

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas



Serving Central, East, North, and West Texas

HEALTH CENTER LOCATIONS

Arlington Health Center

Austin

Central Austin Health Center

Downtown Austin Health Center

North Austin

Health Center

South Austin Health Center

South Austin Abortion Health Services Center

Bedford Health Center

Dallas County

Addison Health Center Cedar Hill Health Center Mesquite Health Center

North Dallas Shelburne Health Center South Dallas Abortion

Health Services Center

Denton Health Center

El Paso

El Paso Health Center El Paso Abortion Health Services Center

Fort Worth

Southeast Fort Worth Health Center

Southwest Fort Worth Health Center

Southwest Fort Worth Abortion Health Services

Lubbock Health Center

Paris Health Center

Plano Health Center

Tyler Health Center

Waco

Mary Ruth Duncan Health Center

Audre Rapoport Abortion Health Services Center

Impact of Texas' abortion ban (SB 8)

Sept. 28, 2021

The Texas Legislature and Governor Abbott prioritized the <u>extreme new ban</u> now effective statewide on Sept 1. Despite an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, our health centers in Texas are forced into compliance with the new law.

Texas' abortion ban is the most extreme in nearly 50 years. Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas physicians are banned from providing an abortion for any patient beyond approximately 6 weeks of pregnancy, <u>before many patients even realize they are pregnant.</u>

In the middle of a COVID-19 surge, the only option for most Texans seeking to safely access an abortion in a health center is to travel out of state, potentially hundreds of miles roundtrip.

<u>Let's be clear about the impact:</u> this is a complete abortion ban for patients in marginalized communities, anyone who can't access childcare, time off work, transportation and the resources needed to travel out of Texas. Undocumented patients face significant barriers to accessing abortion care due to SB 8.

Texans most impacted by the abortion ban are expected to be pushed further into poverty according to recent report (Source: <u>How abortion restrictions like Texas' push pregnant people into poverty (19thnews.org)</u>.

Stories from patients at Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas health centers since Sept. 1, 2021 are devastating. Through Planned Parenthood's national chat/text line, Texans have reached out with their fears and questions about SB 8:

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In El Paso, there are already limited options for accessing medication and surgical abortions. Planned Parenthood patients who are able to are traveling to New Mexico, Colorado, Louisiana, Oklahoma and anywhere they can travel and sometimes to where they have family that they can stay with nearby.

SB 8 has placed marginalized Texans even more at risk as they are forced to carry a pregnancy to term or seek abortions outside of a safe medical setting.

It is imperative that SB 8 is blocked and access to abortion is restored for Texans.

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