



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Community Health Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Claude Jacob

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

A Briefing on COVID-19 Updates by San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health).

**SUMMARY:**

Metro Health will provide a briefing of current COVID-19 conditions. The briefing will include an update on COVID-19 cases, vaccines, and Metro Health response activities.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Metro Health has been integrating key COVID-19 response activities into routine departmental operations since the end of the COVID-19 Federal Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023. The integration has ensured that Metro Health maintains capacity to detect and respond to COVID-19 outbreaks and make updated COVID-19 vaccines accessible in the San Antonio area.

The San Antonio area experienced an increase of cases over the summer that is currently in a downward trajectory. The increase was the smallest spike experienced in the summer months

since the onset of the pandemic during spring 2020.

The FDA and CDC approved new formulations of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. As the vaccines transition to the commercial market, most health insurance plans will cover the new COVID-19 vaccines at no cost to the individual. People who are uninsured or underinsured will have access to vaccines through Metro Health or pharmacies participating in the CDC's Bridge Access Program. Metro Health continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines at the Immunizations Clinic and all Pop-Up Clinic events.

**ISSUE:**

Metro Health would like the opportunity to brief the Community Health Committee on the current COVID-19 conditions in San Antonio.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**There is no fiscal impact at this time.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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