway, Houston, TX 77049

North Shore Middle School - 120 Castlegory Rd, Houston, TX 77015

DEER PARK ISD

Deer Park ISD continues to provide free breakfast and lunch to children 18 years and under on weekdays through April 10. Parents can drive by the following locations to pick up a lunch meal as well as a breakfast meal for the next morning for each child who is present in the vehicle (under state guidelines, each child must be in the vehicle). Walk-up orders are also permitted for those who have no vehicle. However, each child must be present to pick up meals, and social distancing rules must be followed.

Beginning Monday, March 30:

THE FALLS OF DEER PARK (7201 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
CARPENTER ELEMENTARY (5002 W Pasadena Blvd, Deer Park, TX 77536)

(Use the parent drop-off lane/north entrance off Pasadena Boulevard between Bonnette Junior High and old Carpenter Elementary)

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
DEEPWATER ELEMENTARY (309 Glenmore Dr, Pasadena, TX 77503)

(Use the bus lane/north entrance off Meadowlake Road)

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL-NORTH CAMPUS (402 Ivy Ave, Deer Park, TX 77536)

(Use the student pickup lane near the school library off Ivy Avenue and East Fourth Street)

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

HOUSTON LEISURE RV RESORT

(1601 S Main St, Highlands, TX 77562)
10:30-11:15 a.m.

PIEDMONT APARTMENTS

(7510 Decker Dr, Baytown, TX 77520)
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

IN THE STARS

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Damon Lay
Mitchell Thompson
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Richard Lyons
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Apr 12 - Rylee Clamon
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Apr 15 - Harry Stewart
Cherie Zarsky

ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 9 - Robert & Delana Matthews
Joshua & Kaylee Bradley
Apr 10 - Rod & Anita Davis

HUFFMAN ISD

Beginning March 30, Grab-n-Go breakfast and lunch meals will be available once per day, from 11:00 - 1:00, Monday-Friday at Huffman Elementary School.

The Houston Food Bank will be making their food delivery this Friday, April 3. This food may be picked up Friday, also from 11:00 - 1:00, and is open to all Huffman community members in need of assistance.

For more information, please visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/huffmanschools> or email them at sdupree@huffmanisd.net.

SHELDON ISD

Sheldon ISD continues to provide "Grab and Go" meals for children ages 1-18 beginning at the following campuses:

Carroll Elementary
Royalwood Elementary
Sheldon Elementary
Null Middle School
C. E. King Middle School

Each week on Monday and Thursday, breakfast will be available for pickup from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; and lunch will be available for pickup from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each distribution will consist of six meals each time to cover for the week. Students MUST be present when walking or driving up in order to receive their meals for accounting purposes.

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★ COVID-19 VIRUS NEWS ★

Test Sites,

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"essential business" should be away from home. A list of these is on page 3.

Testing for anyone with the symptoms of the virus, which include a fever over 100.4 degrees, a dry cough, difficult breathing, chills, runny/stuffy nose, shortness of breath, sore throat, recent international travel, or exposure to someone suspected of having the virus or reasons for getting a test. This will allow you to get treatment, and give the health authorities information about the spread of the disease.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee opened a third private drive-thru test site at Forest Brook Middle School last Thursday, working with UMMC, the

United Memorial Medical Center. Testing at this site is free, and does not require prescreening. This is the third site she has opened in the area, including a site at 510 West Tidwell and another at the Smart Financial Centre in Sugarland.

Jackson said "We have done this to save lives." She said the choice of Forest Brook Middle School as a site was because census data indicated a high number of senior citizens who live in the area.

The Congresswoman said the sites she has worked to open are meant to compliment the city and county-backed testing sites that have also opened in recent days.

About 3,000 people have been tested since the first UMMC testing site opened, officials said. Each site can test about 250 to 350 persons per day. They are open from Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm. About 9% of the tests have come back positive, officials said.

People with symptoms are allowed to go to the testing sites, where they will be screened before being tested. Results are available in a few days.

Sheila Jackson Lee has also participated in the few "pop-up" test sites. On Monday of this week, she was at the community center in Jacinto City, where she helped test first responders.

EPA Awards State of Texas More Than \$1.5 Million to Monitor Particle Air Pollution

DALLAS (April 2, 2020) — Recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded the state of Texas \$1,543,710 to monitor air quality for fine particulate matter, also called particle pollution or soot. The grant is provided under a cooperative agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to develop and maintain monitoring programs under requirements of the federal Clean Air Act.

"Monitoring for particle pollution is crucial to controlling it and protecting public health in our communities," said Regional Administrator Ken McQueen. "EPA is proud to continue supporting

TCEQ's strong air quality programs with this grant."

The grant covers programs to monitor fine particulate matter, which consists of solid and liquid particles no larger than 2.5 microns in diameter. The funding will help TCEQ's air monitoring program prevent and control air pollution and implement national primary and secondary air quality standards.

Particulate matter, also called particle pollution, contains microscopic solids or liquids which may be harmful if inhaled. The particles can become lodged in the lungs, or can even get in your bloodstream, causing respiratory or heart problems. People with heart or lung

disease, children, and older adults are most likely to be affected by particle pollution. The particles also affect the environment, with the smallest being the main cause of reduced visibility (haze).

For more about EPA's work in Texas: <https://www.epa.gov/tx>

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U.S. Treasury & SBA Announce Paycheck Protection Program: CARES

WASHINGTON — Following President Trump's signing of the historic Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza and Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin today announced that the SBA and Treasury Department have initiated a robust mobilization effort of banks and other lending institutions to provide small businesses with the capital they need.

The CARES Act establishes a new \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program. The Program will provide much-needed relief to millions of small businesses so they can sustain their businesses and keep their workers employed.

"This legislation provides small business job retention loans to provide eight weeks of payroll and certain overhead to keep workers employed," said Secretary Mnuchin. "Treasury and the Small Business Administration expect to have this program up and running by April 3rd so that businesses can go to a participating SBA 7(a) lender, bank, or credit union, apply for a loan, and be approved on the same day. The loans will be forgiven as long as the funds are used to keep employees on the payroll and for certain other expenses."

"This unprecedented public-private partnership is going to assist small businesses with accessing capital quickly. Our goal is to position

lenders as the single point-of-contact for small businesses — the application, loan processing, and disbursement of funds will all be administered at the community level," said Administrator Carranza. "Speed is the operative word; applications for the emergency capital can begin as early as this week, with lenders using their own systems and processes to make these loans. We remain committed to supporting our nation's more than 30 million small businesses and their employees, so that they can continue to be the fuel for our nation's economic engine."

The new loan program will help small businesses with their payroll and other business operating expenses. It will provide critical capital to businesses without collateral requirements, personal guarantees, or SBA fees — all with a 100% guarantee from SBA. All loan payments will be deferred for six months. Most importantly, the SBA will forgive the portion of the loan proceeds that are used to cover the first eight weeks of payroll costs, rent, utilities, and mortgage interest.

The Paycheck Protection Program is specifically designed to help small businesses keep their workforce employed. Visit [SBA.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus) for more information on the Paycheck Protection Program.

The new loan program will be available retroac-

tive from Feb. 15, 2020, so employers can rehire their recently laid-off employees through June 30, 2020.

Loan Terms & Conditions

Eligible businesses: All businesses, including non-profits, Veterans organizations, Tribal concerns, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals, and independent contractors, with 500 or fewer employees, or no greater than the number of employees set by the SBA as the size standard for certain industries

Maximum loan amount up to \$10 million

Loan forgiveness if proceeds used for payroll costs and other designated business operating expenses in the 8 weeks following the date of loan origination (due to likely high subscription, it is anticipated that not more than 25% of the forgiven amount may be for non-payroll costs)

All loans under this program will have the following identical features:

Interest rate of 0.5%

Maturity of 2 years

First payment deferred for six months

100% guarantee by SBA

No collateral

No personal guarantees

No borrower or lender fees payable to SBA

Visit [treasury.gov/cares](https://www.treasury.gov/cares) for more information on SBA's assistance to small businesses.

**Goose Creek teachers, students deal with the "Stay Home" order; a balancing act**

Online Instruction Creates Balancing Act
By Susan Passmore

By striving for a balance, Angie Johnson finds she is able to manage her roles as wife and mother as well as online teacher to her students and director of "Johnson Academy" as her two children work from home on their own assignments.

Johnson teaches Computer Science, Teen Leadership and Career Preparation at Goose Creek Memorial High School, where she is the 2019-20 Teacher of the Year. She also was selected as the District Secondary Teacher of the Year and a finalist for Region 4 Teacher of the Year. Besides her classes, she juggles UIL Academics and Student Council, so her organizational skills have been an asset to her even more since the district closure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 has upset everyone's routine.

"It's definitely been a change and definitely some adjustment, but we're going with it, and we're trying to stay positive about it and doing the best we can," Johnson said.

"I set up my little office station in one corner, and I have my daughters on each side of me. Number one, it's always good to have the parent in the middle because, as you know, siblings sometimes battle it out with opinions," said Johnson.

She first thought that they would all just work at the same time, but she soon found out that each daughter needed her at a specific time, so she had to work out a schedule. After waking up, having breakfast and getting ready for the day, they start off with an online art class for students all over the Houston

area, facilitated by Velia Gates at Bowie Elementary. The students draw and do other activities, such as hang artwork honoring first responders on their window to demonstrate their appreciation of them. Johnson plans to take her turn to teach some coding apps.

Following more assignments, they have lunch and recess, going outside to walk or ride bikes to break up the monotony of staring at a computer screen all day. Then, it's back to work for the afternoon, and Johnson can check students' assignments and log on for her office hour.

Although it sounds like she has perfected a system, Johnson admits here are always challenges, such as both of her children needing her attention at the same time.

She schedules breakfast and lunch, putting healthy snacks in a small bin so that they can get to them easily, but she still finds time management a challenge.

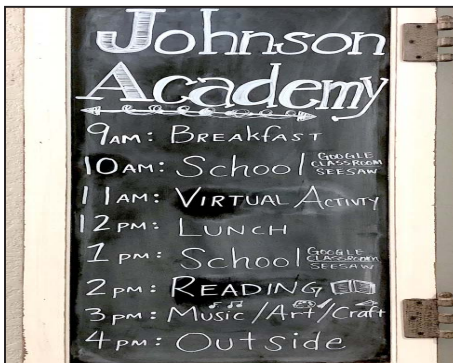
"It has been a struggle to be a mom to kids in more than one grade level and also to give my students and my teachers I help out some of my time. I'm just trying to find balance with meals and the curriculum and all of it," Johnson said.

She does find, however, that this new schedule has some rewards, such as enjoying togetherness, reconnecting with her family and having some down time — although there's not much of that!

Johnson also makes sure to connect with her students through webinars. She talked to one student, who struggles with depression, and she was also able to talk with her mother. She likes being able to conduct weekly check-ins with her stu-



The work area at the Johnson home provides a space for (from left) Kayden, sixth grade at Gentry Junior School; Angie, teacher at Goose Creek Memorial High School and Karis, first grade at Victoria Walker Elementary, during online instruction.



Angie Johnson (right), teacher at Goose Creek Memorial High School, helps daughter Karis with an assignment through Seesaw, while daughter Kayden completes one of her assignments.



Riding bicycles together not only provides time together, but also serves as physical education during online instruction. Pictured are Angie Johnson (back), teacher at Goose Creek Memorial High School; Kayden Johnson (middle) and Karis Johnson (front).



Johnson Academy students follow a schedule, thanks to the organization of their mother, Angie Johnson, a teacher at Goose Creek Memorial High School.

dents just so she can make sure everyone is okay.

Another benefit is that online instruction has pushed teachers to take advantage of technology and become more comfortable with it.

Special Education ARDs are conducted through virtual meetings, and Johnson sets up weekly department meetings for Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers. "I

think moving forward, I wouldn't be surprised if all teachers started making sure that they have things set up so if we ever get into a situation like this, it is a smoother transition," she said.

She praises the Technology Department members for their hard work.

While there are some positives, as the school year progresses, Johnson, like most teachers, misses

seeing her students, and even the best balancing act cannot change that.

"Not getting to see them, not getting to greet them at the door, not getting to give them a high five or just be there with them! As an educator, you just feel sad and lonely. You just want to see your kids," she said.

She sets up every class with the opportunity for

students to log in even if they won't show their faces on the screen, because she senses that they want the normalcy of connecting with their class, especially the seniors.

For now, Goose Creek CISD students and teachers will have to stay apart, but fortunately, they've found other ways to stay together.

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Issued this the 20th day of January, 2020.

George Barrera, President, Board of Trustees

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