

DR. THERESA DANIEL DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020 **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



Your voices have been heard!

Dallas County saw a great turn out on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd. I would like to thank all the District 1 residents who have once again placed your trust in me and I will be proud to serve as your Dallas County Commissioner for another four years. As I always say, we don't do anything by ourselves and we're not done yet!

Dr. Theresa Daniel



The country now stands at over three hundred thousand COVID-19 deaths over the last nine months. Dallas County is averaging more than 1,300 infections per day. At this point, many of us know someone, or will know someone, who has been infected, or has died from this virus. As the new year approaches, scientists the world over are nearing an effective, safe vaccine which has begun to be issued to Dallas County residents. We all want to get this virus behind us as quickly as possible.

To do that, we must continue to social distance, wear face coverings, and avoid gatherings, even small ones. Please, stay safe and stay smart. You can do your part by following the latest [CDC Guidelines on prevention](#).

COVID-19 Financial Assistance

Since early June Dallas County has been able to provide assistance to hundreds of families affected by COVID-19. This effort will continue into 2021 as many Dallas County residents are still feeling the effects of the pandemic and economic uncertainty. The goal of this program is to help families stay in their homes and minimize the spread of COVID-19.

All Dallas County residents can apply if they have lost their job, have reduced hours, have a health condition that doesn't allow them to work, or if they are single parents who have kids at home and are not able to work. Residents will not need to prove their loss of income was directly due to COVID-19.

EHAP provides a maximum amount of \$1,500 a month per household for up to six months. If a tenant has received funds previously or through another organization they will still be able to apply.

The assistance is in the form of a grant, not a loan. So it does not need to be paid back. Assistance will be granted on a first come, first serve basis and may cover rent, mortgage, and utility payments.

The links below are for various assistance programs designed to assist Dallas County residents experiencing challenges due to the pandemic.

[Emergency Housing Assistance Program](#)

[Emergency Business Assistance Program](#)

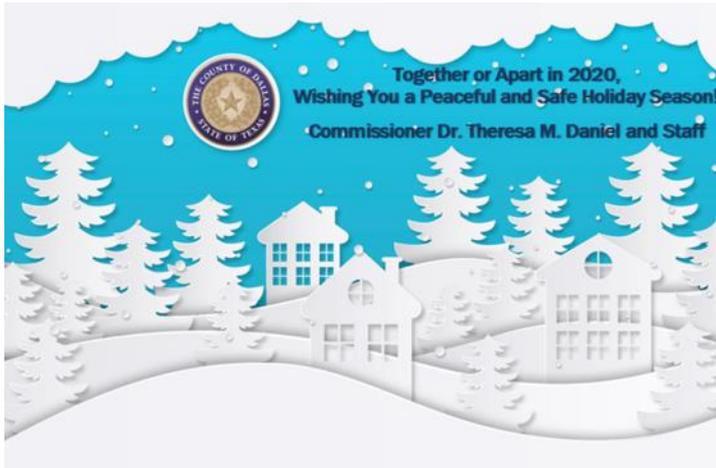
[Emergency Childcare Assistance Program](#)

[Food Pantry Assistance Program](#)

[CARES ACT Programs Contact Information](#)



Happy Holidays



2017



2015



2018



2019



District 1 Holiday Events

- Garland Fire Dept. Toy Drive: Now until Dec. 18, toys can be dropped at any of 11 GFD stations or the Fire Admin & Training Facility @ 1500 State Hwy 66. All toys must be unwrapped when dropped
- Santa Cop Toy Program: Through Dec. 18, you can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the lobby of the Mesquite Police Dept. or send a monetary donation to Mesquite Police Dept., c/o Santa Cop, P.O. Box 850137, Mesquite, TX 75185-0137. Follow the link for more info. [Mesquite Santa Cop Toy Program.](#)
- City of Mesquite Christmas in the Park Drive-Through Celebration. [Official Website here.](#)

Dallas County Gives Thanks



Many thanks for participating in the Dallas County Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive. Last month for the Thanksgiving Holiday food drive, Dallas County donated 2196 pounds of food and \$550 to the Dream Foundation. The pickup date for the Christmas Food drive has been extended to Monday, December 21, 2020. Let's all work together to exceed the previous donation.

DONATION DRIVE : November 25, 2020 - December 16, 2020

PICKUP DATE : December 21, 2020 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

(Commissioners Court Administration will arrange pickup of the boxes)

Please Contact Angelina Smith (Angelina.Smith@dallascounty.org) or Krystal Thomas (Krystal.Thomas@dallascounty.org) if you are in need of boxes.

LOCATIONS: County Buildings and Facilities