

# COUNTY JUDGE Quarterly

News & Notes from the Tarrant County Judge  
and important information from Tarrant County



**Unreimbursed Property Taxes Spent on State Prisoners in OUR Jail for October 1, 2020 to February 10, 2020 was \$5,714,975**



Tarrant County Judge  
B. Glen Whitley

## Rising To The Task

Just over a month ago, we gave our first COVID vaccines in Tarrant County. Since then, Public Health, JPS, Arlington, area hospitals and pharmacies have given well over 100,000 shots.

We were originally told to focus on first responders and healthcare workers. We opened two sites, the Resource Connection and Esports Stadium Arlington. Hospitals also began to vaccinate their employees.

Within days, the Governor expanded the focus to include folks over 65 and those with health issues. This enlarged the pool to over 600,000 eligible individuals. Working with our private and public partners, we added additional mega sites.

We now have the ability to vaccinate close to 40,000 a week. Hopefully, in the near future we may double or even triple this number.

Everyone should register with our Public Health Department regardless of what category you fall into. Visit [tarrantcounty.com/covidshot](http://tarrantcounty.com/covidshot) to register to get your vaccine. Then be patient, we will eventually get to everyone who wants a vaccine.

In anticipation of an increased vaccine supply, we are looking for a partner to oversee site selection and staff training at additional distribution sites in Tarrant and surrounding counties. These additional locations could be in the form of mega centers, neighborhood sites, mobile sites and/or drive-through centers. The partnership will also increase communication efforts to explain the importance of getting vaccinated.

Vaccinating our region in short order is a herculean task. This is not only true now, but especially as additional vaccine distribution sites come online. The



Tarrant County Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) is a network of medical and lay volunteers who are interested in assisting the community during times of emergency and other community needs.

Currently, volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of roles at vaccine sites located throughout Tarrant County. In addition, volunteers are needed to work in call centers to help answer questions and help register residents for the vaccine. Individuals can volunteer as their schedule permits. Volunteers must consent to and pass a criminal background check.

Be A Local Hero ~ No Cape Required! Volunteer with the Tarrant County MRC today! Register at [www.bealocalhero.org](http://www.bealocalhero.org).



*Glen*



# Critical Blood Supply Shortages



The first of the year is usually a period of critical blood shortages because of the holidays or people getting sick during cold and flu season.

The rise in COVID-19 cases is negatively affecting our community blood drives with increased cancellations resulting in a larger shortage.

The daily demand for blood and blood products for patients requiring chronic transfusion, scheduled surgery, and cancer treatment is ever-increasing. The hospitals' ability to be prepared for emergencies is our immediate concern.

Additionally, those who have survived COVID-19 are needed to donate convalescent plasma or CCP. CCP saves lives of patients that may have no other options for survival. If you have already received the COVID-19 vaccination, you are not eligible to donate CCP, however, you are still able to donate blood.


It is safe to donate! The coronavirus does not pose any known risk to blood donors during the donation process or from attending blood drives. Along with

following the national safety guidelines for their industry, Carter BloodCare has increased the frequency of cleaning beyond what is required. This includes sanitizing the donor beds and surrounding workstations, donor screening areas, our refreshment areas, doorknobs, and the waiting area. Hand sanitizer is readily available.



Please do not wait. Schedule your appointment at one of the [25 donor centers](#) or any of the [community blood drives](#) online at [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org) or call/text **800-366-2834**.

*"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."*  
– Erma Bombeck


  
Catholic Charities Fort Worth  
Transportation Services

## Do you live in Tarrant County?

Catholic Charities Fort Worth  
Transportation can get you to your  
COVID-19 vaccination appointment!

**When?**  
Monday-Friday 6:15am to 6pm

**How do I make an appointment?**  
Call us to see if you qualify for one of  
our programs at  
**817-336-8714!**



## Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



**6 ft**


Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.



When in public, wear a mask over your nose and mouth.




Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



# Be Part of the Solution

## Get Vaccinated Vacunese Đi Chích Ngừa



The COVID-19 vaccine is available for front-line health care workers, people age 65 and up, as well as those with underlying medical conditions.

La vacuna COVID-19 está disponible para los trabajadores de atención médica de primera línea, las personas mayores de 65 años, así como las personas con condiciones médicas.

Có vắc-xin COVID-19 cho các nhân viên y tế làm việc trên tuyến đầu, người cao niên từ 65 tuổi trở lên, cũng như những người có bệnh tiềm ẩn.



Register for your appointment at [tarrantcounty.com/covidshot](https://tarrantcounty.com/covidshot)

Regístrese para su cita en [tarrantcounty.com/covidshot](https://tarrantcounty.com/covidshot)

Đăng ký chích ngừa tại [tarrantcounty.com/covidshot](https://tarrantcounty.com/covidshot)



You must have an appointment. Please do not show up without one.

Debe tener una cita. Por favor no se presente sin haber recibido su cita.

Quý vị phải lấy hẹn trước. Vui lòng không tới nếu không có hẹn trước.



If you need help registering call **817-248-6299**

Si necesita ayuda para registrarse llame al **817-248-6299**

Nếu quý vị cần giúp đăng ký chích ngừa, gọi số **817-248-6299**

[tarrantcounty.com/covidshot](https://tarrantcounty.com/covidshot)





# COVID-19 And Housing Stability



Since March 2020, COVID-19 has presented challenges to the residents of Tarrant County.

The residents of Tarrant County

have felt the effects of COVID-19 physically, economically, and mentally. For many, just meeting the basic needs of their family has been a challenge.

During the pandemic, the ability for residents to make rent payments has become increasingly difficult, setting the stage for a high number of evictions. According to a [U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey](#) for the weeks of December 9 – 21, 2020, approximately 40% of Texans likely faced eviction or foreclosure in the next two months. This was up from approximately 35% the week prior. In Tarrant County alone, from April 1st through December 20th, there were 2,681 eviction cases filed.

In 2020, the federal government took action by issuing Federal Eviction Moratorium Orders preventing individuals and families from being evicted for non-payment of rent. The current moratorium, issued by the Centers for Disease Control, temporarily halts residential evictions for non-payment of rent until March 31, 2021. The moratorium is only *temporary and*

*does not provide rent forgiveness.* Residents are encouraged to talk with their landlords to work out payment in the interim.

In April 2020, Congress passed the CARES Act, providing funding to support COVID-19 related relief and recovery efforts; Tarrant County received \$209 million. Of those funds, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court allocated \$10 million for rental assistance for qualified individuals living in Tarrant County. The city of Fort Worth also received funding from the CARES Act and allocated a portion for rental assistance for Fort Worth residents.

Tarrant County’s rental assistance program provided payments for overdue rent to those directly impacted by the pandemic. As of January 26, 2021, approximately \$5,491,753.65 in assistance has been provided to 1,447 households. In addition, through agreements with local non-governmental agencies, \$98,433.66 was provided for rental assistance. Tarrant County’s CARES Act rental assistance program is currently closed for new applications, however, using funding from the December 2020 stimulus bill, the county will begin a new program for rent and utility assistance in the Spring.

For information on organizations and programs currently providing assistance, please visit [www.tarrantcounty.com/rentalassistance](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/rentalassistance).

## Information For Renters

I live in the <b>City of Fort Worth</b> and need rental assistance because COVID-19 has impacted me	Apply to The City of Fort Worth by calling (817) 392-5720 or apply online <a href="https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/neighborhoods/cap/apply">https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/neighborhoods/cap/apply</a> <b>OR</b> with Housing Channel at <a href="https://www.housingchannel.org/">https://www.housingchannel.org/</a>
I live in the <b>City of Arlington</b> , have low income, have a notice to vacate or eviction letter and need short term rental assistance	Inquire with <b>Arlington Urban Ministries</b> (817) 861-8585 <b>OR</b> <b>City of Arlington - Arlington Housing Authority</b> (817) 276-6713
I live in Tarrant County, but <b>NOT</b> in Fort Worth or Arlington. I have low income and need short term rental assistance because of a notice to vacate or eviction letter	Apply To Tarrant County by filling out the form on this link: <a href="https://etoclient49.socialsolutionsportal.com/intake/96c63667-1f3b-4a7e-813c-6bf387a61c2a">https://etoclient49.socialsolutionsportal.com/intake/96c63667-1f3b-4a7e-813c-6bf387a61c2a</a> . A case manager will contact you about your short term rental assistance request. Feel free to <b>contact Tarrant County at (817) 850-7940.</b>
I live in <b>Tarrant County</b> and only need Utility Assistance (electric, gas and propane)	Apply with Community Action Partners by calling (817) 392-5720 or at <a href="https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/neighborhoods/cap/apply">https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/neighborhoods/cap/apply</a>
I live in <b>Tarrant County</b> and need rental assistance	Call Tarrant County – Human Services at (817) 531 – 5620 or visit <a href="http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/human-services.html">http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/human-services.html</a>

# Census Update

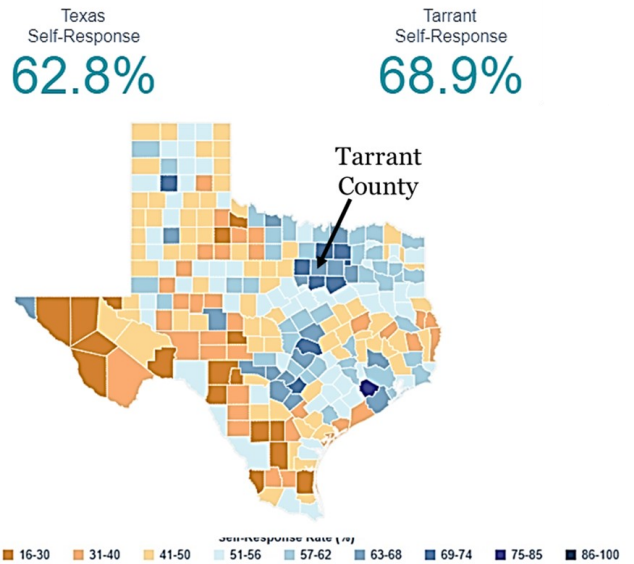


In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tarrant County successfully executed an awareness campaign to support and promote participation in the once-per-decade US Census enumeration efforts. The county's census awareness efforts were housed in the County Administrator's Office and ranged from engaging community stakeholders, such as municipalities and religious institutions, in promotional campaigns to execute targeted social media advertisement campaigns.

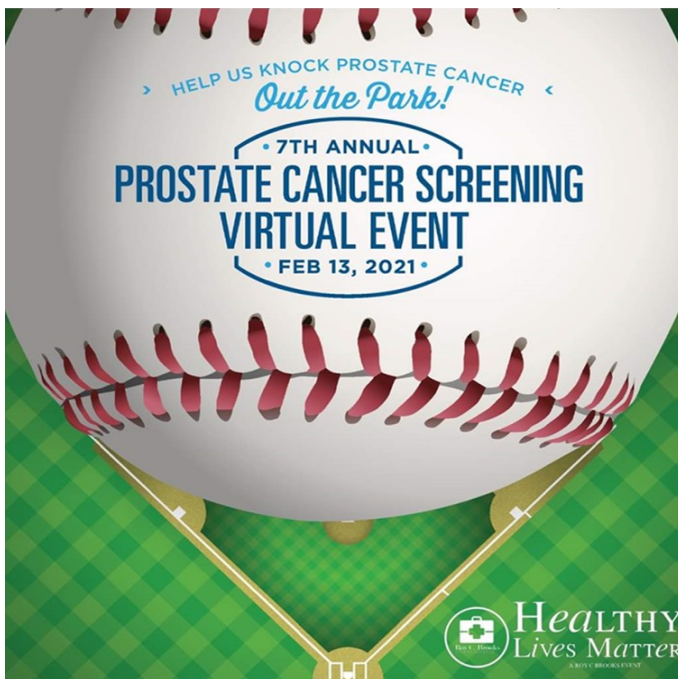
COVID-19 placed significant constraints on the County's ability to conduct in-person outreach and, as a result, a strong emphasis was placed on virtual engagement strategies. Despite facing unprecedented challenges stemming from a global public health crisis, Tarrant County was able to increase census self-response rates from 66.8 percent in 2010 to 68.9 percent in 2020.

According to the US Census Bureau, agency staff is currently completing the process of tabulating and verifying data collection results. Data from the 2020 US Census enumeration is estimated to be made available to state and local stakeholders in the summer of

2021. This data will provide valuable information to guide redistricting and apportionment processes. Additionally, the data will enable the county to more efficiently and effectively target services and resources. For detailed information regarding Tarrant County's self-response rates, visit the Texas Demographic Center website at <https://demographics.texas.gov>.



2020 U.S. Census Self Response rate comparison of state and Tarrant County. (Source: <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates/self-response.html>)



**Join** Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks for the 7th Annual Prostate Cancer Screening Event, a Healthy Lives Matter Initiative. **The event is virtual this year, and we will guide you through the process step-by-step.**

- Jan 15 - Feb 12:** Go to [tarrantcounty.com](http://tarrantcounty.com) to register and complete your risk assessment.
- Feb 13:** View your risk score and watch an educational video at the link emailed to you.
- Feb 13:** Schedule your PSA blood test at LabCorp at the link emailed to you.
- Feb 15-22:** Visit LabCorp at your scheduled time for your blood test. You will receive your results by March 1.

**HEALTHY Lives Matter**  
A ROY BROOKS POINT

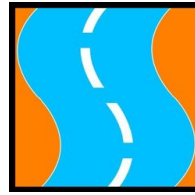
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 817.531.5600**







**A health and lifestyle expo event for boomers, seniors and caregivers!**



**8th Annual  
SENIOR SYNERGY  
EXPO**

**Thursday, July 1, 2021\*\***

*Title Sponsor*

**8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**



**FREE EXPO**

Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley and Cigna invite you to the 2021 Senior Synergy Expo. Come learn about the services available in Tarrant County that will empower boomers, seniors and caregivers to live a healthier lifestyle.

**FREE: Admission • Health Screenings • Workshops • Parking • Lunch\***

**REGISTER LOCATION**

Register today at:

[www.seniorsynergyexpo.com](http://www.seniorsynergyexpo.com)

Or call 817-884-1234

[CountyJudge@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:CountyJudge@tarrantcounty.com)

**Will Rogers – Amon G. Carter Jr.**

**Exhibits Hall**

**3400 Burnett-Tandy Drive**

**Fort Worth, TX 76107**

*\*Must register before June 18th to guarantee lunch.*

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**We are excited to host you on July 1, 2021!**

\*\*With the uncertainty around COVID-19, you will be notified of any changes. You can always find the latest information at [www.seniorsynergyexpo.com](http://www.seniorsynergyexpo.com) or call 817-884-1234.

**Knowledge is power, come learn about services available for you to live a healthier and independent lifestyle.**

# TARRANT COUNTY CONTACTS

<a href="#"><u>County Administrator</u></a> .....	817-884-1267	<a href="#"><u>Public Health</u></a> .....	817-321-4700
<a href="#"><u>County Clerk</u></a>		<a href="#"><u>Resource Connection</u></a> .....	817-531-7600
Criminal / Misdemeanor Records .....	817-884-1066	<a href="#"><u>Sheriff's Office</u></a> .....	817-884-3009
County Courts at Law .....	817-884-1101	Jail Information .....	817-884-3116
Passports .....	817-884-1408	Victim Identification .....	817-884-8463
Probate Courts .....	817-884-1770	Warrant Division .....	817-884-1320
Records Intake / Deeds .....	817-884-1062	<a href="#"><u>Tax Assessor-Collector</u></a>	
Records Library .....	817-884-1069	Auto Tag Renewal / Property Taxes	817-884-1100
Vital Records: Birth/Death Certificates, Marriage		<a href="#"><u>Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension</u></a> .....	817-894-1945
Licenses, and Business Records/DBA's .....	817-884-1550	<a href="#"><u>Veterans Services</u></a> .....	817-531-5645
<a href="#"><u>Criminal District Attorney</u></a> .....	817-884-1400	<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioners <b>Court meets every Tuesday at 10 am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tarrant County Administration Building</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>100 E. Weatherford Street, 5th Floor</b></p>	
<a href="#"><u>District Clerk</u></a>			
Civil Records .....	817-884-1240		
Criminal Records .....	817-884-1342		
Family Court / Divorce Records .....	817-884-1265		
<a href="#"><u>Jury Services</u></a> .....	817-884-3820	County Judge, Glen Whitley .....	817-884-1441
<a href="#"><u>Fire Marshal</u></a> .....	817-838-4660	Commissioner Roy C. Brooks, Precinct 1 ...	817-370-4500
<a href="#"><u>Human Services</u></a> .....	817-531-5620	Commissioner Devan Allen, Precinct 2 .....	817-548-3900
		Commissioner Gary Fickes, Precinct 3 .....	817-581-3600
		Commissioner JD Johnson, Precinct 4 .....	817-238-4400

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For additional information, visit: [www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)

## Tarrant County Legislative Delegation

### Texas House

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<a href="#"><u>District 92 Representative: Jeff Cason, R-Bedford</u></a> .....	<a href="mailto:jeff.cason@house.state.tx.us">jeff.cason@house.state.tx.us</a> .....	512-463-0522
<a href="#"><u>District 93 Representative: Matt Krause, R-Fort Worth</u></a> .....	<a href="mailto:matt.krause@house.state.tx.us">matt.krause@house.state.tx.us</a> .....	512-463-0562
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<a href="#"><u>District 96 Representative: David Cook, R-Arlington</u></a> .....	<a href="mailto:david.cook@house.state.tx.us">david.cook@house.state.tx.us</a> .....	512-463-0374
<a href="#"><u>District 97 Representative: Craig Goldman, R-Fort Worth</u></a> .....	<a href="mailto:craig.goldman@house.state.tx.us">craig.goldman@house.state.tx.us</a> .....	512-463-0608
<a href="#"><u>District 98 Representative: Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake</u></a> ...	<a href="mailto:giovanni.capriglione@house.state.tx.us">giovanni.capriglione@house.state.tx.us</a> ...	512-463-0690
<a href="#"><u>District 99 Representative: Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth</u></a> .....	<a href="mailto:charlie.geren@house.texas.gov">charlie.geren@house.texas.gov</a> .....	512-463-0610
<a href="#"><u>District 101 Representative: Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie</u></a> .....	<a href="mailto:chris.turner@house.state.tx.us">chris.turner@house.state.tx.us</a> .....	512-463-0574

### Texas Senate

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<a href="#"><u>District 10 Senator: Beverly Powell, D-Fort Worth</u></a> .....	<a href="mailto:beverly.powell@senate.state.tx.us">beverly.powell@senate.state.tx.us</a> .....	512-463-0110
<a href="#"><u>District 12 Senator: Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound</u></a> .....	<a href="mailto:jane.nelson@senate.state.tx.us">jane.nelson@senate.state.tx.us</a> .....	512-463-0112
<a href="#"><u>District 22 Senator: Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury</u></a> .....	<a href="mailto:brian.birdwell@senate.state.tx.us">brian.birdwell@senate.state.tx.us</a> .....	512-463-0122

