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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

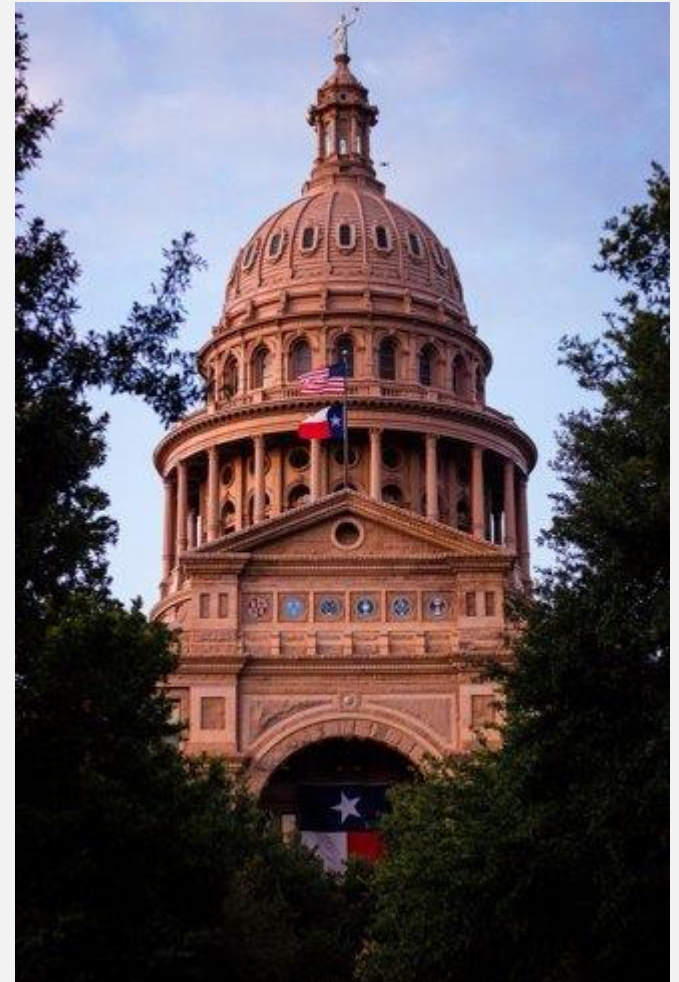


# Overview

- Status of Legislative Session
- Legislation Passed Affecting Public Health

# 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.
- Senate Bill 812: Requires food allergen awareness in food service establishments.
- House Bill 624: Allows a firefighter to transport a patient in a vehicle other than an EMS vehicle.

# Questions?



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# Thank you!

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