



AUSTIN PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

CITY OF AUSTIN SPRING HOLIDAYS

- Memorial Day
 - Monday, May 27th
- Juneteenth
 Wednesday, June 19th
 - Weunesuay, June 19th
- Independence Day
 - Thursday, July 4th







MOBILE FOOD

Mobile Food Applications reviewed five days a week. Appointments not required. Mobile Food Inspections by appointment only. Tuesday & Thursday, 8 AM to 11 AM

SPECIAL EVENTS

March was a very busy month and kicked off our festival season for the year. EHSD is responsible for food safety audits in mobile food units and special events across Austin and Travis County.

CUSTOMER WALK-IN HOURS

- Rutherford Lane Campus
 - 1520 Rutherford Lane is open from 7:45 AM to 3:30 PM
- Planning Development Center (call 512-974-3325)
 - 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive from 8 AM to 12 PM
- Mobile Vending Physical Permitting Inspections (Appointments ONLY)
 - $\,\circ\,$ 1520 Rutherford Lane on Tuesday & Thursday from 8 AM to 11 AM



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

BACKGROUND

Established in 1995, National Public Health Week (NPHW) is an annual event dedicated to celebrating public health achievements and raising awareness about important health issues. NPHW is observed during the first full week of April. In 2024, NPHW ran from April 1 - 7.

The field of public health is grounded in the fundamental truth that we are all in this together – that our health is connected and we are stronger as a Nation when we work together to lift everyone's well-being. During National Public Health Week, we celebrate the life-saving work that our public health professionals do to keep Americans healthy and safe.

- White House Proclamation on National Public Health Week

WORK AT APH!

Jobs starting at \$20.80/hour

- Environmental Health Officer
- Customer Service
 Representative

See COA Job Openings at https://www.austincityjobs.org/

FIGHT THE BITE!

Mosquito season is just around the corner! Mosquitoes may harbor several diseases that contribute to outbreaks of <u>Zika</u>, <u>West Nile</u>, dengue fever, encephalitis and canine heartworm.

Effective mosquito control helps to control mosquito populations to prevent or reduce these outbreaks and enhance the enjoyment of outdoor activities by everyone in the community.

For more information visit the APH Environmental Vector Control Program website at:

https://www.austintexas.gov/department/environmental-vectorcontrol





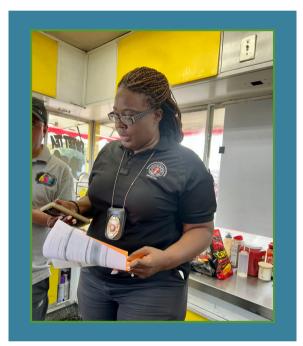




SPECIAL EVENTS RETURN TO AUSTIN

FOOD SAFETY AUDITS FOR SPRING EVENTS

Spring is a very busy time for EHSD as it kicks off the festival season. The EHSD team is not only responsible for conducting food safety audits in mobile food units and special events across Austin and Travis County, but also for routine food safety audits in various establishments such as restaurants, grocery stores, hospitals, daycares, and schools.



Community events in Austin - such as SXSW, Rodeo Austin, and NASCAR at COTA - bring people from all over. Our role is to ensure the events are set up to provide sufficient drinking water, restrooms, handwashing, facilities, and solid waste disposal containers. The most common violations that we see are no water/no hot water, improper disposal, wastewater, and no handwashing stations. Our goal is to protect the community from environmental and health hazards, and to reduce the spread of food borne illness.

Ann Cline is Famous!

Check out this KXAN Austin interview with our newest celebrity health officer.

Full story at: <u>How Austin Public Health completes</u> <u>thousands of health inspections each year | KXAN</u> <u>Austin</u>







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MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

MOBILE FOOD APPLICATIONS

Monday through Friday 7:45 AM to 3:00 PM Appointments not required

MOBILE FOOD INSPECTIONS

Tuesday & Thursday 8 AM to 11 AM **By Appointment ONLY**

LOCATION

Rutherford Lane Campus 1520 Rutherford Lane Building 1 Suite 205

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on mobile food vending permits please visit our website: http://austintexas.gov/department/mobile-food-vendors









CONGRATS TO OUR NEW/PROMOTED EHSD STAFF



Robert Icenogle: Public Health Program Coordinator

I was born and raised in Austin, Texas. Earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a concentration in Microbiology, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas at San Antonio, as well as a Master of Public Health from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. I've worked in health care at Baptist Medical Center in downtown San Antonio, in public health as an Epi for the SAMHD COVID-19 Response Team, and most recently in human resources for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. I'm happy to have found a home in the Environmental Health Services Division and in Austin Public Health, and excited to work with the team to improve health in Austin.





Kaylan Howard: Planner II

Kaylan was born and raised in Austin, Texas and grew up all over the city, from Downtown to Lake Austin. She earned an associate degree from Austin Community College in Archaeology, a Bachelor of Arts from Texas State in Anthropology in San Marcos, and a Master of Public Health from University of North Texas Health and Science Center in Fort Worth. She previously worked at Austin Water in the Water Conservation Division on the Enforcement Team, started a business with her carpenter husband, and has two bulldogs. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, attending a multitude of events in the city, and thrift shopping. She is passionate about social justice, climate inequalities, and environmentalism focusing on sustainability and recycling. An avid traveler, she has been to 23 countries and counting, possibly 24 but you'll have to ask her the story on that one. She has found a new home at Austin Public Health in the Environmental Health Services Division and is excited for the new opportunity.

Taylor Sawyer: Environmental Health Officer III

I'm excited to be in my senior EHO position. I'm most looking forward to helping others on the team with field work, assisting in training, and offering possible solutions to issues around the office. I want to encourage an environment where everyone enjoys being at work and improving the work that needs to be done." Before APH I was a generalist sanitarian for over four years in Michigan. I spent nearly 2 years in North Carolina where I specialized in onsite wastewater systems and pools. I am licensed through NEHA as a REHS and the state Texas as an RS. Coming up on a year in Austin, I adore the city. In my free time I like to exercise, ride my motorcycle, and most of all playing frisbee and lacrosse with my pup Robot.



Ann Cline: Environmental Health Officer III

Ann was born and raised in Houston then moved to the big city of New Braunfels in 2001 where she finished up school at Texas State University. After changing her major 4 times she finally fell in love with a degree in Nutrition and Foods. Ann has worked an array of jobs in the restaurant industry for 19 years with a passion for people, service and sanitation.



Lindsey Randall: Environmental Health Officer III

Lindsey grew up in (and with!) the wonderful city of Austin. She earned her Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science, magna cum laude, from Texas State University. Lindsey is a Registered Sanitarian in the State of Texas and has been dedicated to serving the City of Austin as an Environmental Health Officer for over 8.5 years with Austin Public Health – Environmental Health Services Division. With 7.5 years of experience in consumer health and 1 year in environmental vector control and pool code, she most recently brings her expertise in public health to a coalition role with Development Services Department's Public Project team as a Plan Reviewer. She's been working with steadfast aspiration towards her promotion to Plan Review and could not be more excited to be part of this new team!









EHSD FACEBOOK GROUP

Join our Facebook group and stay up to date!

Look for us on Facebook - ATX Environmental Health.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/atxevironmentalhealth

AUSTIN 3-1-1

EHSD partners with Austin 3-1-1 to handle all citizen complaints and environmental Investigations. To request services, get general assistance or submit a citizen complaint, dial 3-1-1 or 512-974-2000 if you are calling from outside the Austin service area.

Quickly and easily <u>complete a Service Request online</u> for 3-1-1 service.

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If you feel an inspection issue or complaint investigation has not been satisfactorily addressed, or to speak with a manager regarding administrative issues, please call us directly at 512-978-0300 between the hours of 7:45AM - 4:45PM, Monday through Friday. Mailing Address: EHSD Post Office Box 142529, Austin, TX 78714 Physical Address: Rutherford Lane Campus 1520 Rutherford Lane Building 1 Suite 205 Austin, TX 78754 Email Address: EHSD.service@austintexas.gov Web Address: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/ehsd Feedback: Please complete our online survey to help us better serve our customers: www.surveymonkey.com/s/EHSDSurvey For the latest newsletter, visit HealthWise Newsletters | AustinTexas.gov