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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### COVID-19 Cases as of April 28, 2020

#### HOUSTON AREA

9,259 POSITIVE  
196 DEATHS  
2,888 RECOVERED

#### TEXAS

26,045 POSITIVE  
687 DEATHS  
Recoveries Not Reported

#### UNITED STATES

1,004,908 POSITIVE  
57,812 DEATHS  
114,699 RECOVERED

#### WORLDWIDE

3,091,144 POSITIVE  
215,401 DEATHS  
920,044 RECOVERED

### COVID-19 RESOURCES

#### CITY OF HOUSTON

832-393-4220

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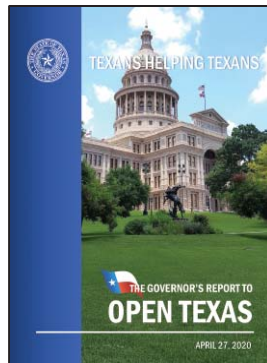
## ABBOTT ORDERS END TO VIRUS "STAY HOME"

# Governor reopens Texas on May 1

## Businesses that open subject to restrictions

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott on Monday, April 27 announced the first phase of the State of Texas' ongoing plan to safely and strategically open Texas while minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase I, certain services and activities are allowed to

open with limited occupancy. The Governor also outlined special guidance for Texans over 65 and detailed a comprehensive mitigation plan for nursing homes in Texas. The Governor also announced a statewide testing and tracing program developed by the Department of State Health Services that will help public health officials quickly identify and test Texans who contract COVID-19



and mitigate further spread of the virus.

The Governor's announcement is accompanied by a 66 page manual, Texans Helping Texans: The Governor's Report to Open Texas available to download at gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas. "This strategic approach to opening

the state of Texas prioritizes the health and safety of our communities and follows the guidelines laid out by our team of medical experts," said Governor Abbott. "Now more than ever, Texans must remain committed to safe distancing practices that reduce the spread of COVID-19, and we must continue to rely on doctors and data to provide us with the safest

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## Food drives help feed 500 families in Pct. 2



Volunteers who helped pack and distribute food bags pause for a group photo.

HIGHLANDS - With much of the population observing "Stay Home" rules, or temporarily without a job, food availability has become a major concern.

A number of local groups, including Precinct 2, organizations such as Rotary, churches, and individuals have been collecting food and distributing it to anyone in need.

Last week Food Drives were held at a number of Pre-

cinct 2 community centers, including Highlands.

Tonya Kostka told the *North Channel Star* about the drive in Highlands. "What a great day! Lots of hard work from great volunteers! Thank you first to Monument Chemical Gloria O'Bannon and her team for the generous donation to our Community.

Also thank you to all of the following: the Highlands Rotary Club - Avid students from GC Memorial High

School, Wendy Rembert Morgan with San Jacinto Storage and her help from BCA, Debbie Reeves for organizing the event, Missy Marshall Norton's beautiful girls, family Shelby Russell, Brandon Rhoden, Brianna Kostka, Chad E. Henderson, Haley Maxey, Dustin Kostka, Casie

More Photos and story of Food Distribution on Page 8

## Harris County Judge orders residents to wear masks in public for next 30 days

Harris County, Texas - April 22, 2020, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo on Wednesday issued an order requiring residents to wear masks when in public for the next 30 days, beginning on Monday, April 27, 2020 and will continue until May 26, 2020 at 11:59 pm. The order requires individuals over the age of 10 to wear a face covering, which can be a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief, when outside the home. Medical masks or N-95 respirators are not recommended as they are needed for health-care workers and first responders.

Masks should cover the nose and mouth, and must be worn except when an individual is exercising or engaging in physical activity outside alone; alone in a separate indoor or outdoor space; eating or drinking; when driving; or when doing so poses a threat to their health, mental health, or safety. Masks are not required when an individual is in the presence of only members of



their residence.

"When it comes to fighting this virus, each of us is capable of committing heroic acts by making adjustments in how we live our daily life," said Judge Hidalgo. "Steps like wearing a face covering, getting tested, and staying home save lives and reduce transmissions, which will get our economy back online sooner. I'm heartened by the number of residents who have already been following guidance to wear face coverings already, but we are in this for the long haul. The best way to get our economy back up and running again - and keep it open - is by making sure we're working together to prevent the spread of this virus. Wearing face cover-

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## Congresswoman Garcia brings funding to District's Colleges

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX - April 27, 2020 Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia (TX-29) announced that three college systems in the 29th Congressional District will receive funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, and will allocate more than \$307 million for the Governor's Fund Component of the Education Stabilization Fund in Texas. In addition to this statewide funding, individual institutions of higher education will receive funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

"The community colleges in my district play a critical role in the workforce development of residents all across the Houston region. They equip our residents with opportunities to earn jobs, get promoted, and get trained for careers in new industries. I am thrilled that Houston Community College, the Lone Star College System, and San Jacinto Community College District will receive much-needed funding under the CARES Act to ensure that they can continue to serve our students and provide them with the career opportunities that will help our region recover from the impacts of this pandemic," said Congresswoman Garcia.

The three recipients in the 29th Congressional District are: Houston Community College: \$28.29 million with \$14.14 million of the total amount dedicated to Emergency Financial Aid for Students (EFAS).

The Lone Star College System: \$28.8 million with \$14.41 million of the total amount



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia

dedicated to EFAS.

San Jacinto Community College District: \$8.95 million with \$4.47 million of the total amount dedicated to EFAS.

Institutions can also use these funds to cover costs associated with changes to the delivery of instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These institutions will soon receive their respective funds, along with more specific guidance and implementation suggestions from the Department of Education.

## North Shore Rotary to award all prizes in Raffle on May 16

NORTH SHORE - The Rotary Club has announced that although they had to cancel the in-person Fish Fry due to Covid-19 restrictions, nevertheless they will hold their Prize Raffle, and proceeds will benefit scholarships and community projects. Their statement: "The 45th annual fund raiser will not include crawfish, catfish, or a live auction. We have incorporated many of our nicer auction items and included them as prizes for our raffle.

We will have a grand prize of either a Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck or a Camaro. The choice will be made by the winner of the raffle.

Other prizes include a whole hog, a side of beef, each cut and wrapped from animals purchased at auctions from local FFA students. Houston Livestock & Rodeo packages, Texan tickets with hotel accommodations, vacation packages, gift cards, and many more. Twenty prizes to be drawn.

Tickets can be pur-



North Shore Rotary's top prize in their Annual benefit Fish Fry is this 2020 Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck, courtesy of Turner Chevrolet in Crosby.

chased from any Rotarian or purchased via Pay-Pal by going to URL: nsrotaryfishfry@gmail.com or Contact President Elect Lowell Everitt @ leveritt@everittind.com.

You may Pay by Check: Mail to PO Box 1152 Channelview, Texas 77530.

For more information: info@northshorerotary.org

The drawing will be held at Turner Chevrolet at 2:00 PM on Saturday May 16, 2020. It will be shown live on Facebook Live by going to Rotary Club of North Shore Facebook page. The drawing will also be presented via a Zoom meeting. Check the Rotary Facebook page for ID to enter the meeting.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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## State to Re-Open ,

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strategies to restore Texans' livelihoods.

All retail stores, restaurants, movie theaters, and malls are permitted to reopen on Friday, May 1. These services must limit their capacity to 25% of their listed occupancy. Within shopping malls, the food-court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed.

All museums and libraries may open under the same 25% occupancy limitation, but interactive areas of museums must remain closed. State libraries and museums will open by May 1, and local public museums and libraries may reopen only if permitted by the local government. Single-person offices may reopen as well.

Churches and places of worship remain open. Outdoor sports are allowed to resume so long as no more than four participants are playing together at one time. Local government operations, including county and municipal government operations relating to permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, may reopen as determined by the local government.

Essential services such as farmers and ranchers, grocery and drug stores, banks, and gas stations will continue to operate. Public swimming pools, bars, gyms, cosmetology salons, massage establishments, interactive amusement venues, such as bowling alleys and vid-

eo arcades, and tattoo and piercing studios will remain closed through Phase I. Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities must remain closed to visitors unless to provide critical assistance.

The Governor also established increased occupancy protocols for certain counties with five or fewer laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19. Those counties may, on an individualized basis, increase occupancy limits to up to 50% for restaurants, retail, shopping malls, museums and libraries, and movie theaters if they meet certain criteria.

Phase I will begin Friday May 1 and continue until at least May 18. The Governor will continue to evaluate next steps for the state.

### TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING

During the press conference, the Governor also announced a new statewide testing and contact tracing program. Developed and implemented by DSHS, this program will help identify individuals who have contracted COVID-19 and those who may need to quarantine or be tested due to potential exposure. This phased implementation will allow Texans to box in the virus and slow, or even stop, further spread. Phase I of the tracing program has been completed, and Phase II begins

today. Phase III begins May 11.

Governor Abbott today also relaxed certain restrictions related to health care professionals and issued amended requirements related to hospital capacity. Under an Executive Order (GA-19) issued today:

All licensed health care professionals shall be limited in their practice by, and must comply with, any emergency rules promulgated by their respective licensing agencies dictating minimum standards for safe practice during the COVID-19 disaster.

Every hospital licensed under Chapter 241 of the Texas Health & Safety Code shall reserve at least 15% of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients, accounting for the range of clinical severity of COVID-19 patients, as determined by HHSC.

Additionally, the Governor issued an Executive Order (GA-20) to eliminate the mandatory 14-day quarantine period for individuals traveling from Louisiana. Under GA-20, the mandated 14-day quarantine for travelers from the following areas remains in place: California; Connecticut; New York; New Jersey; Washington; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan, and Miami, Florida.

View [Texans Helping Texans: The Governor's Report to Open Texas](#) at [gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas](#).

## County Strike team to bring Covid19 testing to senior centers

### Additional Pop-up Testing Sites Bring Daily Capacity to 1,600

Harris County, Texas—April 27, 2020 – Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo on Monday announced the launch of a Harris County COVID-19 Strike Team to identify high-risk congregate settings and bring testing to them. Starting Tuesday, the team, composed of county epidemiologists, public health experts, social workers, and testing staff, will conduct site assessments, provide recommendations or control orders where needed, and provide the ability to test large groups of residents and staff at locations such as senior centers, nursing homes, and shelters.

"The goal isn't just to save lives, but to also go on offense against this virus

and quickly isolate it where we know it has the potential to spread quickly," Judge Hidalgo said. "The more we're able to do this, the better we're able to choke off the virus, stop it in its tracks, and move forward."

The effort is part of Harris County's strategy to use aggressive public health interventions to stem the spread of COVID-19. The Strike Team will start with one nursing home per day but will expand in capacity in the coming days as additional capacity and staff are added.

Additionally, starting Thursday, the county will double its mobile testing sites from two to four, in addition to the fixed testing sites in Katy and Baytown.

Each mobile testing site has the capacity to test 150 per day, with each fixed site capable of handling up to

500. This brings the total daily testing capacity, not including tests conducted by the strike team, to 1,600 tests. People living anywhere in the county may choose the site that is most convenient for them.

"We know that the easier we make it for folks to get tested, the more will be able and willing to do so," Judge Hidalgo said. "It's our job to do what we can to make sure we're touching every corner of our community." Testing is available for anyone regardless of citizenship status and is free. All individuals seeking a test should complete an online screening tool at [ReadyHarris.org](#) or call 832-927-7575. If the individual cannot drive to a site, the county's At-Home Testing Team will call the individual and set up an appointment.

## Three Surface Water projects underway

LAKE HOUSTON – Houston and local area water agencies are underway on three projects, Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer project, Northeast Transmission Line and the Northeast Water Purification Plant to lessen demand for underground water by providing venues for surface water.

Subsidence is where land sinks because use of aquifer water subtracts a basis for keeping the elevation. Reducing subsidence requires lessening the region's groundwater usage and use more surface water. The state had granted local water agencies an extension on the subsidence law for five years but those years are up now and so government has

launched multimillion dollar projects.

The Harris-Galveston Subsidence District mandates areas lessen groundwater usage to decrease subsidence in an effort not only to effect flooding but also retain land area when sea levels appear to be rising.

The \$380 million Luce Bayou project will provide water to Lake Houston from the Trinity River, from which the Northeast Water Purification Plant will transport surface water to the soon-to-be expanded treatment plant. Officials say the transmission line will carry surface water from the plant to west Harris County.

According to Mike Turco

of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, "Efforts to reduce groundwater extraction were intended in part to reduce land and property damage due to subsidence, which occurs when aquifer water levels drop."

According to San Jacinto River Authority, water rate changes are related to ongoing disputes about the authority of regulatory entity Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, which limits the amount of groundwater extracted from local aquifers.

The Luce Bayou project is to bring about 450 million gallons of water from the Trinity River to Lake Houston according to Mayor Sylvester Turner.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Congresswoman Garcia praises workers on National Workers Memorial Day

By Allan Jamail

This April 28th has been declared Workers' Memorial Day. This year's slogan for Workers' Memorial Day is: Remember the dead – Fight for the living.

Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia who's 29th US District represents a large portion of the Port of Houston said, "I want to thanks all workers in the nation and give a special thank you to all of Houston's port workers and all ports all across the country who are sustaining trade and commerce and helping keep our economy running during this crisis.

Workers' Memorial Day takes place annually across our nation and Workers' Memorial Day, International Workers' Memorial Day or International Commemoration Day (ICD) for Dead and Injured or Day of Mourning takes place annually around the world on April 28. This is a national and international day of remembrance and action for workers killed, disabled, injured or made unwell by their work.

Workers' Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for workers killed in incidents at work or by diseases caused by work with events held throughout the world. Events may include, but are not limited

to, active campaigning and workplace awareness, multi-faith religious services, laying wreaths, planting trees, unveiling monuments, balloon releases, raising public awareness of issues and the setting out of shoes to symbolize those who have died at work. This day is also an opportunity to highlight the preventable nature of most workplace accidents and ill health and to promote the fight for improvements in workplace safety.

The unions of the AFL-CIO will observe Workers Memorial Day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job, and to renew the fight for safe jobs. This year we will come together to call for action on hazards that cause unnecessary injury, illness and death. We will stand united against the ongoing attacks on workers' rights and protections, and demand that elected officials put working people's well-being above corporate interests. We will fight for the right of every worker to a safe job until that promise is fulfilled.

Fifty years ago, Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and more than 40 years ago, Congress passed the Mine Safety and Health Act, promising every worker the right to a safe job.

Unions and our allies have fought hard to make that promise a reality—winning protections that have made jobs safer and saved lives. But our work is not done. Each year, thousands of workers are killed and millions more suffer injury or illness because of their jobs.

In 2016, nearly 5,200 workers were killed on the job in the United States—14 workers every day—the highest number of workplace deaths in years. But that is only a part of the deadly toll: each year, more than 50,000 workers die from work-related disease. With this awful trend, any rational government would be proposing a significant increase in the budgets of our worker protection agencies and a rapid expansion of regulatory protections for workers.

Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2018, becoming the first Latina ever to represent the Texas 29th Congressional District. The district includes Houston, Galena Park, Jacinto City, South Houston & Pasadena. She serves on the House Judiciary and Financial Services Committees and subcommittees on Immigration and Citizenship, The Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

## San Jacinto College sets new commencement date

PASADENA, Texas – San Jacinto College has set the new date and time for the postponed Spring commencement ceremony for Friday, August 7, 2020. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, San Jacinto College had to delay its Spring commencement ceremony originally scheduled for Friday, May 15.

The August 7 ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. at NRG Stadium. The College will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in our region and will make any necessary changes to the ceremony as appropriate.

The College will continue to follow all CDC and local guidelines. San Jacinto College is currently operating under altered operations. Up-to-date information can be found online at [sanjac.edu/coronavirus](http://sanjac.edu/coronavirus).

## Fugitive wanted for stealing \$110,000 in cash from ATM

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Major Offenders Division need the public's assistance locating fugitive Jaydaniel L. Martinez, who is wanted for Felony Theft.

On Monday, July 29, 2019, at approximately 4:43 a.m., a bank was burglarized in the 700 block of Normandy Street in Houston, Texas. During the incident, Jaydaniel Martinez stole \$110,000 in cash from an ATM machine. The fugitive is wanted for Felony Theft under Harris County warrant #1666119.

Fugitive Jaydaniel Martinez is a Hispanic male, 19 years old, approximately 5'05", 140 lbs., with brown eyes and short black hair.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification, charging and/or arrest of the suspect in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at [www.crime-stoppers.org](http://www.crime-stoppers.org) or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. Only tips and calls DIRECTLY TO



Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.

## Masks,

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ings is a vital piece of our playbook."

The order comes as an uptick in hospital admissions indicates the region has not yet reached the peak of the Coronavirus outbreak. During the past week, the county has doubled its testing capacity and dispatched mobile testing units to all four precincts.

**Continue Good Health Habits**

Wearing a face covering is not a substitute for maintaining 6-feet social distancing and hand washing because these remain important steps to slowing the spread of the virus.

**Enforcement**

Failure to wear a mandatory face covering under this Order is punishable by up to \$1,000.

## NFL draft taps local high school players

Several outstanding high school football players, who now are finishing college, were chosen last week in the NFL 2020 player draft.

**Jalen Hurts**, QB, was chosen by the Philadelphia Eagles, after playing at Oklahoma and Alabama, and is a Channelview standout graduate.

**K'Lavon Chaisson**, linebacker, was chosen by the Jacksonville Jaguars,

having played at LSU and North Shore High School. The national champion led the LSU Tigers in tackles last season.

Also chosen was **Darrell Stewart**, RB, by the Green Bay Packers after playing for Michigan State and Aldine Nimitz High School.

**Jeffrey McCullough**, LB, was an undrafted candidate but played for Texas and Aldine Davis.



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Carter-Conley Funeral Home, 13701 Corpus Christi St.  
San Jacinto College North, Student Center & Library  
Fonteno Court House, Wallisville Rd  
Sellers Brothers Market, Uvalde Rd  
YMCA, Wallisville Rd.  
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8  
Sen. Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank Bldg  
North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd  
Water District # 21, Sheldon Rd

**CLOVERLEAF**  
HC WCID #36, Hollywood St  
Grayson Community Center, Corpus Christi St  
Galena Park Admin Building, Beltway 8 at Woodforest  
CommunityBank of Texas, I-10 E @ Freeport  
North Channel Assistance Ministries, Bonham @ Freeport  
Chevron, I-10 West

**JACINTO CITY**  
City Hall, Main Street  
Community Center/Senior Center, Oates Rd  
Capital Bank, I-10 E  
Jacinto City Branch Library, Akron St  
State Rep Ana Hernandez office, Mercury Drive  
Sellers Brothers Market, Market St  
Market Street Feed Store, Market St  
Mr. Mercury Gas Station, Mercury Dr  
Jacinto City Parks & Recreation, Mercury Dr  
Chevron, Market St

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Post Office, Sheldon Rd  
Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd  
Channelview Admin Bldg, Sheldon Rd  
Holiday Inn, I-10 E  
Martin Luther King Community Ctr., Lorenzo St.  
Water District #47, Woodforest Blvd  
Chevron, Woodforest & Uvalde  
Bonfire Wings, Woodforest Blvd  
Serena Donuts, Woodforest Blvd  
Pine Trails Community, Woodbend Dr

**GALENA PARK**  
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Galena Park City Hall, Clinton Drive  
Galena Park Library, Keene St  
United Comm. Credit Union, 16th St  
Galena Park Community Crt, Keene St  
Middleton Super Market, Clinton Dr  
Exxon King Fuel, Clinton Dr  
Galena Park Medical Clinic, Clinton Dr

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# Unidentified Bicyclist killed on Old US 90

CROSBY – A local man was returning home on at before 9:47 p.m. April 21 on in the 12,600 block of Beaumont Highway when it appears a bicycle darted in front of his car. The car struck the cyclist and flung him across the road.

Tuesday night, an eastbound red 1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass struck a pedal cyclist in the outside lane flinging the rider to the eastbound outside unimproved shoulder of the road. The bicycle had no reflectors or lighting. Deputy P. Begley reports that accident investigators determined that for unknown reasons, the cyclist failed to yield right of way. The cyclist showed no signs of life after the impact and was not carrying identification. He has yet to be identified but a witness said he was apparently a black male.

The driver of the car remained at the scene, called for help and showed no signs of any impairment.

The case remains under investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office Vehicular Crimes Division.

# Constable gives 1000 safety masks, gloves to 7 communities



Outside Crosby High School Deputy Shelby Gunn, Crosby ISD Maintenance Director Chuck Murray and Deputy Pete Vela prepare to roll the long line of vehicles on hand to receive masks and gloves and a message on how to stay safe from COVID-19 from Harris County Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton.

CROSBY – Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton was anxious to get gloves and masks to his constituents in the wake of the County Judge Lina Hidalgo ordering residents to wear them under threat of arrest and fine, and in an unprecedented move, reached into his own pocket to provide them to those that needed them at seven locations on Monday.

Over 1000 masks were distributed April 27 at Inspire Church on East Sam Houston Parkway, Word of Faith Christian Center on Garth Road, Pleasant Hill Baptist, Fellowship of Nations on Woodforest Drive, Dell Dale in Channelview and locally at Mount Rose Church and Crosby High School.

Included inside the sandwich wrap were a simple mask, a pair of vinyl gloves, a calling card with a list of telephone numbers to varied departments of Harris County Precinct 3 and a message about how to stay safe from COVID - 19.

According to Constable Eagleton, "We received an overwhelming response and quickly realized that the community is still in need of these items. We quickly scheduled another giveaway for April 30 and May 6. As the procurement of supplies continues, we will be scheduling more giveaways in the future. On a side note, we are extremely proud of how our precinct has handled the Stay at Home order. Call volume for occupancy compliance violations has been extremely low compared to other areas. We want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during these hard times. We are with you every step of the way and we will get through this together."

# Pedestrian struck, killed on East Sam Houston Frontage Road

NORTH SHORE – In the wee hours of Saturday, April 25, a man walking on the inside lanes of the East Sam Houston Parkway Frontage was struck by a motorist and killed.

The accident occurred in the 6500 block of East Sam Houston Parkway North at about 3:30 a.m.

According to traffic investigators, a 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 within the number three inside lane struck a Hispanic male. According to Deputy S. Latham, the pedestrian has yet to be identified.

The man driving the truck remained on the scene and exhibited no signs of any impairment.

Ambulance crews took the Hispanic male to a nearby hospital and he was pronounced deceased there. He never recovered consciousness and identification was not found.

The case remains under the investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office of Vehicular Crimes Division. The Sheriff's Office was still trying to identify the man that was killed on Tuesday.

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# Crawfish season means long lines at local eateries

During the spring season, when crawfish are available, you will see long lines at the local crawfish restaurants as eager diners wait for their evening meal to take home. Dan Meaux, owner of the Crawfish Shack in Crosby, has seen this line for the last 18 years. His success may be due to the special seasoning he cooks with, but patrons love it. The season will be over near the end of May, so everyone wants to get there soon.

Sometimes it takes an hour to inch through the driveway to get to the take-out window, but Meaux says even after the Covid-19 lockdown, his business has continued strong.



Crawfish Shack in Crosby usually has a long line of cars waiting for their order of delicious crawfish to go.



Mudbug Restaurant, the old Star Cafe, on FM2100 north sees long lines and happy patrons.

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## OBITUARIES

### Terral Gordon Cooley

Terral Gordon Cooley, of Houston, went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 27, 2020. He was 91 years of age.

Terral was born in Waynesboro, MS in November of 1928 to John James Cooley, Sr and Lozie Jones Cooley. After spending 18 months in the Navy, Terral met and married his bride of 61+ years, Mary Althea Cooley from Lumberton, MS. After the birth of their son, Terral and Mary moved to Texas with friends in 1950. The family moved from Baytown to Houston in 1952 and added a daughter in 1954. Terral worked in the chemical industry in Houston for 36 years. Terral was active in his



church for over 60 years.

Terral is preceded in death by his parents and his brother John James Cooley, Jr and his loving wife Mary Althea Cooley.

Terral is survived by his sister Margret Moffett of Pascagoula, MS, his son Gordon Cooley and wife Jane of Humble, TX and his daughter Charlotte

Stemberger and husband Val of Houston, TX. Terral had one grandchild Len Stemberger and wife Crystal and one great grandchild Cadence Stemberger; along with many nieces and nephews and dearest friends.

A private graveside service will be held for his family. A celebration of his life will be held at a later time.



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### BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Joshua in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What's the collective name of the first five books of the Bible? Pentateuch, Penseigne, Pequod
3. From Genesis 3:24, who/what guards the Garden of Eden? Roaring lions, Armed angels, Golden rams, God Himself
4. What animal did God provide Abraham to sacrifice in place of Isaac? Dove, Calf, Ram, Camel
5. From Joshua 14, to whom did Joshua give a blessing? Jacob, Caleb, Esau, Himself
6. In the Bible, how many men are named "Dodo"? 1, 2, 3, 4

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Pentateuch; 3) Armed angels; 4) Ram; 5) Caleb; 6) 3

## Mothers's Day Greetings

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## Jared Lee at Northside Baptist, Highlands

Jared Lee is the guest preacher at Northside Baptist, Highlands May 3, 2020 at 11am. Jared is a graduate of Liberty University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served on

church staffs, been a short-term missionary in India, and is now a doctoral student at SWBTS. He is married to Brianna and they have one son.

Pastor David R. Brumbelow invites everyone to

attend. Northside will also continue to practice social distancing. No shaking hands and the doors will be open. Northside is located at 317 Barbers Hill Road in Highlands; nsbchighlands.org.

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## CHARLOTTE’S WEB



## Delayed Dreams (Part 4)

From June until March, I continually prayed for healing in Jim’s body. There were good days and bad days. In December he enjoyed spending time with his family at their annual family Christmas party. After the event, he had stories to tell me for days. This annual gathering consists of members of his late mother’s family. One of his favorite stories he has shared several times is that this event is held at a former funeral home. (Something about that sentence tells me that when my children read it, they will be laughing as well as rolling their eyes.)

At one point, the doctors told him that radiation was not an option. They would treat him with chemo and morphine would become one of his best friends. Rarely would he mention how he was feeling. He tried to mask the pain and would always take the time listen to my stories. Several times a week he would ask about my new job, my children, my mother and then occasionally we would laugh about memories we shared in those early years.

I often reminded Jim that just as I had been diligent over the years trying to locate him, I was just as diligent with asking friends and strangers to pray for his health. When friends would ask how he was doing, I would make sure to tell him. One day, he called me early in the evening. He was so excited as the doctor had decided that the cancer was showing signs of slowing down

and they had scheduled a series of radiation treatments.

As I went to bed that night, my pillowcase was wet from tears. There was never a doubt that God was listening to my prayers as well as those of Jim, but also to those amazing prayer warriors in my life. During the next few weeks, I began to make plans for a trip to Oklahoma City.

I started watching airline prices and reading reviews for hotels. A few of my friends were busy trying to find out what I should see in Oklahoma City, just in case Jim did not appreciate the surprise. I even talked to my longtime therapist about the upcoming trip. She was one of those who wanted me to prepare myself just in case things did not work out. I planned to take the trip leaving on April 9, Jim’s birthday. I reserved the car, the hotel and even made a list of where I could stop after checking into the hotel to pick up a birthday cake and balloons for him.

My former boss had been a senior in high school 25 years ago when his father was killed in the Oklahoma City Bombing. I even made plans to visit his mom when I arrived in Oklahoma City. So many thoughts running through my mind.

And suddenly, with plane tickets purchased and plans made for the weekend, my dream was delayed by the COVID-19 notices to stay home and stay healthy.

## Harris County Judge announces framework to guide County containment efforts COVID-19 amid statewide orders to reopen economy

**Strategy Includes Recruitment of Hundreds of Contact Tracers, Increased Public Testing Capacity, and Continued Tracking of the Disease and of Healthcare Capacity**

HARRIS COUNTY, April 28, 2020 — Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced a three-point framework designed to contain the spread of COVID-19 as a phased approach to reopen the economy across Texas begins to ramp up. The framework contains three key components, including increased tracing of positive cases, enhanced testing capacity, and continued efforts to ensure there is enough healthcare capacity to weather a spike in cases.

“If the economy will begin opening May 1st, in order to keep it open, it’s vital we follow a smart containment strategy that ensures our systems are prepared to identify, test, and treat those who are sick,” said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. “Achieving containment that is sustainable will be a tall order given the May 1st timeline, and we cannot afford to erase the gains our community has sacrificed so much to achieve. Harris County will do everything possible to preserve what we have accomplished thus far, and this framework will help us get there.”

The framework, developed with input from public health officials and policy experts, will work to expand the County’s ability to identify, test, and treat residents. It will do so by focusing on enhancing County capacity to identify and isolate new cases by tracing the contacts of infected individuals, testing higher-risk community members, and closely tracking key indicators of disease spread and hospital capacity. The goal is to ensure that COVID-19 cases are contained, and that hospital admissions continue to decline.

As part of the plan, Harris County will immediately begin recruiting hundreds of new contact tracers to identify and support isolation efforts. The contact tracers will work to locate everyone in contact with infected residents and ensure they are tested and/or self-isolating for at least 14 days. At the same time,

Harris County will continue to expand the availability of testing for anyone who has reason to believe that they may be infected, including close contacts of individuals who test positive, and other higher-risk groups.

### The three key components of the framework include:

- Testing**  
Harris County will continue to increase testing capacity in coordination with public and private sources to ensure the availability of widespread, affordable, and efficient testing.  
As part of this effort, yesterday the County announced a “strike team” to deploy testing to congregate settings like nursing homes along with two additional pop-up testing locations. These testing sites add to the existing two pop-up locations and two fixed testing locations in Katy and in Baytown. Beginning this week, the County will have the ability to test up to 1,600 residents per day, and will continue to advocate for more testing resources.
- In order to test all new cases and their contacts with existing resources, it is imperative that the number of new cases remain at below 100 per day.**

**Tracing**  
Harris County will exponentially expand its epidemiological workforce, which has already been scaled up from pre-COVID levels. As part of the effort, Harris County will recruit about 300 contact tracers, with the ability to expand as needed. Potential sources of additional workforce include temporary hires, contractors, existing Harris County staff, and volunteers, all of whom will be hired by qualified epidemiologists and other staff.

**Treatment**  
Harris County will continue to work with healthcare providers and other partners to ensure that healthcare capacity is in place as part of planning for another wave of infections. While the curve of hospital admissions has not decreased to the safest level recommended by local healthcare experts, the county will work to maximize resources given the current circumstances.

In addition, Harris County will continue to track the rate of infection and hospitalization to understand the potential progression of COVID-19 and to gauge the possibility of a spike in cases. This information will inform advocacy efforts as well as additional actions the County may take to restrict or loosen public health measures to protect the health and safety of our community. Harris County is working with several research organizations as part of this effort. The goal is to also continue tracking total hospital beds, ICU beds, ventilators, and other metrics to support our planning work.

For additional information visit [ReadyHarris.org](http://ReadyHarris.org).

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Rotary helps feed the community

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Russell, David Kostka and his crew from Kostka Auto El Tiger Jeff Leeth.  
Thank you also to everyone behind the scenes that help make this a success! 500 bags of food given in an hour and a half.

### Rotary bags food, feeds firemen

HIGHLANDS – Rotarians were out bright and early last Wednesday morning, bagging food for the food distribution held at 11am at San Jacinto Community Center. Thank you Monument Chemical for your generous donation! The food was distributed drive-thru style and was handed out on a first come, first served basis. There were 500 bags of food distributed.

Earlier in the month the Rotary Club had prepared and served a hot meal to all the on-duty fire and EMS crews working at the Fire Department on Good Friday. This was a THANKS to all the first responders for their hard work during the lockdown.



On Duty Firemen and EMS personnel got a hot meal as a thank you on Good Friday. At right, Rotarian Johnny Gaeke.



Tricia and Andy Scott were two of the many Rotarians and volunteers that packed bags for the Drive-Thru food distribution last Wednesday.



Observing "Social Distancing" these Rotarians toiled early in the morning to prepare Food bags for the Drive-Thru distribution last week at the Highlands Community Center.

## Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club donates to First Responders

The Rotary Club of Galena Park/Jacinto City purchased 20 gallons of hand sanitizer through the effort of member Brian Shepard. 10 gallons were donated to the Jacinto City Police Department and 10 gallons to the Galena Park Police Department. Pictured to the right with Chief Ayala is Club President Pastor Marcos Ramos and Bryan Clements.

Pictured below with Chief Chersky is Club President Pastor Marcos Ramos and other officers of the Galena Park police force. Both departments were very appreciative.



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