

MEETING: Community Health, Environment, & Culture Committee

DATE: August 26, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Health

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude A. Jacob, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: A briefing providing COVID-19 Updates

SUMMARY:

Metro Health will provide an update on the progress of the COVID-19 response in San Antonio and Bexar County

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since January 2020, Metro Health alongside partners, SAFD and STRAC, has been providing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The response has involved the provision of testing sites, contact tracing, lab surveillance, regular data analysis, vaccine clinics and robust marketing campaigns.

The San Antonio area is currently amid another surge in cases due to the Delta variant and continues to aggressively seek to ensure that all eligible persons are vaccinated. The robust messaging continues and an effort to reach those who have not returned for a second dose has begun.

While other providers have ceased operations at the mass vaccination hubs as of August, Metro Health, in cooperation with the Texas Military Department, continues to operate the mass clinic at the Alamodome, three days a week. Metro Health has also continued a full schedule of pop-up vaccination clinics scattered throughout all 10 Council Districts focusing on vulnerable populations and areas with a smaller percentage of those vaccinated.

ISSUE:

Metro Health would like the opportunity to brief the Community Health, Environment, & Culture Committee on the progress of the COVID -19 response.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for briefing purposes only.