

PLEASE ANNOUNCE - COMMUNITY UPDATE 8/3-8/31

Hidalgo County Family Violence Taskforce

If you are a victim of family violence please seek help. If you are in immediate danger please call 911. If you need emergency shelter and victim services you can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at **1-800-799- SAFE**, to find a shelter near you.

Help in Hidalgo County

1. Mujeres Unidas 1-800-580-4879
2. Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office-Victims Unit (956) 292-7616

Help in Cameron County

1. Family Crisis Center 1-866-423-9304
2. Friendship of Women (956) 544-7412
3. Cameron County District Attorney's Office (956)544-0849

Help in Willacy County

1. Family Crisis Center (956)689-5150
2. Willacy County District Attorney (956) 689-2164

Help in Starr, Jim Hogg, & Duvall County

1. South Texas Empowerment if Women (956)486-1486
2. 229th District Attorney's Office Crime Victims Unit 1-844-229-2842

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE:
7/6-7/17**

New requirements at COVID-19 testing sites

As COVID-19 testing increases across Hidalgo County, new requirements are being implemented to ensure residents receive their results in a timely manner. To get tested, residents must now present a photo ID, physical address, phone number and email address. Residents are encouraged to pre-register online at texas.curativeinc.com.

As of Monday, July 6, all testing sites will be testing people 65 and over between 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Testing will be open to the general public from 11 a.m. and will continue until testing supplies run out for that day.

Along with outdoor mobile centers, the state has also added indoor testing facilities. The tests being conducted have switched from nasal swabs to oral swabs.

Residents will be screened if they have one of the following symptoms: fever and/or chills, cough, fatigue, body aches/muscles or joint pain, shortness of breath, sore throat, headaches, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, nasal congestion, and loss of taste and/or smell.

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE:
7/28-8/20**

With the recent torrential rain fall and flooding across the Valley, has created the prefect condition for an increase in mosquito activity. The county reminds residents to help reduce stagnant water to eliminate potential mosquito breeding.

Residents are encouraged to -

- Empty or get rid of cans, buckets, old tires, pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water.
- Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water.
- Remove standing water around structures and from flat roofs.
- Change water in pet dishes daily.
- Rinse and scrub vases and other indoor water containers weekly.
- Change water in wading pools and bird baths several times a week.
- Maintain backyard pools or hot tubs.
- Cover trash containers.
- Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE:
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**Have you filled out your CENSUS??
Now is the time!**

Here are 3 ways to complete your census

1 – Online

2 by Mail

3 by phone

Did you know that ONLY 44% of the people in the RGV have completed the 2020 Census?

Census results are the basis for congressional representation and help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed each year to support vital programs within states and communities across the country. These funds shape local health care, housing, education, transportation, employment, and public policy.

Visit: 2020census.gov for more details or to complete your form today!

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Attention Veterans!

The Food Bank along with Feeding America are hosting a Free Produce Distribution Drive Through – Thursday September 10th from 9am to 11am at the McAllen VA Outpatient Clinic located at 901 East Hackberry Avenue in McAllen.

Look for signs to enter on Jasmine Avenue – free produce while supplies last.

Would be recipients must present a valid VA identification card to confirm their Veteran Status and receive Free Produce. For safety, do not exit your vehicle, masks are mandatory. All donations will be placed in the trunk or bed of the vehicle – please make sure area is clear.

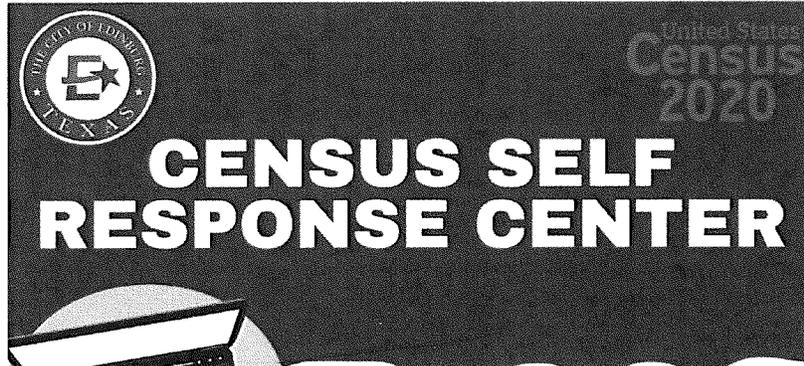
For more information call 904-4533

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**Haven't filled out
your CENSUS yet?**

**Fill out your Census with us and
you could qualify to receive a
\$100 SPARC gift card!**

Requirements:

- Must live within Edinburg CITY LIMITS
- Not yet responded to Census
- Bring your address, names & date of birth of everyone living in household

**August 17 - 28 at the Edinburg Activity Center
123 E Palm Dr. Edinburg, TX**

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CLOSED WEEKENDS

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

READ 9/2-9/5

If you have not filled out your Census, McAllen will be hosting TECH BUS on Saturday September 5th

On 32nd Street between Vine and Daffodil Avenue from 8am and noon.

The TECH BUS will be on site allowing anyone to fill out the 2020 Census. Census staff will be on site to help.

There will be free tacos and promotional items while supplies last!

Social distancing will be enforced and masks are required

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE:
READ 6/30-7/14**

It's time to get out and vote!

Early Voting begins Monday, June 29 and will run through Thursday, July 10, 2020. The poll locations will be closed Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Election Day is Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

Please follow our recommendations when going to vote during the Runoff Elections. **Also, remember that in Texas, you can vote by mail if you qualify, and some counties even offer curbside voting. Please check with your elections office to see if you are eligible.**

The Elections Department encourages voters to follow four safety prevention measures before heading to and while they are at the poll locations. They include:

1. Self – screening for COVID-19 symptoms, such as, fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain and etc.
2. Wearing facial coverings
3. Following safe and clean voting procedures by disinfecting and washing hands
4. Practicing social distancing

For more election information in Hidalgo County, please visit www.hidalgocounty.us/elections, or call our office at (956)318-2570.

You can also visit AACT.Org for polling locations and sample ballots

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE:
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Hidalgo County has launched the Mortgage and Rent Relief Program to assist rural county residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with short-term mortgage and rental assistance. Qualifying residents will get assistance paying their mortgage or rent for up to two months.

Applicants will need to provide proof that they have been laid off or are working reduced hours because of COVID-19's impact on the local economy.

To be eligible:

- You must have been affected by COVID-19 due to loss of wages, job, or illness
- You must be a rural resident of the County, or live in Granjeno or Sullivan City
- You must live below 200% federal poverty line

When applying you must have the following:

- Valid Picture ID for applicant
- Birth Certificate or Valid ID for everyone else in the household
- Proof you were affected by COVID-19, including income, furlough, shelter order, and quarantine information
- Income information for the past 30 days for the entire household
- Your Mortgage or Rent Agreement or receipts of past expenses
- And, you must submit a W-9 from your Mortgage Company or Landlord

Assistance will be paid directly to the landlord or the lender of qualified applicants.

Applications are being accepted right now.

Get more information or apply online at: www.hidalgocares.org OR call 956-205-7058.

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WORK FORCE SOLUTIONS IS NOW OFFERING Tuition Assistance for select Educational Trainings! Contact your nearest Workforce Solutions for more information and to see if you are eligible.

 CALL:

- Mission: 956-519-4300
- Edinburg: 956-380-0008
- Weslaco: 956-969-6100
- Starr County: 956-487-9100
- Willacy County: 956-689-3412

 LIVE CHAT:

WFSolutions.org

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VIRTUAL JOB FAIR WEDENSDAY JULY 22

Edinburg EDC will be hosting a Virtual Job Fair on July 22 at 2pm through ZOOM

Register at bit.ly/edinburgEDC-VJF

Go online on facebook to RGV Operation Get Hired by Workforce Solutions and find the link and information there!

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE:
7/28-8/7**

Hidalgo County Information Line now open

Residents can call 956-292-7765 for information on flooding issues, shelters and to report damage. The information line will be open from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If assistance is needed after 5 p.m. or during the weekend, rural county residents can call their individual precinct office. Residents that live within city limits should call their respective municipalities for assistance.

All four Hidalgo County precinct offices are available and answering calls 24/7 at the numbers listed below.

- Precinct 1: (956) 968-8733
- Precinct 2: (956) 787-1891
- Precinct 3: (956) 585-4509
- Precinct 4: (956) 383-3112

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE:
7/7-7/31**

Keep Mosquitos at Bay

With the recent rain fall, this creates a condition for an increase in mosquito activity.

People should continue to take precautions from mosquito bites by:

1. Using EPA-approved insect repellent every time they go outside.
2. Covering exposed skin with long pants and long-sleeved shirts whenever possible.
3. Remove standing water in and around homes, including in trash cans, toys, and tires.
4. Repairing windows and door screens to keep mosquitoes out.
5. Limit outdoor activities during peak mosquito times which are dusk and dawn.
6. Use a larvicide in water that can't be drained to keep mosquitoes from developing into biting adults.

Keep mosquitos at bay by doing your part:

- Empty or remove cans, buckets, old tires, pots and other containers that hold water
- Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water.
- Remove standing water around structures and from flat roofs.
- Change water in pet dishes daily.
- Maintain and mow your yards, empty out flower pots and any other containers so mosquitoes can't lay their eggs.
- Maintain backyard pools or hot tubs.
- Cover trash containers.

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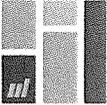
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**COMMUNITY UPDATE:
8/20-8/28**

Reminder that some school districts have the Grab & Go meal services back! Check with your local school districts for pick up times and location:

FOR MCALLEN ISD: Resumes Monday, August 24! Meals available for pick up from Main, Palm View and dozens more sites throughout McAllen

Pick up breakfast and lunch
Monday-Friday
10:30AM-12:30PM



at Main or Palm View

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AEP Texas issues ongoing appeal to conserve electricity throughout the Rio Grande Valley from August 1 through 14

AEP Texas asks residents throughout its Rio Grande Valley service territory to practice conservation measures from August 1 through 14 while a two-mile stretch of 138-kV transmission line is rebuilt. The section of transmission line was damaged during Hurricane Hanna.

Steps to help reduce electricity use:

- Turn thermostat up 2 to 3 degrees during the peak hours of 2 to 8 p.m.
- Set programmable thermostats to higher temperatures when no one is home.
- Use fans to feel 4 to 6 degrees cooler.
- Limit use of large appliances (i.e., dishwasher, washer, dryer, etc.) to morning or after 8 p.m.
- If you cook indoors from 2 to 8 p.m., use a microwave or slow cooker.
- Close blinds and drapes during late afternoon.
- Schedule pool pumps to run in the early morning or overnight hours; shut off between 2 and 8 p.m.

If your power does go out, turn off your air conditioner, water heater and large appliances to enable smoother service restoration.

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