

## **AGENDA ITEM #2**

**MEETING:** Community Health, Environment, & Culture Committee

**DATE:** September 23, 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 the effort to reach those who have not returned for a second dose also continues. Over the past couple weeks, the progress and warning indicators have improved to a moderate risk level. Metro Health also continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the area hospital systems and school districts.

While other providers ceased operations at the mass vaccination hubs in August, Metro Health 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. Metro Health introduced the rollout of an incentive program to the full Council on September 9 and plans to begin program implementation by the end of the month.

### **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.