



HAYS COUNTY LOCAL
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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HCLHD to hold Community Listening Sessions

Community Listening Sessions will be held in Dripping Springs, Umland, Kyle, Buda, and Wimberley. These events hope to reach those that were unable to attend the Community Visioning Session in San Marcos.

Throughout April, the HCLHD is doing something they've never done before: Community Listening Sessions. The purpose of these events is to reach people in all parts of the county to inform them about the current Community Health Assessment being conducted as well as encouraging survey responses.

The current phase of the Community Health Assessment involves gathering survey responses from those who work, live, and play in Hays County. The survey asks various questions on the perception of public health in Hays County. Survey responses will guide the work of the HCLHD in years to come.

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Events this month

- April 4: Community Listening Session | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Events Center
- April 6: Farmer Fred's Garden Spring Carnival | 6 - 9 pm | San Marcos City Park
- April 8: Hays Latinos United Vaccine Clinic | 11:30 am - 1 pm | IDEA School in Kyle
- April 10: Community Listening Session | 7 - 8 pm | Kyle City Hall
- April 11: Community Listening Session | 7 - 8 pm | Onion Creek Senior Center in Buda
- April 12: Community Listening Session | 1 - 2 pm AND 6 - 7 pm | Barnabas Connection in Wimberley
- April 21: Party in Your Park | 5 - 8 pm | Conway Park in San Marcos
- April 29: Inaugural Celebration Día del Niño | 10 am - 1 pm | Historic Courthouse in San Marcos
- April 29: Día de los Niños | 2 pm - 3:30 pm | Buda Public Library
- April 29: Annual Hays County Easter Egg Hunt | 11 am - 2 pm | Hays County Historic Courthouse in San Marcos

Is your organization hosting any events in May? Let us know so we can add it to next month's newsletter and attend! We love supporting our partners and being involved in community happenings!

Community Health Assessment updates

Since February, the Local Health Department has hosted the Community Visioning Session and have received the results of that meeting. The Community Health Assessment Steering Committee has created the following vision statement:

“We envision a Healthy Hays County fully committed to equitable access to resources, where all people are thriving and resilient. We are committed to improving the quality of life in Hays County by collaborating to ensure a system of high quality medical and mental health services, education, employment, and infrastructure is available to all.” The vision statement will guide the work of the community health assessment and

the future actions created because of the community health assessment. Initium Health and the Local Health Department is assessing the community strengths and assets of Hays County and conducting a community status assessment of metrics prioritized by the steering committee.

To reach the community we will be conducting a series of community listening sessions with questions that collect the perspectives of community members from various neighborhoods, ages, and interest groups on how to create a healthier Hays County. Find the dates, times, and locations of these events on page 2. We hope to return with results by the end of April to mid-May.

Take a few minutes to **complete our survey** over health in Hays County.

This survey is a part of our Community Health Assessment. Be a part of something big!



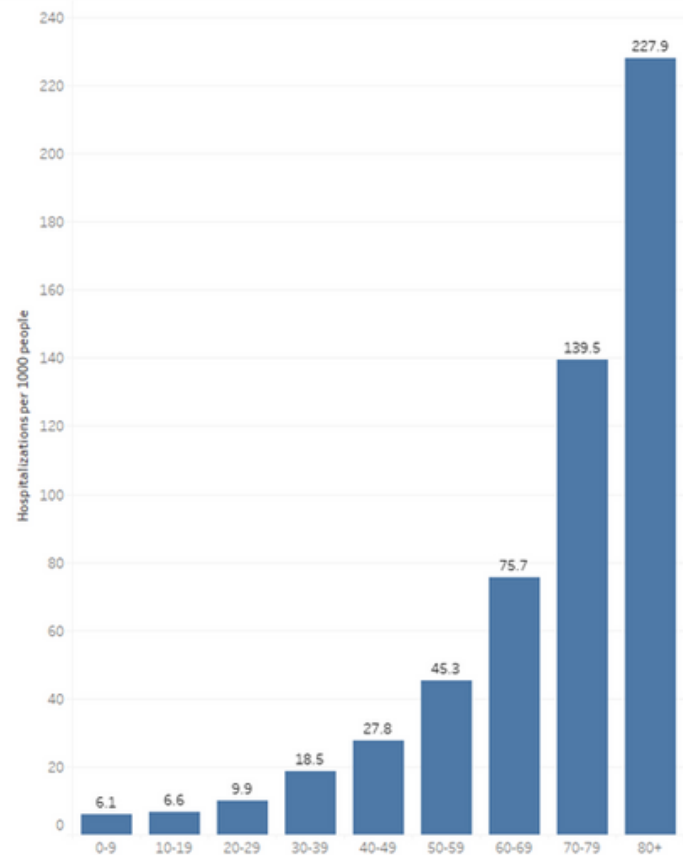
Scan the QR code or go to healthyhays.org to access the survey.

COVID CORNER

COVID Hospitalizations

Over the course of the pandemic, Hays County has had approximately 2,400 hospitalizations due to COVID-19. Hospitalizations have reliably followed the waves of cases. However, as we enter the 4th year of the pandemic, we are seeing more of an uncoupling of cases and hospitalizations. Due to a combination of vaccination and prior infection, many people have some immunity to the virus. For most, this reduces the severity of the illness. Unfortunately, this is not always the case for those who are immunocompromised or of advanced age. As illustrated by the Hospitalization by Age Group: Rate per 1000 graph, there is a direct correlation between advancing age and an increased risk of hospitalization.

Hospitalizations by Age Group
Rate per 1000

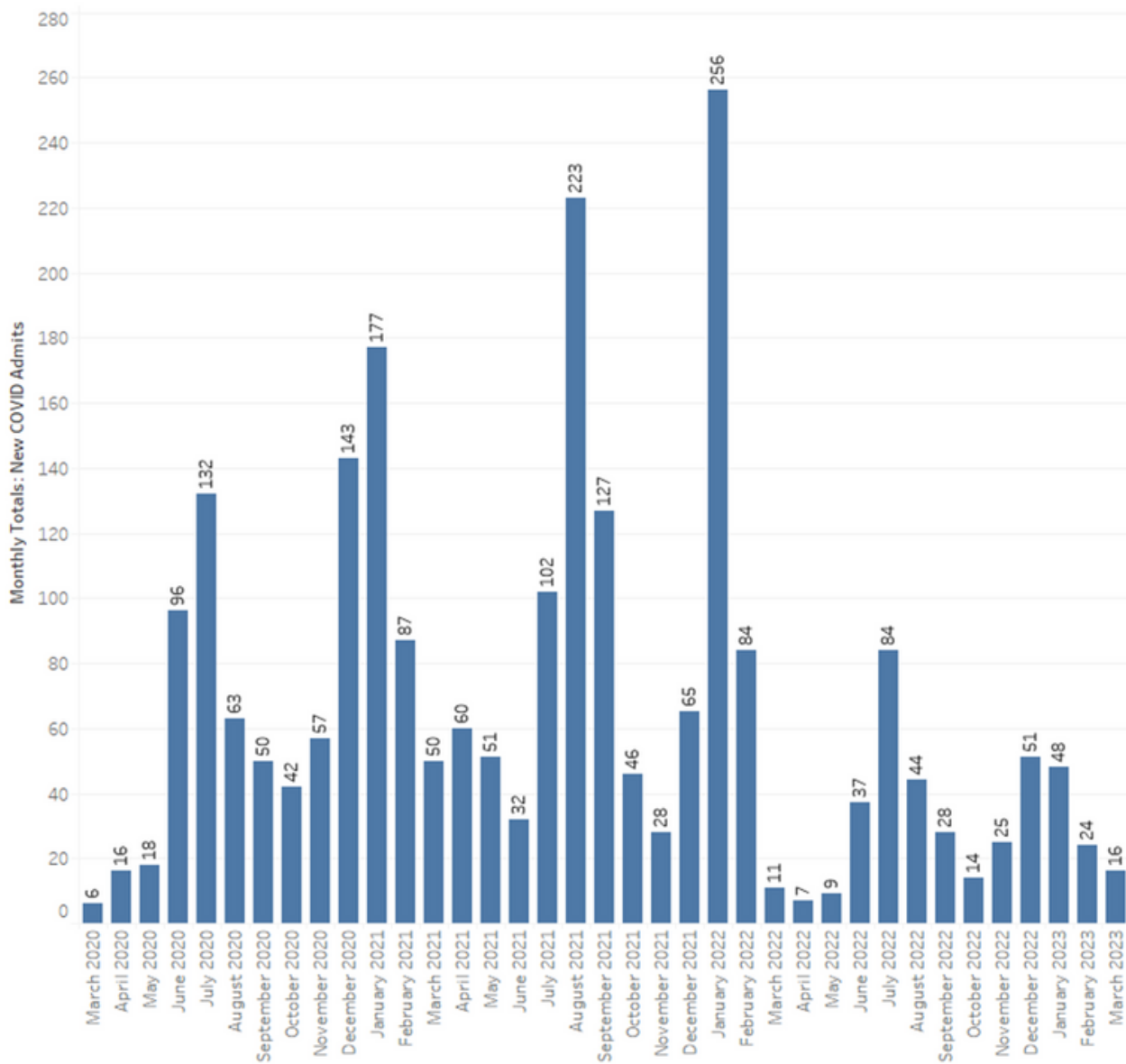


Get involved in promoting outdoor safety

As the summer approaches, everyone starts to migrate outdoors to enjoy the weather. We at the Hays County Local Health Department want to make sure the citizens of Hays County are safe while doing so, whether it be hiking, swimming, or just relaxing in the sun! That is why we've teamed up with the Hays County Parks Department to bring outdoor safety education to the community. Together, we will be providing information on various outdoor safety topics and the perks of getting out and about. Be sure to keep a look out on our Facebook page and feel free to share our posts with your audience!

COVID CORNER

Hays County New COVID Hospitalizations by Month



Remember







Although COVID has become somewhat normalized, there are still many unknowns. We do not know many of the long-term risks that repeat infections may bring. We encourage everyone to continue to take precautions such as wearing a high-quality mask in crowded indoor settings, staying up to date on vaccinations, and isolating yourself if you are sick.

Below: ImmTrac2 Specialist Elsira Deleon at the 2nd Annual Wimberley Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair on March 25. Shoutout to Wimberley EMS, Barnabas Connection, and other vendors for planning and putting on this awesome event!



Above: Photos from the Hays Latinos United Vaccine Clinic on March 18. HCLHD staff attended to share outreach materials and information about ImmTrac2 and TVFC with the community.

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TVFC PROVIDERS

If a provider is enrolled in the TVFC (Texas Vaccines For Children) Program, they will no longer have to refer their uninsured children to a public health center for immunizations. Instead, they will be able to continue to provide care to the child at their office, thus benefiting the provider and client.

We need your help in order to ensure the health and future of Texas children.

If you are not enrolled in TVFC, please consider enrolling. The process is simple:

- fill out Provider Enrollment and Provider Profile forms,
- agree to screen for eligibility,
- agree to maintain screening records, and
- agree to maintain vaccine safety and inventory.

Under TVFC, the following groups of children (birth – 18 years of age) should receive free vaccines:

- uninsured or underinsured children,
- children who are covered by CHIP,
- children who are of Native American or Native Alaskan heritage, and
- children on Medicaid.

If you are interested in becoming a TVFC provider or would like to learn more about the program, contact our TVFC Coordinator **Amelia Flores** at 512-393-5539 or amelia.flores@co.hays.tx.us.



Current TVFC Providers in Hays County

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San Marcos, TX 78666
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San Marcos Treatment Center

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San Marcos, TX 78666
512-396-8500

CommuniCare Health Center San Marcos

1941 S I-35 Ste 101
San Marcos, TX 78666
512-392-1718

Corridor Primary Care San Marcos

601-B Leah Ave.
San Marcos, TX 78666
512-393-1700

Christus Trinity Community Clinic

401-A Broadway
San Marcos, TX 78666
512-805-5650

Christus Trinity Clinic San Marcos Primary Care

1320 Wonder World Dr. Ste 101
San Marcos, TX 78666
512-392-3911

Austin Regional Clinic - Kyle

4100 Everett Dr. Ste 400
Kyle, TX 78640
512-268-1333

CommuniCare Health Center Kyle

2810 Dacy Lane
Kyle, TX 78666
512-268-8900

Corridor Primary Care - Kyle

4221 Benner Ste 205
Kyle, TX 78640
512-392-1700

Austin Regional Clinic - Center Street

22420 IH 35 Ste 203
Kyle, TX 78640
737-404-0327

Pediatric Junction

211 Railroad St.
Buda, TX 78610
512-312-5312

Austin Regional Clinic - Buda

3420 FM 967 Ste B100
Buda, TX 78610
512-504-0888

Ascension Seton Health - Buda

5235 Overpass Rd. 100
Buda, TX 78610
512-504-0888

CommuniCare Health Centers - Wimberley

203 Stillwater Ste 6
Wimberley, TX 78676
512-268-8900 Ext. 8807

Dripping Springs Pediatric

331 Sportsplex Dr. Ste C
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
512-894-3737

Dripping Springs Pharmacy

100 Commons Rd. #1
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
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Austin Regional Clinic - Dripping Springs

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HAYS COUNTY

SUMMER HEALTH FAIR

JUNE 10TH, 2023

8am-3pm (9am-2pm for the public)

The Hays County Local Health Department wants you to join us in improving our community's health. Consider attending our Summer Health Fair as a vendor to share your services and resources with the people of Hays County!

RANCH PARK & EVENT CENTER

1042 Event Center Dr, Dripping Springs, TX 78620



Scan QR Code to sign-up to be a vendor! For more information, contact Austin Baier at Austin.Baier@co.hays.tx.us or 712-444-6876.