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## EARLY VOTING ENDS FRIDAY; "VOTE & VAX" AT PALMER PAVILION; ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, 11/6

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**Edinburg, Texas** – Hidalgo County residents and registered voters have one more day to take advantage of Early Voting for the 2012 General Election. A record number of voters have already cast their ballot in this year's election, outpacing the 2008 General Election. According to Elections Administrator Yvonne Ramón, in the first ten days of Early Voting, approximately 81,327 people have voted in this election thus far, representing a 25.5% increase compared to the 2008 General Election.

Friday is the last day for Early Voting, and residents are encouraged to take advantage of casting their ballot at one of 28 permanent and convenient polling locations. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm tomorrow; a complete listing of Early Voting sites can be found at <http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/15061>.

The County's addition of two mobile unit sites has helped to increase voter participation; over 5,300 votes were cast at the mobile sites, which were stationed at hospitals, churches, and banks throughout the County. On Friday, the mobile units will be at McAllen Heart Hospital (1900 S. "D" St., McAllen) from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm; Cornerstone Regional Hospital (2302 Cornerstone Blvd., Edinburg) from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm; and the Hidalgo County New Administration Building (2800 S. Business Hwy 281, Edinburg) from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm.

For two days only, one polling location in Hidalgo County will be providing free flu vaccinations as part of a nationwide effort to increase the number of Americans who receive annual vaccinations against the influenza virus. Sickness Prevention Achieved through Regional Collaboration (SPARC) and Saenz Medical Pharmacy are teaming up for "Vote & Vax" at the Precinct 2 Palmer Pavilion polling location (301 E. Hackberry, McAllen) from 9 am – 5 pm on Friday, November 2 and on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6. Residents do not have to vote in order to receive a flu shot, and up to 200 shots will be provided at no charge on a first-come, first-served, basis. "Vote & Vax" is a national project of the community health organization SPARC. For more information on "Vote & Vax," visit <http://www.voteandvax.org/About.aspx>.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Voters are encouraged to contact the Elections Department with any questions they may have regarding the 2012 General Election. For more information, please visit the Hidalgo County elections website at [www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/elections) or contact 956-318-2570.

Media interested in tracking the Early Vote unofficial totals on a daily basis can visit <http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/15133>. Results are posted every evening by 8:00 pm.

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