

AGENDA ITEM #2

MEETING: Community Health, Environment, & Culture Committee

DATE: October 28, 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 in a downward trajectory of cases but we continue 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 mild risk level. Metro Health also continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the area hospital systems and school districts.

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 began program implementation at the end of September.

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.

