

AGENDA ITEM #2

MEETING: Community Health, Environment, & Culture Committee

DATE: January 19, 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:

For the last two (2) years, Metro Health alongside partners, SAFD and STRAC, has been maintaining its ongoing response efforts 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 leverage resources to ensure that all eligible persons are vaccinated. The robust messaging continues and the effort to reach those who have not yet completed their vaccination series. In addition, Metro Health continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the area hospital systems and school districts. With the increased number of cases in the last two weeks, Metro Health has actively sought new testing opportunities to improve access to diagnostic tests.

Metro Health continues to operate the mass clinic at the Alamodome, three days a week and has also continued a full schedule of pop-up vaccination clinics scattered throughout all ten (10) Council Districts focusing on vulnerable populations and areas with a smaller percentage of those vaccinated. Metro Health successfully rolled out an incentive program this past fall to assist with encouraging those eligible to receive the full dosage to be considered fully vaccinated. Given the incidence of Omicron variant cases the past few weeks, Metro Health continues to recommend full vaccination and boosting as a means of preventing the 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.