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December 2020 Topics

- COVID Vaccine at State Hospitals and State Supported Living Centers
- Emergency SNAP Benefits for December
- Mental Health Hotline
- Construction at State Hospitals

COVID Vaccine at State Hospitals and State Supported Living Centers

State Hospitals receive first shipments of COVID-19 vaccine

Alice Echo News Journal
December 17, 2020

Wichita Falls campus of NTSH gets first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine

Trish Choate
Wichita Falls Times-Record News
December 17, 2020

North Texas State Hospital in WF receives first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine

KFDX-TV Wichita Falls
December 17, 2020

The vaccine is here: Denton County COVID-19 shots to reach the public, DSSLC to start vaccinating staff

Justin Grass
Denton Record-Chronicle
December 17, 2020

Long-Term Care Residents Receive COVID-19 Vaccine in North Texas

Melissa Harrison
KXAS-TV - Dallas/Fort Worth
December 17, 2020



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Terrell State Hospital will be only Kaufman county hospital to receive first doses of COVID-19 vaccine

Bryant Martin
InForney
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Brenham State Supported Living Center Receives First Vaccine Shipment

Josh Blaschke
KWHI-AM/FM Brenham
December 17, 2020

BSSLC receives vaccine shipment

Staff
Brenham Banner-Press
December 17, 2020

Waco Center for Youth to receive COVID-19 vaccines in 48 hours

Joel Leal
KXXV-TV Waco
December 23, 2020

McLennan County Public Health District, other agencies start vaccine distribution

Andrew Moore
KCEN-TV Waco
December 17, 2020

Lufkin State Supported Living Center begins administering COVID-19 vaccines

T'Ebonie Tanner
KTRE-TV Lufkin
December 24, 2020

El Paso Psychiatric Center gets first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine

David Cross
KFOX 14 El Paso
December 23, 2020

Rio Grande State Center receives first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine

KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley
December 23, 2020



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Emergency SNAP Benefits for December

[State extends emergency SNAP benefits through December](#)

Carrie Provinsal
KLTU-TV Tyler
December 3, 2020

[Governor Abbott, HHSC announce extension of SNAP benefits for December](#)

Julianna Russ
Everything Lubbock
December 3, 2020

[Emergency food benefits extended through December](#)

Athens Daily Review
December 5, 2020

[\\$204M in December Emergency SNAP Benefits Made Available in Texas](#)

Spectrum News Austin
December 4, 2020

[Emergency SNAP benefits: \\$204M additional funds going out to Texans](#)

Amanda Cochran
KPRC-TV Houston
December 4, 2020

[Emergency SNAP benefits extended for December by the Texas HHSC](#)

Bria Woods
Crossroads Today
December 4, 2020

[Emergency SNAP Benefits Extended Through December](#)

Montgomery County Gazette
December 7, 2020



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Mental Health Hotline

[Support line offers Texans free mental health help amid COVID-19, holidays](#)

Tracy Maness
Houston Chronicle
December 24, 2020

[State of Texas: 'We cannot ignore it' – Pandemic brings attention to mental health needs](#)

Wes Rapaport and John Thomas
My High Plains
December 27, 2020

Construction at State Hospitals

[Demolition completed, making room for new Austin State Hospital](#)

Drew Knight
KVUE-TV Austin
December 1, 2020

[Construction Crews Deliver \\$200M Upgrades at Hospital](#)

Construction Equipment Guide
December 1, 2020