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Unvaccinated Texans make up vast majority of COVID-19 cases and deaths this year new state data shows

By Karen Brooks Harper, The Texas Tribune

"Unvaccinated Texans make up vast majority of COVID-19 cases and deaths this year, new state data shows" was first published by The Texas Tribune, a non-profit, nonpartisan media organization that informs Texans — and engages with them — about public policy, politics, government and statewide issues.

New data from the Texas health department released Monday proves what health officials have been trying to tell vaccine-hesitant Texans for months: The COVID-19 vaccine dramatically prevents death and is the best tool to prevent transmission of the deadly virus.

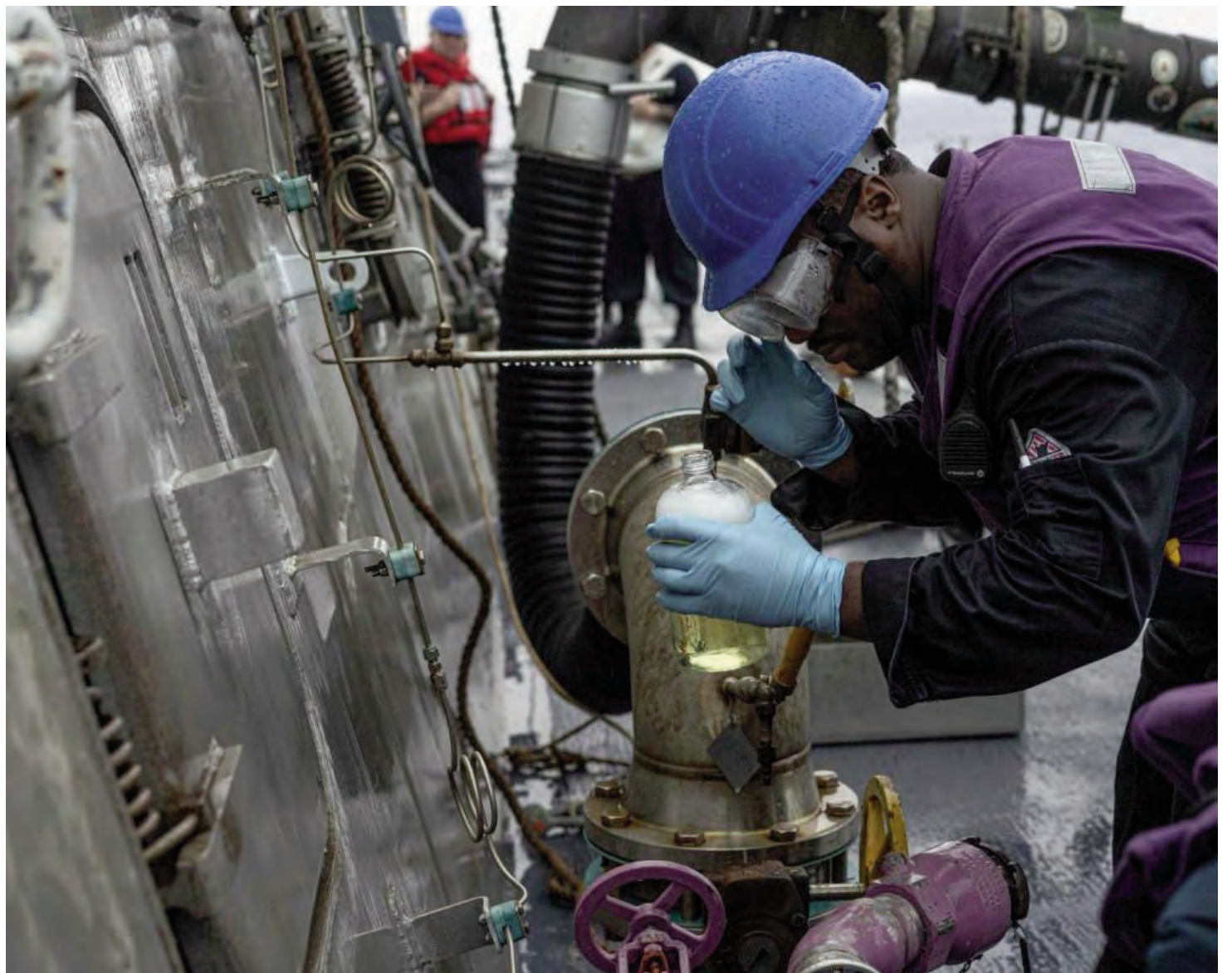
Out of nearly 29,000 Texans who have died from COVID-related illnesses since mid-January, only 8% of them were fully vaccinated against the virus, according to a report detailing the Texas Department of State Health Services' findings.

And more than half of those deaths among vaccinated people were among Texans older than 75, the age group that is most vulnerable to the virus, the study shows.

"We've known for a while that vaccines were going to have a protective effect on a large segment of our population," said Dr. Jennifer A. Shuford, state epidemiologist. "By looking at our own population and seeing what the impact of the vaccines have been on that population, we're hoping just to be able to reach people here in Texas and show them the difference that being fully vaccinated can make in their lives and for their communities."

The state health department study covers most of the positive cases and COVID-19 deaths reported in Texas among residents from Jan. 15 to Oct. 1. It's the first time state officials

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Dallas Native tests fuel during replenishment-at-sea evolution aboard U.S. Navy warship

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DNC Chair Jaime Harrison says, "Because of Democrats, neighborhoods across the country will be safer, healthier, better connected, and Black Americans will experience an enhanced quality of life for generations to come." /Edward Kimmel via wikimedia commons

DNC: Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Will Revitalize Black Communities Across America

"For years, Black Americans heard talk but didn't see any action from Trump and Republicans who were unable to address critical community problems like lead leaching pipes, crumbling roads and bridges, and flooding streets."

The House sent the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to President Biden's desk, legislation that will address economic disparities and the consequences of decades of disinvestment in America's infrastructure that have fallen most heavily on communities of color. In

response, DNC Chair Jaime Harrison released the following statement: "For years, Black Americans heard talk but didn't see any action from Trump and Republicans who were unable to address critical community problems like lead leaching pipes, crumbling roads and bridges, and

flooding streets. "But now, thanks to President Biden, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will address these monumental concerns while also advancing racial justice and equity through investments in communi-

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Rapper's rowdy past raises red flags in Astroworld lawsuits

By BERNARD CONDON



Travis Scott performs at Day 1 of the Astroworld Music Festival at NRG Park on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, in Houston. (Photo by Amy Harris/Invision/AP)

Lawsuits are piling up less than a week after the deadly crowd crush at the Astroworld concert, and legal experts say the risk is mounting that juries could decide against rapper Travis Scott and the companies behind the tragic event in Houston.

Several legal experts told The Associated Press that Scott's past incitement of concertgoers offers a history that could make it easier to pursue negligence claims against companies that planned and managed the show, which killed eight people and left hundreds injured. And although the investigations have just begun, experts

expect dozens more lawsuits seeking damages that could climb into hundreds of millions of dollars.

At the center of the legal maelstrom is Scott, a 30-year-old rapper famous for whipping fans into a frenzy who has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges tied to stirring up crowds at previous concerts.

"This put everyone on notice: 'This is what has happened, and there is no reason it can't happen again,'" said John Werner, a lawyer in Beaumont, Texas, who is not involved in Astroworld cases. "They know this is a situation that can get out of hand."

"This tragedy was months, if not years, in the making," wrote Houston lawyer Steve Kherkher in a lawsuit demanding more than \$1 million for a man trampled in the melee, which he said was "predictable and preventable" given the rapper's history.

More than a dozen lawsuits have been filed so far against Scott and several companies, including entertainment giant Live Nation, concert promoter ScoreMore, a nonprofit managing the Houston-owned venue. The complaints allege that organizers failed to take simple crowd-control steps, to staff properly and to act on early signs of trouble at the

sold-out concert at NRG Park that attracted 50,000 fans.

"The way the concert was set up, planned, organized, and the way things were handled once there was a problem, it boggles the mind," lawyer Tony Buzbee said this week in announcing that he was suing on behalf of three dozen victims, including 21-year-old Axel Acosta, who died.

Buzbee's news conference played directly to the court of public opinion, with the tone of an opening statement complete with slides and video clips.

He and other attorneys have seized on an early clue of trouble that came hours before the concert began when throngs of fans rushed past security and metal detectors through a fence.

"Whatever security they had was wholly insufficient," said former federal prosecutor Philip Hilder, a Houston lawyer not involved in any Astroworld case. "The crowd went right through."

Hilder also criticized the event's 56-page planning document, which was submitted to the city for approval. He said the plans were "boilerplate," with too few details about the safety of the parking lot where the performance was held, which had no seating or aisles and no pens to contain the crowds.

The planning document, obtained by The Associated Press and shared with Hilder, mentions the possibility of tor-

nadoes, bomb threats, active shooters, civil disobedience and riots but makes no mention of a possible crowd surge.

Several lawyers say litigation is also likely to focus on an unexplained delay between the time city officials declared a "mass casualty event" and when the concert organizers finally stopped the show, a 37-minute gap during which fans kept pushing toward the stage, collapsing and getting crushed.

"The band kept going on and on long after the problem existed," said Frank Branson, a personal injury lawyer in Dallas. "It's hard to believe that wasn't a conscious disregard to the audience, to safety and welfare."

It's not clear what Scott could see from the stage as his fans were getting pushed, punched, pinned and trampled, some screaming out to stop the show.

On video posted to social media, Scott is seen at one point stopping the music, pointing into the audience and asking for aid for someone: "Security, somebody help, jump in real quick."

"Anytime I can make out what's going on, I stop the show and help them get the help they need," he said. "I could just never imagine the severity of the situation."

Representatives of Scott did not respond to an email from the AP seeking comment on Tuesday.

Scott is famous for encouraging fans to ignore security and crowd surf and stage dive in the mosh pit below him. A commercial for this year's Astroworld event, since removed from YouTube, shows fans breaking through barricades and storming the concert grounds at the 2019 event.

In 2015, Chicago officials said Scott encouraged fans at

the Lollapalooza music festival to vault security barricades. The rapper was sentenced to one year of court supervision after pleading guilty to reckless conduct charges.

In 2017, Scott was arrested after he encouraged fans to bypass security and rush the stage during a concert in Arkansas, leaving a security guard, a police officer and several others injured. Scott faced several misdemeanor charges, including inciting a riot. He pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and paid a fine.

Scott is also being sued by a concertgoer who says he was partially paralyzed when he was pushed from a third-floor balcony at a New York City concert in 2017, an incident the man says happened after Scott encouraged people to jump.

Dallas lawyer Ellen Presby said Scott's past will help make a case against him, but his likely defense will be to argue that he is just a performer who leaves the security details to other people, which will make it more difficult to attach blame.

Defense lawyers will argue "what he does is hop on the stage and do his thing and it's all set up for him," she said. If she were defending him, she added, she would "try to find facts that he was as surprised and horrified as everyone else."

Houston attorney C.J. Baker said a criminal filing against Scott is possible given his past behavior, but it would be a difficult case because it would have to establish intent, not just carelessness.

"You would need to show that he acted in a way that he sort of knew what was happening and acted that way anyway," he said. "That is a much bigger, much steeper hill to climb" than the lawsuits.

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"CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE REPLACEMENT OF JUDAS ISCARIOT"

ACTS 1:15-26

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



Thus far in the first chapter of Acts, we have seen Dr. Luke's account of Christ's ministry and teaching while He sojourned here on earth. During Christ's awesome ministry of three years, He taught with exceptional authority and He wrought many mighty miracles. However, His great ministry ended in His crucifixion; nevertheless, the great gospel message states that He rose again according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

In the book of Acts, Dr. Luke give to us an account

of Christ's post-resurrection appearances, appearances that served as convicting proofs of His resurrection (Luke 1:3). These proofs were indisputable evidences that what Christ said would happen certainly did occur (Matthew 16:21; Mark 8:31; 9:31; Luke 9:2.8:31-33). The book of Acts is indeed a remarkable account that shows what Christ will do through His disciples when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. Yes, even for believers today, we need to be filled by the Holy Spirit so that we might be effective

witnesses for Him (Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18).

Having ministered to His disciples for forty days, our blessed Lord took a cloud and ascended to Heaven (Acts 1:9). The ascension of Christ concluded His ministry of being bodily present among His disciples. However, our blessed Lord's ministry is still among us, for now He ministers to us from heaven being seated at His Father's right hand (Hebrews 1:3). Before our Lord's ascension, He left two vital commands: the disciples were to wait in

Jerusalem on the promise of the Father—the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4), and they were to be witnesses for Him (Acts 1:8). However, between Christ's command to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, and His command to be witnesses for Him, they needed to be endowed with power (Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49).

Although the Lord had departed from followers in the ascension, we find them engaging in prayer in verse 14. Prayer should be a characteristic feature of the church (Luke 18:1), espe-

cially when important decisions are to be made! Peter, the established leader of the apostles, directs them to a passage cited by David that prophesied the awful betrayal of Judas Iscariot (vs. 15-17).

In Psalm 41:9, David is pictured as being betrayed by his intimate friend; moreover, just as David was betrayed by his friend, Jesus Christ was betrayed by Judas, a disciple of Jesus for three years. Judas had listened to Christ's teachings and witnessed some of His miracles, yet Judas betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver!

In verses 18-21, Judas Iscariot's life of deception ended in a dismal way. Judas Iscariot's position had to be replaced. These disciples acted in compliance with the promise that twelve of them would sit on twelve

thrones, reigning in glory with the Lord (Matthew 19:28). These men acted out of prayerful concern that Judas Iscariot's position must be replaced. The one who would replace Judas must be a witness of Christ's resurrection (v. 22). Having two men from which to choose, and having made their determination through casting lots (Proverbs 16:33), they chose Matthias as the replacement for Judas. Although many biblical scholars are not in agreement that Matthias should be Judas' replacement because the Holy Spirit had not come in an abiding sense to indwell believers, Dr. Luke certainly refers to him as Judas' replacement as he refers to the twelve apostles (Acts 2:14; 6:2).

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Testimony: Ahmaud Arbery slaying defendant changed his story

By RUSS BYNUM

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Parkland ramps up programs to combat diabetes in Dallas County

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

DALLAS — “If this class was available in the earlier stages of my life I probably wouldn’t be on dialysis now,” said Daris Lee, 49, Dallas, who lives in one of the at-risk ZIP codes identified by the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) developed by Parkland Health & Hospital System and Dallas County Health and Human Services.

The report confirmed that poverty, food deserts and lack of access to healthcare often go hand in hand with higher rates of diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. Dallas County ZIP codes identified by the CHNA with the greatest health disparities include 75210, 75211, 75215, 75216, 75217 and 75241.

Lee is attending weekly diabetes education classes led by Parkland diabetes educators held weekly at Bonton Farms in south Dallas. The class is one of several new initiatives launched by the system to extend health education and outreach into the at-risk neighborhoods identified by the CHNA.

“The classes have been so informative and educational. What this class is doing for me is equipping me with information to help me save my children and grandchildren from

having to struggle with diabetes like I did. This program has been the biggest blessing for me and an even bigger blessing to the whole community,” Lee said.

In response to the CHNA findings, Parkland has expanded both staff and community outreach efforts dedicated to diabetes screening and education in the areas at high-risk.

“The initiatives focus on screening more people and expanding awareness through targeted educational efforts at community locations in these neighborhoods,” said Jessica Hernandez, Vice President, Community Integrated Health.

The new Parkland Diabetes CHNA team is a multidisciplinary group including Ann Christian-Dold, RN, certified diabetes care and education specialist; Mary Beth Robinson, registered dietitian, certified diabetes care and education specialist; and Janeth Lopez Ferrusca, licensed master social worker. Additional team members still pending include a nurse navigator to support the specialty team and act as a diabetes advocate between Parkland’s Community Oriented Primary Care health centers and the community.

“Priority health areas

for the team are diabetes education, risk screening and follow-up care, A1c testing and diabetes management, increasing medication adherence, increasing foot examinations and reducing amputation rates,” said Misty L. Jones, MPH, RD, LD, CDCES, recently appointed Manager, Global Programs (Diabetes).

Although COVID restrictions have limited group activities this year, Jones said the CHNA Diabetes team has participated in some larger community health events such as Juneteenth at Bonton Farms and Lighthouse Church’s Body & Mind wellness event.

“Additional diabetes health activities are anticipated for the remainder of the year as we strive to promote active diabetes health participation within our community population,” Jones added.

Activities at Bonton Farms have included classes led jointly by Parkland’s diabetes care and education specialists (dietitian and nurse), social worker, hypertension nurse navigator, and behavioral health personnel. Classes focus on understanding health basics, healthy eating, smart shopping, budget-friendly recipes, meals in minutes, understanding

food labels, exercise, understanding and managing stress, healthy coping skills, problem solving, and navigating the healthcare system.

“We want to help individuals develop healthy lifestyle goals to prevent or take care of their diabetes and blood pressure, as well support healthy coping and a sense of well-being,” Jones said.

In addition to group classes, the team is dedicated to individual outreach.

“We want to hear their concerns and work together to meet the diabetes health goals and needs of the individuals within our communities. Our team has been created to act as a guide to those living with diabetes, to help them meet the challenge and be successful in the small steps so that larger health gains are obtained,” Jones explained.

Next steps will include more community outreach and partnerships with organizations within the priority ZIP codes.

“Our intention is to create a peer network supported by, but not reliant on, our team. This peer network will help motivate and propel their communities towards generational health gains,” Jones said.

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have been able to statistically measure the true impact of the vaccine on the pandemic in Texas — which has one of the highest death tolls in the nation. The majority of Texans ages 16 and up didn’t become eligible for the vaccine until late March.

State health officials

also found the vaccine greatly reduced the risk of virus transmission, including the highly contagious delta variant that ravaged the state over the summer.

Only 3% of 1.5 million positive COVID-19 tests examined since mid-January occurred in people who were already vaccinated.

State researchers matched electronic lab

reports and death certificates with state immunization records, and measured cases and deaths since mid-January, a month after the first shots were administered in Texas.

The study was done using data similar to those used by other states that conducted similar studies and methods recommended by the U.S. Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, Shuford said.

And while the outcome was not particularly surprising, Shuford said, officials hope that the new data will increase trust in the benefits of the shot.

“Texas is a unique place; it’s got a lot of diversity, geographic and population-wise,” Shuford

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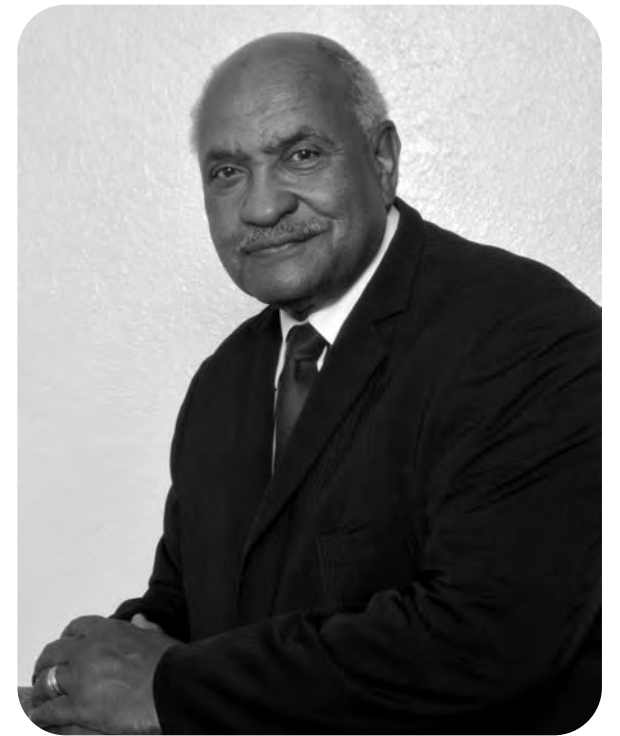
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EDITORIAL PAGE

Blacks, Veteran's Day and Critical Race Theory

By Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher, The San Diego Voice and Viewpoint



Dr. John E. Warren

Veterans Day was created as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. It became a national holiday by an act of Congress in 1938. As we honor the memory of those who served in this great conflict, separately and apart from other occasions honoring our War service members, let us not forget the special struggles of Black Veterans, especially during the years following World War I.

We have seen from history that African Americans who fought for the freedom of others on distant shores, came home to disenfranchisement, segregation, and subhuman treatment on every front where they should have received respect and equality for having served. We have seen from a historical point that a Black soldier named Charles Lewis, recently discharged from the military, was lynched in uniform in Hichman,

Kentucky; in 1944, four Black soldiers after a white store owner claimed they tried to take over his place; in 1947, we repeat how Joe Nathan Roberts, a Black Navy Veteran, studying at Temple University on the G.I. Bill was abducted and shot because he wouldn't say "Sir" to white men.

What is so important about these stories today is that if "Critical Race Theory" is allowed to be implemented on the scale white legislatures and school boards are trying to do, to sanitize all discussion of America's racist past, these stories will be lost along with the racist history they represent. Let us not forget that we have over 99 African American servicemen who earned and received the Medal of Honor in battle, fighting, and in some cases dying for a country who would only honor them when the flag was draped over their coffins and taps played at

their graveside.

It is up to us to remember and honor our own, in spite of what this nation does or how it seeks to change or erase the history that we bled and sacrificed to build. Yes, this Veterans Day, let's remember our own; and not by running out to catch the latest sales. How about reflecting on how we can individually build

on what they left? Things like registering to vote, spending money with those who support us, demanding respect for ourselves and our elders, and remembering that we are still "Black" to America whether we are rich, poor, educated, homeless, or ignorant.

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ties of color. "Because of Democrats, neighborhoods across the country will be safer, healthier, better connected, and Black Americans will experience an enhanced quality of life for generations to come."

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- Investing in public transit, reducing commute times, and addressing the backlog of repairs. In New York City, Black residents on average spend an additional 110 minutes per week commuting to work compared to white

residents.

- Reconnecting communities divided by inequitable transportation infrastructure. The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will create the first-ever program aimed at reconnecting communities divided by transportation infrastructure that was built through Black neighborhoods, destroying homes, schools, churches and parks.

- The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will invest roughly \$65 billion — the single largest investment in clean energy transmission in American history — to upgrade our power infrastructure and reduce pollution. Black people are almost 3 times more likely to die from asthma-related causes than our white counterparts. Remediating brownfields and Superfund sites. 26% of Black Americans live within 3 miles of Superfund sites that can lead to elevated lead levels in our children's blood. By providing \$21 billion to cleanup efforts, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will help protect our children while providing good-paying union jobs to our communities.

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said. "We know that some people want to see actual numbers and that they want to see it for their own community. And so we are hoping that this reaches some of those people who have been hesitant and really just questioning the benefits of the vaccines."

In Texas, it literally requires a disaster — like a pandemic — before the state records precise information about vaccinations. As a result, there is a record for every single COVID-19 vaccine dose of the name and age of the person who received it plus the date it was administered. Normally, vaccination records are shown to schools by parents, but details of all vaccinations are not regularly kept by a state registry in Texas, unlike nearly every other state, because it's a voluntary system.

About 53% of the Texas population is fully vaccinated. More than 70,000 Texans have died from COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

The new report is particularly well-timed, officials say, because gatherings throughout the holiday season could touch off another surge

as families get together — many of them for the first time since last year — and around 9 million Texans remain unvaccinated.

Texas saw its deadliest surge of the pandemic in January, when more than 400 deaths were reported daily at its peak, a trend health officials said was likely a direct result of the holidays.

The Texas CARES study found that fully vaccinated participants showed significantly higher antibody levels than those who were unvaccinated but had been infected.

Shuford said, it still means that millions of Texans are vulnerable to severe illness or death from the highly contagious virus, without any vaccine or natural immunity.

"Those susceptible populations can still get infected, and the holidays are the perfect time for that," she said. "Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's. These are all times that people gather together, and COVID-19 can easily be transmitted at these gatherings."

"This story has been edited for length."

SPORTS/NEWS PAGE

Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Nov. 11 H - 65° L - 47°	Friday, Nov. 12 H - 65° L - 41°	Saturday, Nov. 13 H - 62° L - 48°	Sunday, Nov. 14 H - 71° L - 48°	Monday, Nov. 15 H - 65° L - 53°	Tuesday, Nov. 16 H - 74° L - 60°	Wednesday, Nov. 17 H - 75° L - 59°
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Analysis: Broncos dodge another COVID-19 QB quagmire

By ARNIE STAPLETON



Denver Broncos quarterback Teddy Bridgewater (5) rolls out of the pocket before throwing a pass in the first half of an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021. (AP Photo/Ron Jenkins)

All the broken tackles and hearts that pinballing rookie Javonte Williams left in his wake Sunday can't do justice to the elusiveness the Denver Broncos displayed in producing one of the season's biggest shockers. The Broncos adroitly

avoided two big booby traps on their way to crushing the Dallas Cowboys 30-16 as double-digit road underdogs on Sunday when they joined the Chiefs, Giants and Jaguars as teams that began the day at .500 or worse and beat a division leader.

First, the Broncos escaped another COVID-19 quarterback quagmire like they found themselves in last year when all their QBs were quarantined before their game against the Saints. Trailing 16-0 at the break, the Cowboys forced a three-

and-out to start the second half and Malik Turner came free up the middle to block Sam Martin's punt on fourth-and-14 from the Cowboys 17.

The ball bounced off Cowboys cornerback Nahshon Wright's hands at the 18 and Broncos linebacker Jonas Griffith snared the ball at the 20 and ran to the 28 before being stopped 3 yards shy of the first-down marker.

The crowd of 93,503 erupted into a roar, only to quiet into stupefied silence when Denver got to keep possession because the Cowboys had touched the loose ball beyond the line of scrimmage and the Broncos recovered.

The Broncos got to start over at first-and-10 from their 19 and drove to a 19-0 lead on the last of three field goals from Brandon McManus.

The Broncos would make it 30-0 before the Cowboys finally scored against a bevy of backups.

"That would have been a huge momentum play for

us," Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy said, "especially coming in after halftime, you have a chance to reset your jaw and you get back out there and you get three-and-out and block the punt and you're in scoring position, you're on the board, and maybe you do something with that momentum."

But he knew the rule.

Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones sits on the competition committee and maybe he'll push to get the rule changed so that the receiving team gets possession if the kicking team recovers the blocked punt but fails to get the first down.

Fangio admitted after his biggest win in 41 games as a head coach that it almost didn't happen.

Denver had a pregame scare when backup quarterback Drew Lock was ruled out after testing positive for COVID-19, and there was an error in Teddy Bridgewater's test that forced him to delay his warmup routine.

The close call had Fangio harkening back to last Nov.

29, when he had to turn to a practice squad receiver as his emergency signal caller when all of his QBs ended up under COVID-19 protocols.

Lock had learned during the team flight to Denver that someone close to him had the virus, so he was isolated and tested upon landing.

On Monday, the Broncos put him on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

Unlike reigning MVP Aaron Rodgers, Lock is vaccinated. So, he can return whenever he tests negative two times, 24 hours apart.

Rodgers tested positive on Wednesday and had to miss the Packers' showdown with the Chiefs on Sunday. He must test negative to return Nov. 13, the day before Green Bay hosts the Seahawks.

After misleading the public about his vaccination status, Rodgers provided a 45-minute explanation Friday during his regular appearance on "The Pat McAfee Show on YouTube and SiriusXM."

Texas principal forced to resign over critical race theory

CRT has become a flashpoint for people who have turned it into shorthand for lessons or programs they say are un-American.

By Antonia Hylton, Emily Berk and Alicia Victoria Lozano/NBC



COLLEYVILLE, Texas — The Black principal of a majority-white Texas high school who has been embroiled in a controversy over critical race theory was forced to resign after months of accusations that he indoctrinated students.

The Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District board of trustees voted Monday to part ways with the principal, James Whitfield, who was suspended this year at Colleyville Heritage High School in the Fort Worth area.

The school board had voted in September not to renew Whitfield's contract, NBC Dallas-Fort Worth reported.

"This is beyond me," he said in an interview Monday with NBC News. "I'm hopeful that

we can use this to move forward and to progress and get some true meaningful change and for people to be OK with teaching truth, people to be OK with embracing inclusivity and diversity, celebrating every student that walks through the doors of our schools."

Whitfield will remain on paid administrative leave until August 2023.

In a joint statement, Whitfield and the school district said they had "mutually agreed to resolve their disputes."

"Both the District and Dr. Whitfield each strongly believe they are in the right. However, each also agrees that the division in the community about this matter has impacted the education of the District's students," the statement

read in part. "The District and Dr. Whitfield have mutually agreed to resolve their disputes."

Parents accused Whitfield of pushing critical race theory, or CRT, which has become a flashpoint for people who say efforts to teach America's difficult history on race and to make classrooms more comfortable with diversity have become too divisive.

There is no evidence that Colleyville Heritage High School or Whitfield taught critical race theory, but a host of incidents made him a target in recent months, including allegations of insubordination and accusations that he deleted emails as public records and did not cooperate with an

internal investigation, NBC Dallas-Forth Worth reported.

Texas is one of eight states with broad new laws banning the teaching of critical race theory, a decades-old graduate-level study that examines the relationship between the law and racial inequality.

Conservative organizers and parents have seized on the phrase, turning it into shorthand for a suite of lessons or programs that they say are un-American and that could make white students feel collective "guilt" or Black students see themselves as helpless "victims."

Some people said at Monday's school board hearing that the controversy was purely political, while others said it

shines a negative light on the community.

"It's going to sound crazy, but for those who have been following this, this is Christian nationalism. This is white Christian nationalism. That's what I think is happening here," said a parent, Laura Leeman. "I think that a lot of people who really support public education and do support diversity have been asleep at the wheel. And there's no time for us to sleep."

Victor Dupuy, whose children graduated from the school district, said Whitfield's ouster "paints a horrible picture for our district."

"What it says to a lot of people, including students, teachers and administrators, is if somebody has an ax to

grind, take it to the board. And next thing you know, your jobs are at risk," Dupuy said.

Mia Sanghvi, a Colleyville Heritage High School graduate, called the controversy "outrageous" and said it was part of a "subtle racism" that has always existed in Grapevine.

"It's just outrageous that we've come to this point," Sanghvi said. "I've lived in Grapevine my whole life, and of course there's, like, that subtle racism, but now I'm starting to feel unsafe in my own community."

Sanghvi said that "because of things like this happening and things in Southlake that are happening, it really feels like we're taking a step backward in this country, especially in Texas."

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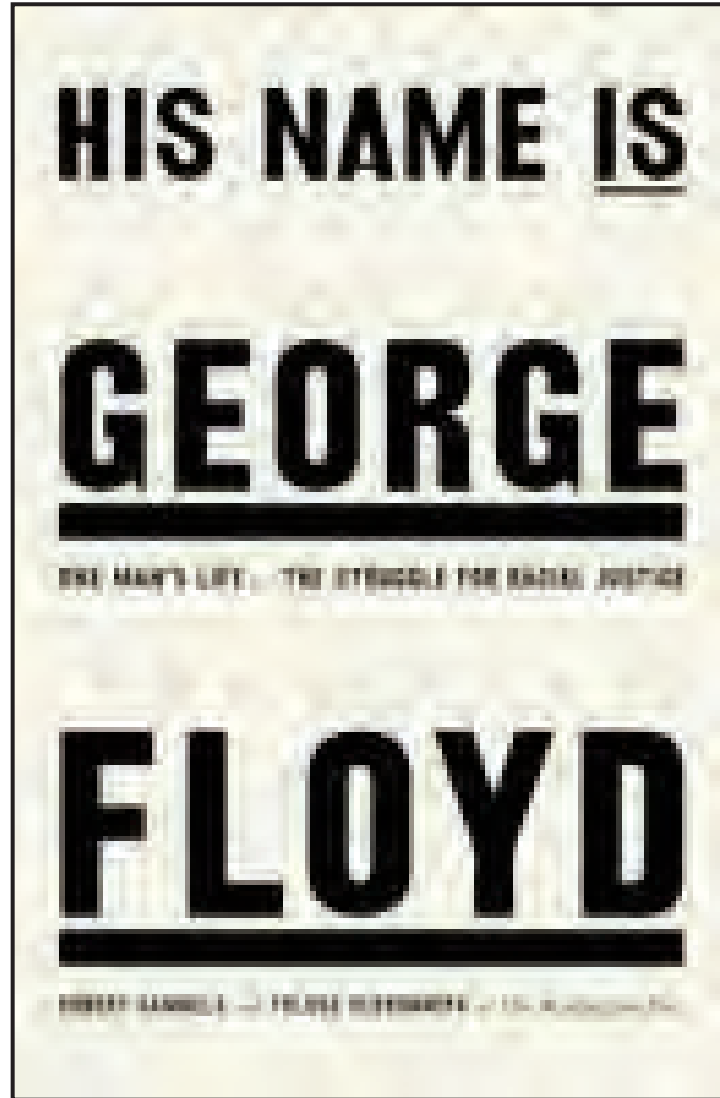
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George Floyd biography to be published in May 2022



This cover image released by Viking shows "His Name Is George Floyd; One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice" by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa (Viking via AP)

NEW YORK (AP) — Two Washington Post reporters are working on a biography of George Floyd, from his

family history in the tobacco fields of North Carolina to his murder last year in Minneapolis by a white

police officer. Viking announced Wednesday that "His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice," by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa, will come out next May, nearly two years to the day of Floyd's death.

The book expands upon the Post's six-part series "George Floyd's America," winner of a Polk award for justice reporting.

"George Floyd's gruesome, videotaped death changed the world, as millions were moved by the raw humanity of a dying man pleading for air," Olorunnipa said in a statement. "As we've examined his life over the past year, we've learned how his struggle to exhale as a Black man in America began decades before a police officer's knee landed on his neck."

GOP congressman under fire for anime attacking Ocasio-Cortez



FILE - Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., waits for a news conference about the Delta variant of COVID-19 and the origin of the virus, at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, July 22, 2021. In a tweet Monday night, Ocasio-Cortez said Gosar "shared a fantasy video of him killing me." (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite, File)

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona Rep. Paul Gosar was facing criticism after he tweeted a video that included altered animation showing him striking Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with a sword.

In a tweet Monday night, Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., referred to Gosar as "a creepy member I work with" and said he "shared a fantasy video of him killing me." She added that Gosar would face no consequences because Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy "cheers him on with excuses." She also said that institutions "don't protect" women of color.

Elaborating on her tweet, Ocasio-Cortez told reporters at the climate conference in Scotland that it's common for women of color to be ignored when "sounding alarms about very disturbing behaviors, patterns, etcetera."

"And that dynamic is also reflected in the United States Congress," she said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi tweeted Tuesday from the climate conference, where she's leading a congressional delegation that includes Ocasio-Cortez, that: "Threats of violence against Members of Congress and the President of the United

States must not be tolerated." She called on McCarthy to condemn "this horrific video and call on the Ethics Committee and law enforcement to investigate."

Spokespersons for McCarthy did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Pelosi's tweet.

A fellow House Democrat, Ted Lieu of California, referred to Gosar's tweet as "sick behavior" and said in a tweet of his own: "In any workplace in America, if a coworker made an anime video killing another coworker, that person would be fired."

Gosar, a Republican, posted the video Sunday afternoon with a note saying: "Any anime fans out there?" Late Tuesday, he issued a statement saying the video wasn't meant to depict harm or violence, calling it instead "a symbolic portrayal of a fight over immigration policy."

The roughly 90-second video is an altered version of a Japanese anime series, interspersed with shots of Border Patrol officers and migrants at the southern U.S. border. During one

roughly 10-second section of the video, animated characters whose faces have been replaced with Gosar and fellow Republican Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia and Lauren Boebert of Colorado are seen fighting other animated characters.

In one scene, Gosar's character is seen striking the one made to look like Ocasio-Cortez in the neck with a sword.

Twitter later attached a warning to the tweet saying "it violated the Twitter Rules about hateful conduct. However, Twitter has determined that it may be in the public's interest for the Tweet to remain accessible."

Gosar is known as an ardent ally of former President Donald Trump. He was among the lawmakers whose phone or computer records a House panel investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection asked social media and telecommunications companies to preserve as they were potentially involved with efforts to "challenge, delay or interfere" with the certification or otherwise try to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

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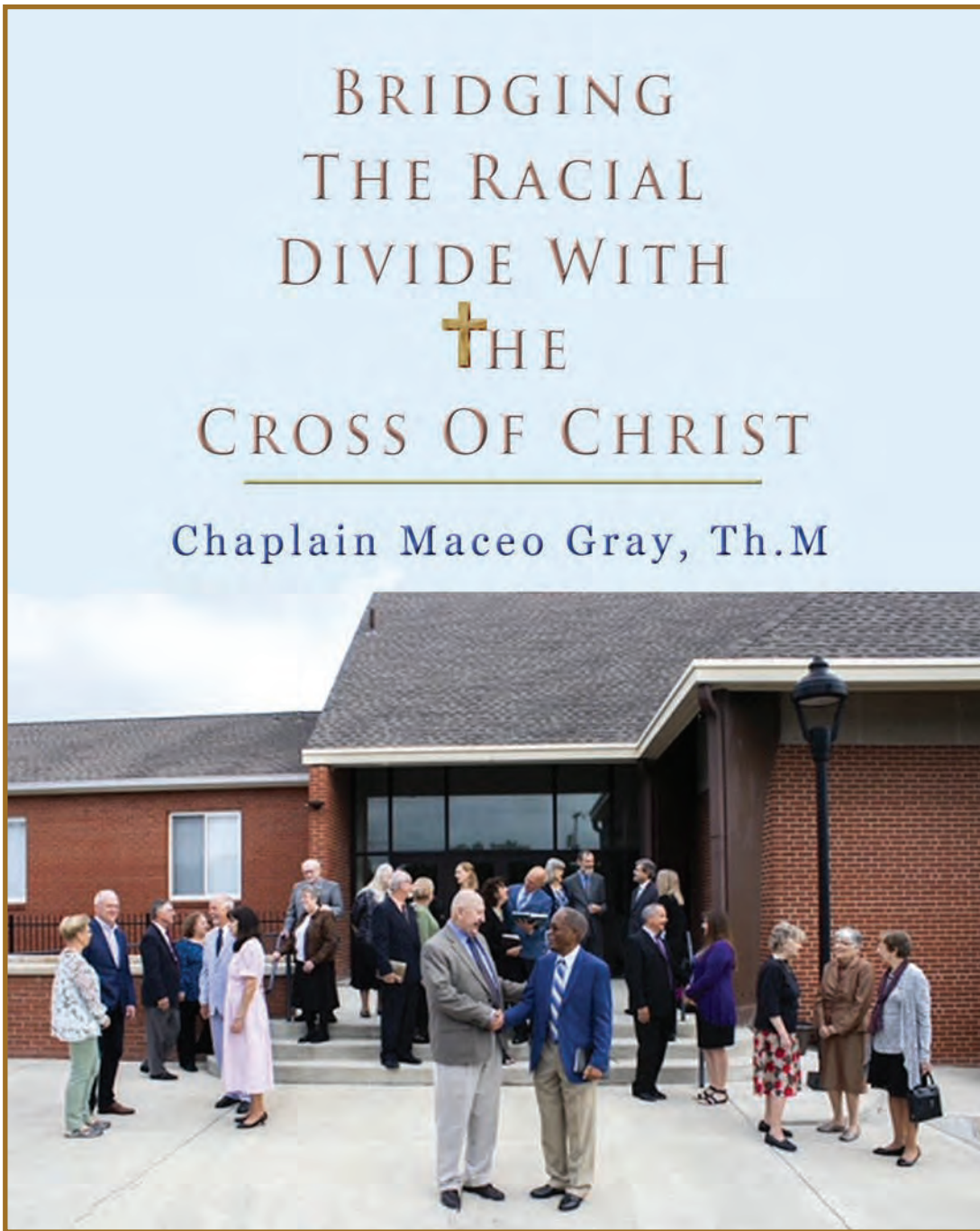
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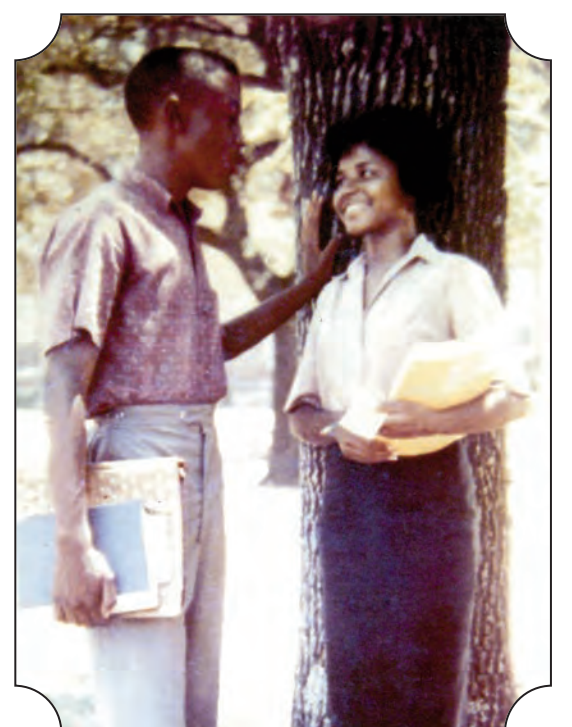


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Truths, Biblical Myths, Historical Truths, and the Biblical Solution. The Historical Truths are divided into the eras of Slavery, Segregation, and Subordination (1968-present).

Maceo Gray is a native of Dallas, TX, and grew up when the "Separate but Equal" laws were in full force. All of his schooling from elementary through undergraduate collegiate work took place in segregated institutions. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1959 and Prairie View A & M University in 1963 with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. That same year, he became the first African American engineer in the Engineering Division of the Bendix Corporation in Kansas City, MO. He took early retirement in 1993 from his position as Engineering Program Manager.

Maceo was married to his collegiate

sweetheart for 53 years, Annie P. Hatcher Gray, a native of Fairfield, TX. She graduated from Dogan High School and The University of MO at Kansas City. She was a Microbiologist for the Pfizer Corporation for 20 years. God blessed the couple with two married daughters, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The Grays retired in 1993 to yield to the Lord's call to full-time ministry and graduated together from Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) in 1998. Annie Gray graduated with high honors from DTS with a Degree in Cross-Cultural Ministries. After graduation, she taught English as a Second Language at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS for twenty years before the Lord took her home. Chaplain Maceo Gray graduated from DTS with honors with the four-year Master of Theology Degree and has served for the past 26 years in various chaplain positions from chaplain to Midwest Region Vice President with Marketplace Ministries, a corporate chaplaincy ministry.

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Dallas ISD offers vaccine for ages 5 to 11, mask protocol remains



BY THE HUB ON NOVEMBER 4, HEADLINES

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Dallas County recently lowered the COVID-19 risk level from red to orange as cases continue to decrease in our area. This week, the FDA released an approved vaccine available for children ages 5 to 11.

The district is partnering with various organizations to operate a series of vaccine clinics at various elementary schools, set to begin later this month.

Once students are fully vaccinated, there is a 6- to 8-week period before

immunity is achieved. We understand the approaching holiday season is one of the highest transmission periods for virus spread.

As such, we are excited to offer a series of COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for ages 5 and up on a rotating basis this school year.

The following eight clinics will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 20, for the first dose, and Saturday, Dec. 11, for

the second dose:

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Mask protocol remains

Data shows our mask requirement has helped keep the percentage of positive cases down, and Dallas ISD is one of the districts with the lowest transmission rates compared to districts without

one. **For now, we will continue the mask protocol for students, staff, and visitors inside facilities.** However, the district will continue to monitor data and reassess in mid-December.

The safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority, and we will continue working closely with Dallas County Health and Human Services to reassess should the threat level continue to decrease or rise again.