

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

I am working on an idea to develop a drive-thru regional vaccination site for Atascosa County. It would take place at the Poteet Strawberry Festival Grounds who have been most gracious to offer their property. It will be available to all citizens on a first come, first served basis. I have communicated with State Rep. Ryan Guillen's office and Senator Judith Zaffirini's office about the idea. I have preliminary acceptance by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) for the concept. Rep. Guillen's staff and Sen. Zaffirini's staff have been very encouraging in their support. We can use the county EMS to assist. The county will do its part. My hope is that when we put this together, we will call on the good will of all citizens, cities, clubs and clinics to provide volunteers to staff this and run it. I feel we are moving way too slow for the immunization program.

The only real issue will be getting the vaccine and I think it may be a couple of weeks before we can see real progress on the idea. We are seeing recurrences of the virus COVID-19 in several instances. That becomes alarming when it indicates we cannot depend on herd immunity to be an end. It will certainly be a factor, but no one knows how much. We MUST end this mess and the vaccine is the only way.

If you need to apply for the new business assistance money from the new Congressional COVID funds, go to <https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form-2483-ppp-first-draw-borrower-application-form>.

Be safe and hang on. The end of COVID is coming, but we need your help. Thanks for listening.