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Q1

Name

First name **David**
Last name **Vasquez**

Q2

Your Credentials

Health Inspector I

Q3

Email

Primary Email **David.Vasquez@fortbendcountytx.gov**
Secondary Email (if applicable) **david.vasquezjr93@gmail.com**

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Phone

Phone number **+1 757 374 3068**

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Your Job

Agency Name **Fort Bend County**
Division and/or Department **Environmental Health**
Job Role/Title **Health Inspector and Foodborne Illness Co-Investigator**
of Years in Current Role **1**

Q6

Please describe your job role and responsibilities.

I am one of two health inspectors who respond to and investigate foodborne illness outbreaks which includes interviewing individuals who reported illness, conducting environmental assessments, interviewing management at the establishment, and providing guidance for improving food safety culture. On a general day to day basis, I investigate, report, and enforce state, county and local health laws regarding food establishments, mobile units, public nuisances, and on-site sewage systems.

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Agency Address

Street address	4520 Reading Rd.
Street address 2	Ste A-800
City	Rosenberg
State	texas
Zip Code	77471
Country	us

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Local

Please select the option that best represents your agency's jurisdiction.

Q9

Your Supervisor

Name	John Parrham
Title	Chief Sanitarian
Email Address	John.Parrham@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Q10

Yes

Does your agency/program currently report investigation data directly to CDC NEARS?

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1-2 years

How many years has your agency/program been actively reporting investigation data to CDC NEARS?

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No

Have you previously attended a NEARS Annual Training?

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Please tell us why you would like to attend the 2026 NEARS Annual Training.

I am one year into my new career as a health inspector and upon transitioning into this field, one of my goals was to join the foodborne illness investigation team. I have a background in infectious diseases of wildlife and humans in the academia sector, but pursuing opportunities to retrain and refine my skillset to protect public health would elevate my ability to do this important job.

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Would you like to be considered for a NEHA Travel Award to attend the 2026 NEARS Annual Training?

Yes,

If yes, please provide reasoning for why you should be considered for a NEHA Travel Scholarship Award::
As a newer inspector and foodborne illness investigator, having the opportunity to travel and learn from foodborne illness investigators of the CDC/NEHA would advance my early career by providing the fundamental in person training that would bring forth further confidence to handle the important tasks of investigating foodborne illness with a higher level of expertise. The NEARS annual training would provide invaluable guidance to ensuring myself and Fort Bend County are at the forefront of foodborne illness investigations. I have had a passion for infectious diseases for nearly a decade, and I am excited to further develop my skillsets and knowledge with NEARS through this training.

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The 2026 NEARS Annual Training will be held at the CDC campus in Atlanta, Georgia. Access to the campus will require clearance approval, which CDC NEARS Staff will request. Are you a U.S. citizen?

Yes

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By typing your name below, you confirm that the information in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

David Vasquez
