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# **DSHS Government Affairs Legislative Update**

Department of State Health Services

**June 2023**

# Review of 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session - 2023

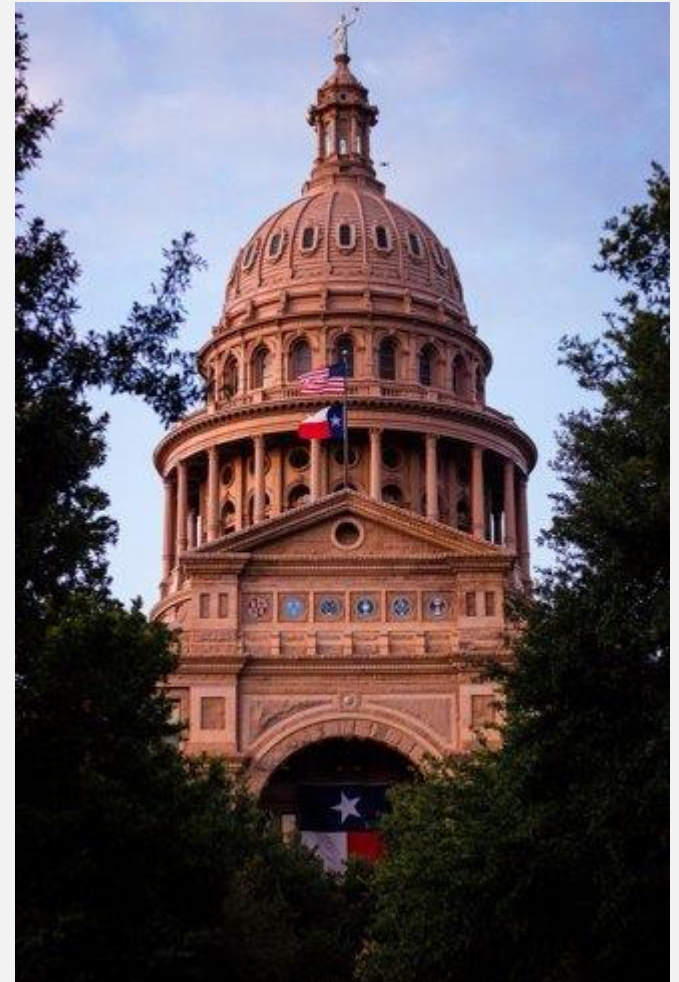


# Overview

- Status of Legislative Session
- Legislation Passed Affecting Public Health
- Legislation Passed Affecting Local Public Health

# Status of the Legislature

- **Sine Die (Last Day of Regular Session) was on May 29<sup>th</sup>**
- **Current Special Session**
- **Veto Period**



# Bills Affecting Public Health

- House Bill 12: Expanding Medicaid coverage for post-partum mothers to 12 months
- House Bill 1575: New training components for community health workers (CHWs)
- Senate Bill 29: COVID vaccine mandates, mask mandates, and required closure of businesses or schools prohibited
- SB 812 – Requires food allergen awareness in food service establishments.

# Bills Affecting Border Public Health

- HB 1 – Rider for Rio Grande Valley Facilities and Services
  - Allows for the unexpended balance of funds first distributed in 87<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Session (SB 8) to continue to be used for laboratory facility and infrastructure upgrades in the Rio Grande Valley, specifically Starr County.

# Questions?



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# Thank you!

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