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Hi y'all,

Hope everyone's still hanging in there! So far it looks like our social distancing measures are helping keep the curve relatively flat in Texas (although our [lack of testing](#) may be contributing to that). Looks like we still have some time ahead of us to stay at home as much as we can to protect our communities and avoid overwhelming our healthcare system. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there are any ways we can help, or encourage our state legislators to take action on. We're all in this together! Here's a great [overview guide from Indivisible](#) to get started.

1. Don't forget to reply to the Census!

With social distancing in full effect, it's more important now than ever to make sure you fill out your census form online instead of relying on Census workers to knock on your door. The form only takes a few minutes to complete, and will help get adequate resources and representation to the Lone Star State!

For more: indivisibletxlege.org: [The Census](#)

Response Rates so far: [Hard to Count Maps](#)

The official website: my2020census.gov

Potential coronavirus impacts: star-telegram.com: [Census Delays](#)
[May Push Texas Special Session](#)

2. Sign up to vote by mail

A judge recently ruled that all Texans can apply to vote by mail as a precaution to protect public health during the coronavirus pandemic. It's likely that the Texas Attorney General will challenge this ruling. In the event that the ruling holds, we must be ready to vote by mail come November! While you're at it, give your State Rep a call and ask them to push for broader vote by mail legislation.

For more: [NPR: Texas Judge Allows all Voters to Request Mail-In Ballots](#)

Apply: [Texas Secretary of State Application for Ballot by Mail](#)

3. Continue to give or get help from groups helping Texans impacted by the coronavirus

Even if you've been lucky enough to stay healthy during this global health pandemic, you or someone you know has likely already faced a significant financial or other impact. Below are some links if you're in a position to donate, as well as links if you're in need of assistance. It sounds trite, but now more than ever, Texans need to come together (virtually) to help each other. This list is very short so far, so if there are any organizations that are missing, please send them our way!

[Texas Tribune: How Texans Can Give and Get Help During the Pandemic](#)
[How to Give and Get Help in the Austin Area](#)
[Houston Area Resources, Compiled by Representative Jon Rosenthal](#)
[Dallas News: North Texas Organizations Offering and in Need of Help](#)

4. Consider supporting Indivisible TX Lege

For the last several months, we've been working to get a distributed fundraising account set up with Indivisible National. Now it's finally live! We understand that this is a very tough time for many folks, so please don't feel pressured to give. If you can spare a few bucks, our first \$500 raised will be matched by Indivisible, which is pretty great! The matching campaign will be open until May 31.

[Donate to Indivisible TX Lege Here](#)

5. Give us your thoughts on what we can do to help you during these challenging times

So many of us have had our lives turned upside-down in the last month. Let us know what we can do to help keep you going, stay motivated, and keep spreading the important message of how the Texas Lege impacts all of us to Texans around the state. One idea we have is to put out a challenge to create a 2-3 minute YouTube video to outline what the lege is, how it works, and how it can help - or hurt - all of us. What do you think? What other ideas do you have? Reply to this email and let us know!

That's it for this week. Please keep yourselves and your families safe, and don't hesitate to reach out by email or in our Facebook group if you have questions, concerns, or ideas for how we can continue to help our communities stay healthy and thrive.

Much love,
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Indivisible TX Lege

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