

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

We have a lease on the building for the Public Defender Program. That is good. We have closed on the small shop building for records storage and workshop.

Texas is gearing up for the COVID-19 vaccine distribution. They are expecting the first batch of Pfizer vaccine to come to Bexar County on Dec. 14 and for the Hospital system in Bexar County, including Methodist Hospital South here, to absorb all the first issue. I will be attending a TXDSHS webinar on the vaccine rollout on Thursday and I will do my best to keep the public informed. My office will be in the middle of this project for Atascosa County. Please be aware that when the vaccine shot is given, it will not become effective right away. The vaccine is given in two doses. According to what I have read in the papers, the second shot comes three weeks after the first and takes four weeks from that point to be fully effective. That is a total of seven weeks to reach its full effectiveness. Therefore, there will be some time to elapse for protection. I am not trying to be negative, just informing so all can see the facts. With Christmas coming this is no time to let down on caution.

For local medical authorities to opt into dispensing vaccine, go to: <https://enrolltexasiz.dshs.texas.gov/emrlogin.asp>. To see a list of providers in Atascosa County, go to: <https://txdshs.quickbase.com/db/bqx23e68f>. Copy and paste to your browser. Or go to www.tdshs.com and go to their "COVID" page. I do know that Walgreens, WalMart and H-E-B have agreed to be statewide vendors as well as several local medical authorities.

I will keep you informed as I have more information.

May God bless you and keep you. Thanks for listening.

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