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Press Release

Fort Bend County HHS Continues Free Testing & Vaccines for Uninsured

Rosenberg, TX - The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently announced that, due to lack of funds, the Uninsured Program (UIP) stopped accepting claims for COVID-19 testing and treatment on March 22, 2022 and will stop receiving claims for COVID-19 vaccines on April 5, 2022.

This means that many Fort Bend County healthcare providers will no longer get reimbursed for uninsured individuals related to COVID-19 services such as treatment, testing, and vaccinations. However, Fort Bend County Health & Human Services (FBCHHS) will continue offering free COVID-19 testing, vaccines and boosters to all Fort Bend County residents regardless of insurance status. Healthcare providers can refer uninsured patients seeking Covid-19 vaccination and testing to FBCHHS.

Although the number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have significantly decreased, SARS CoV-2 is still being spread at low levels throughout the community. The best protection against COVID-19 and its variants is being fully vaccinated and getting a booster when eligible. Getting a booster is especially important to reduce the emergence and impact new variants.

To find a FBCHHS vaccine site, go to <https://www.fbchealth.org/> or call 281.633.7795 or you can find a location by clicking [here](#). Parents must accompany their children ages 5-17 to be vaccinated. Parents can help keep their children safe who are four or younger and cannot be vaccinated by wearing masks in crowded spaces if older than 2 years, avoiding others who may be ill, and testing if symptomatic. Testing is free at FBCHHS sites. Appointments are not required for testing or vaccination, walk-ins are welcome.

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