



El Paso County: at risk by SB22/HB1929



RECENT HEADLINES:

Alarming rise in sexually transmitted diseases reported in El Paso County and statewide¹

Sexually transmitted disease rates reach 10 year high in El Paso²

El Paso County



15.1 people are diagnosed with syphilis compared to **8.7** nationally
*per every 100,000 people**

38.3 teen births compared to **20.3** nationally
*per every 1,000 teens**

Care. No matter what.

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PROTECT LOCAL HEALTHCARE.

SB 22/HB 1929 blocks local governments from partnering with Planned Parenthood in ANY way through a ban on any “taxpayer resource transactions” between local governmental entities and Planned Parenthood. The term “taxpayer resource transactions” is 100% political and is so vague that it would create sweeping and damaging public health barriers to how Planned Parenthood provides healthcare and education in the communities we serve.

What's at stake in El Paso County:

- **Free condoms provided by county health department to Planned Parenthood patients to reduce STDs**
- **Education events by Planned Parenthood staff to raise awareness of the importance of STD testing and treatment to destigmatize STDs among at risk young adults on community college campuses**
- **“Pop up” clinics staffed by Planned Parenthood clinicians on community college campuses to provide timely access to birth control and health screenings to reduce barriers to healthcare for uninsured students and raise awareness about birth control options and STD testing**
- **Local public health listings for the LGTBQ community would be blocked from including Planned Parenthood health services**

Healthcare is local. Communities are healthiest when local healthcare providers can collaborate – let’s keep it that way.

Public Health Risks by SB22/HB 1929:

- Undermines local control
- Reduces access to healthcare when too many Texans already are uninsured and medically underserved
- Bans city and county governments from marshaling critical healthcare resources for disease outbreaks like Zika, STDs, and in times of natural disaster



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*Data provided by the CDC, 2016

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