



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Community Health and Equity Committee

DEPARTMENT: Health and SAFD

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dawn Emerick, Ed.D, Director; Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

A briefing on the City's COVID-19 Watch Expand Assure Plan

SUMMARY:

Metro Health and SAFD will provide a briefing on the development and implementation of the COVID-19 Watch Expand Assure Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since January 23, Metro Health and SAFD, alongside other community partners like the South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC), have been working to respond to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. They worked in concert with the CDC, Health and Human Services (HHS), and the office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to provide evacuee and traveler response on JBSA-Lackland and later to provide direct response to the emerging pandemic situation in San Antonio.

The Mayor and County Judge as a part of their response to the pandemic situation created a Health Transition Team whose primary goal was to outline guidance around warning and progress indicators to assist City and County leadership as they formulated a plan for reopening San Antonio and Bexar County.

Metro Health and Fire have taken that plan and created an implementation plan to operationalize the guidance provided by the Health Transition Team. The plan is built to provide the indicators behind decision making, the actions proposed to expand capacity and ability to analyze, and the plans for assuring the general public that the decisions made are backed up by the data analyzed.

The entire plan will be provided oversight by the COVID-19 Task Force led by co-chairs, Dr. Dawn Emerick and Dr. Barbara Taylor. The task force is made up of 5 distinct workgroups contributing in areas outlined in three phases: Watch (Indicator Workgroup); Expand (Testing & Lab Reporting Workgroup and Contact Tracing Workgroup); and Assure (Enforcement & Education Workgroup and Policy & Health Alerts Workgroup).

ISSUE:

Metro Health and SAFD would like the opportunity to brief the Community Health and Equity Committee on the COVID-19 Watch Expand Assure Plan.

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.