

AGENDA ITEM #2

MEETING: Community Health, Environment, & Culture Committee

DATE: December 14, 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.

Metro Health 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 improved to a low and just this week returned to a mild risk level. Metro Health anticipates a bit of an up and down trend through the holidays and 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 has successfully rolled out an incentive program to assist with encouraged those eligible to receive the full dosage to be considered fully vaccinated. Given the discovery of the omicron variant in Texas this week, Metro Health will continue to recommend full vaccination and boosting as a means of helping to prevent severity of cases.

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.