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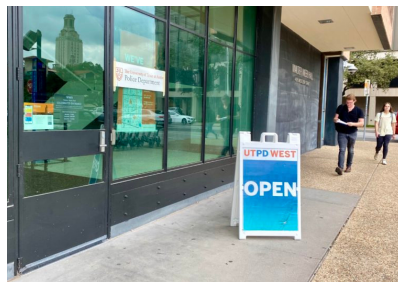
Texas businesses are left puzzled after Gov. Abbott's executive order banned them from mandating the COVID-19 vaccine for employees. This comes a month after the Biden administration issued an order that requires federal contractors to get vaccinated.

OUR LATEST HEADLINES



[Texas Remains Reluctant to Legalize Recreational Marijuana](#)

While the state refuses to legalize and regulate recreational marijuana, it has made small strides in recent years to legalize CBD, hemp and medical marijuana.



[UT Police Department Opens Satellite Office in West Campus](#)

Prior to the grant, UTPD did its best to get to areas off-campus, but now university police have the resources to assign officers to remain in the district full time.



[Austin Police Forward Non-Emergency Calls From 911 to 311](#)

Non-emergency calls include incidents like stolen bikes and cars, as well as vandalism, attempted burglary of residences and verbal disturbances.

"The whole war on drugs is a failed policy. It's ridiculous for people to lose their lives over marijuana."

-William Kelly, director of the Center for Criminology and Criminal Justice Research

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UT Students Voice Concerns Over Student Emergency Services Protocol

UT's Student Emergency Services verifies each student's emergency and then communicates information to each of their professors via email. From there, it's up to the professors to decide how to handle the student's situation.



COVID-19 Infections in Pregnancy Rise as Vaccination Rate Stays Low

Pregnant people are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. In recent months, health officials have been raising alarms that the group needs to urgently get vaccinated. Harris-Sagaribay said one of the biggest concerns they hear related to the vaccine is the lack of data about long-term effects on the baby.



ACL Music Fest Marks Return of Major In-Person Events in Austin

After a year off due to COVID, ACL made it back to Zilker Park just in time for its 20th anniversary. While event organizers continued to attempt to create safe regulations due to COVID concerns, few attendees worried about keeping their masks on or social distancing at the stages.

I envision that if they could advocate to really see how teachers can remove the burden of tests and assignments for kids when they're going through these challenging times. I think that'd be the best benefactor for this new protocol,"
Ethan Jones, student body vice president

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

Keep a look out for ReportingTexas' TV coverage on the new vision plan for Zilker Park, how UT students are feeling about the university buying Dobie Twenty21 Student Spaces and businesses struggling on the Drag since COVID.

