



HAYS COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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HCLHD opens new Thermon building

The Hays County Local Health Department (HCLHD) has officially opened the doors to its new location at 101 Thermon Dr., San Marcos, TX 78666.

The Hays County Local Health Department (HCLHD) purchased a new building in March of this year and have been actively working on remodeling to prepare for the grand opening.

"The Thermon building will allow us to expand our services to better aid the Hays County community," said Hays County Health Department Manager Matthew Gonzales. "Some of the expanded services at the HCLHD will include childhood immunizations and adult safety net for uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents as well as STI treatment."

The official opening of the building was August 7, 2023. The public was invited to see the building for the first time at the HCLHD Back-To-School Fair on August 5. The clinic was also open the following week to provide TVFC vaccines to eligible children.

The new building is located at 101 Thermon Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666. The previous location of the HCLHD was 401-A Broadway Street, San Marcos, TX 78666.

"Our staff has been moving over gradually throughout the year," Gonzales said. "Our full staff is finally here and ready to welcome patients."

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Events this month

August 12: Back-To-School Fiesta | 8:30 am - 2 pm | Barnabas Connection in Wimberley

August 18: Party in Your Park | 5 - 8 pm | Dunbar Park in San Marcos

August 27: Outdoor Safety Pop-Up Event | 10 am - 2 pm | Sewell Park in San Marcos

September 9: Hays County Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair | 10 am - 2 pm | Hays CISD Performing Arts Center in Kyle

September 16: Hispanic Heritage Event | 11 am - 3 pm | Hays County Historic Courthouse in San Marcos

September 19: Discussion Series: Emergency Preparedness | 6 pm - 8 pm | Barnabas Connection in Wimberley

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OUTDOOR SAFETY

In an effort to promote outdoor safety and foster a healthier and more conscious community, the Hays County Local Health Department embarked on an inspiring initiative. With a mission to educate residents on the importance of staying safe while enjoying outdoor activities, the department launched a comprehensive Outdoor Safety Campaign. By engaging with locals at parks and pools across the county, the campaign aimed to disseminate valuable information on various aspects of outdoor safety, particularly focusing on water safety and environmental consciousness to combat littering.



As one of the core pillars of the campaign, the Hays County Local Health Department diligently shared vital water safety information with residents. During summer months, when the allure of swimming and other water activities intensifies, the risks of water-related incidents also increase.

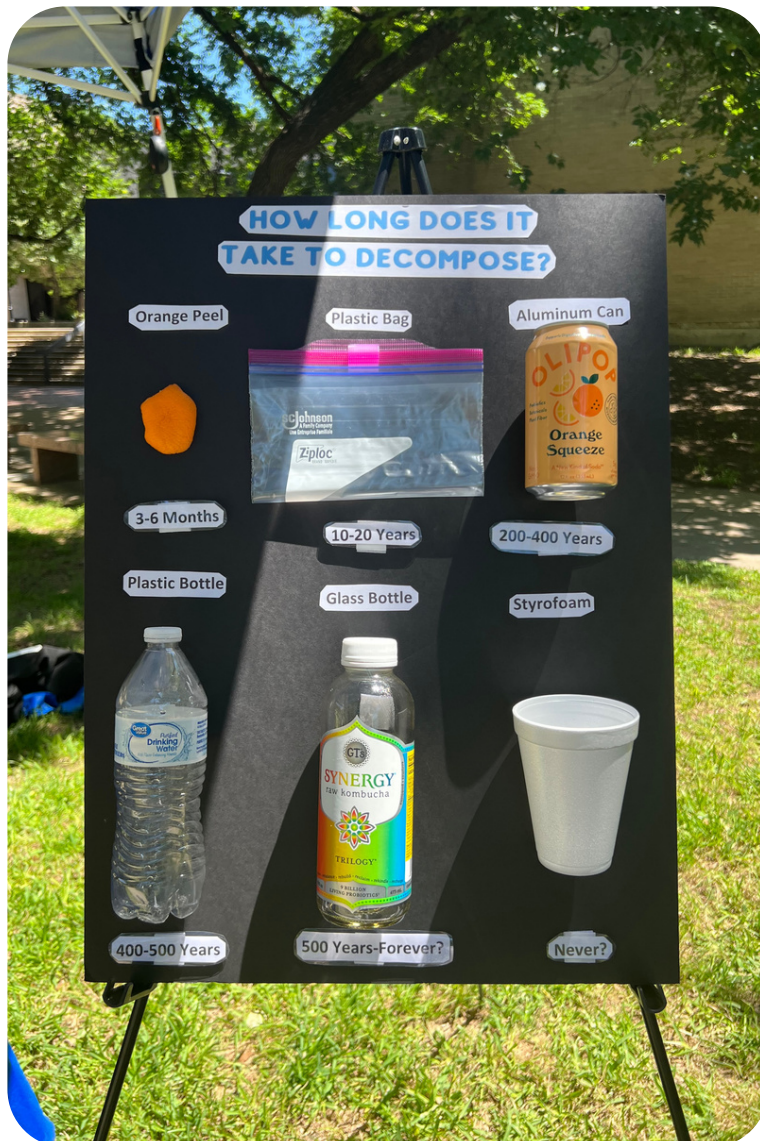
The Hays County Local Health Department's Outdoor Safety Campaign serves as a shining example of how public health initiatives can bring about positive change and create a safer and more sustainable community.



OUTDOOR SAFETY

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our invaluable partners who played a crucial role in bringing our outdoor safety campaign to fruition.

Together, we have worked tirelessly to promote safety awareness and empower our communities to enjoy the great outdoors responsibly. Our partners' commitment to the cause has not only enriched the campaign but has also fostered a safer environment for everyone. We are truly grateful for their collaboration and look forward to continuing this impactful journey together. Thank you for making our outdoor safety campaign possible!



Thank you to our partners who made this campaign possible:

- Colin's Hope
- City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation
- Texas State University
- City of Dripping Springs
- Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Event Center
- City of Kyle Parks and Recreation
- Hays County Parks Department
- Sunfield Sunbright Activity Center
- City of Wimberley Parks and Recreation

HCLHD BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR

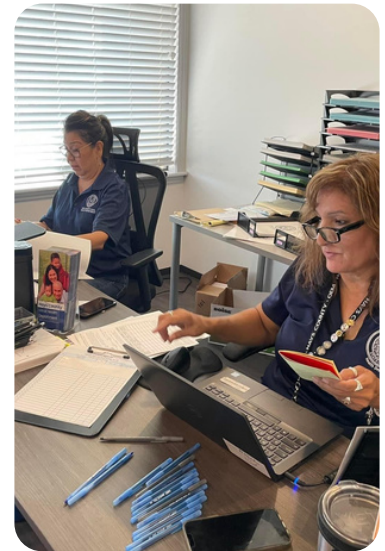
On August 5th, the Hays County Local Health Department hosted the annual Back-To-School Fair at our new location. On the day of the fair, we vaccinated 47 children.

The following week, we kept the vaccine clinic going to welcome in community members that couldn't make it to the fair. Throughout the entirety of our fair and clinic, we vaccinated 120 children total.

At the fair, we had a total of 20 community vendors including emergency vehicles, nonprofit organizations, and more. Constable David Peterson Pct. 1 brought out his trailer to grill up hotdogs for hungry families to enjoy after getting vaccinated. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone that made this fair a success.



Vendor area of the Back-To-School Fair



Constable Peterson grilling hotdogs, HCLHD staff screening children's vaccines



San Marcos Fire Department showing off a truck that the public could tour



HCLHD Staff and volunteer SMFD firefighters after a successful fair!

Right: San Marcos Police Department showing off a squad car. Kids were able to take photos inside the car!



Above and below: Fair-goers enjoying free hotdogs provided by Constable Peterson and learning about CommuniCare during the vendor fair.



Above: Austin Baier, Community Outreach Specialist, helping people check in to the fair. Below: Nonprofit organization Forever 15 sharing information about fentanyl awareness.



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HCLHD PRESENTS



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**Don't be caught
unprepared this
fall!**

Come listen to HCLHD Emergency Health Preparedness Coordinator Michelle Villegas as she presents on how to prepare for autumn floods and winter freezes.



SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Time



ENGLISH: 6:15 - 6:45 PM

SPANISH: 7:00 - 7:45 PM

Location



101 W Spoke Hill Dr.,
Wimberley, TX 78676




For more information: 512-393-5520 | HCLHDOutreach@co.hays.tx.us

Discussion Series



For our 2023 Healthy Hays Discussion series, we want to bring the discussions to you and your organization!

We are opening our program to the public to request educational events on various health topics.

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a light-colored sleeveless dress, is seen from the back, standing at a podium and gesturing with her hands while speaking into a microphone. The background is blurred, showing an indoor setting with large windows.

During the 2022 series, we held **seven** events on **five** different topics in **three** different languages.

Water Safety

Immunization and Vaccines

Hispanic/Latino Health - Diet

Health Disparities in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities

New Parents Preparedness

If you or your organization would like us to plan a health forum or presentation, please contact us.

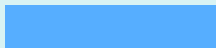
If you have any questions or would like more information about the Healthy Hays Discussion series, please contact us at HCLHDOutreach@co.hays.tx.us.



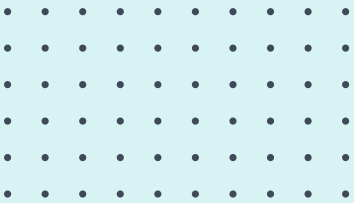
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