

NOTICE OF AN EMERGENCY PUBLIC MEETING

January 11, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will meet in emergency session on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Street, Houston, Texas. This meeting is also being held virtually to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings and thus slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

This emergency meeting has been called by the County Judge. The purpose of this emergency meeting is to consider and take immediate action on the following:

1. Harris County Public Health Services' request for approval to purchase up to 65,000 rapid antigen COVID-19 test kits with funding not to exceed \$1,845,000.00 in COVID-19 Response and Recovery funds; and
2. Harris County Public Health Services' request to enter into an emergency medical staffing agreement with Angel Staffing not to exceed \$40,000,000.00 and an emergency medical staffing agreement with Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, with total funding not to exceed \$41,500,000.00 for emergency medical staffing.

Emergency or urgent public necessity items may be published up to one (1) hour before a meeting of Harris County Commissioners Court.

An emergency or urgent public necessity requiring immediate action of Commissioners Court exists given the imminent threat to public health and safety caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the highly transmissible Omicron variant, the exponential increase in demand for COVID-19 testing, supply chain break-downs and the concomitant decrease in the availability of rapid antigen tests, near-record high positivity rates, increased hospitalizations, and healthcare staffing shortages caused by COVID-19. Commissioners Court will consider and may take immediate action to provide test kits to help to slow the spread of the virus and provide opportunities to encourage vaccination, and to procure nurses and thus assist local hospitals in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members of the public may attend, participate and/or address Commissioners Court in-person or may virtually access the meeting through the following link: <https://agenda.harriscountytexas.gov>. Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person may make comments by signing up to speak in the Commissioners Court courtroom before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, when the meeting begins. Members of the public who attend virtually may make comments by signing up to speak by no later than 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at <https://appearancerequest.harriscountytexas.gov/>. If you sign up to speak, you will be placed in a queue and will be called when it is your time to speak.

If more than 25 members of the public sign up to make comments, each speaker's comments will be limited to, at most, one (1) minute in total, notwithstanding how many agenda items the speaker signs up to comment on. If 25 members of the public or fewer sign up to make comments, each speaker's comments will be limited to, at most, three (3) minutes in total, notwithstanding how many agenda items the speaker signs up to comment on. Members of the public who have appeared before Commissioners Court on the same issue during any of the past three meetings will be limited to, at most, one minute in total to comment. Members of the public who sign up to speak about a topic that does not address a specific agenda item will be limited to, at most, one minute in total to comment, which will take place after all agenda item-related comments have been made. Members of the public are also invited to email their written comments to Commissioners Court at CommissionersCourt@hctx.net.

It is the intention of the Harris County Commissioners Court to provide open access to all members of the public of Harris County to express themselves on issues addressed by County government. However, members of the public are reminded that the Harris County Commissioners Court is a constitutional court, created by the State with judicial, administrative and legislative powers. As such, the Harris County Commissioners Court possesses the authority to issue Contempt of Court citations. Accordingly, persons shall conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum in addressing the Court, in participating in public discussions before the Court, and in all actions in the presence of the Court. Profane, insulting or threatening language, and racial, ethnic or gender slurs or epithets will not be tolerated. Those persons who do not conduct themselves in an orderly and appropriate manner will be ordered to leave the meeting and recognition to speak may be refused at subsequent meetings of the Court. Refusal to abide by the Court's Order may result in a Contempt of Court Citation. Agendas may be obtained in the Commissioners Court courtroom on the day of the meeting or via the internet at <https://agenda.harriscountytexas.gov>.



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