



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Community Health and Equity Committee

DEPARTMENT: Health

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: A briefing on preparations for a possible third wave of COVID-19 cases.

SUMMARY:

Metro Health will provide a briefing on preparations for a possible third wave of COVID-19 cases and will review the current status, staffing, and discuss readiness for a potential third spike.

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 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 created a Health Transition Team (HTT) 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 SAFD have taken that plan and created an implementation plan to operationalize the guidance provided by the HTT. 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.

Metro Health and SAFD continue to work to adjust the response plan; and are preparing for a potential third wave of COVID-19 cases.

ISSUE:

Metro Health would like the opportunity to brief the Community Health and Equity Committee on preparations for a possible third wave of COVID-19 infections.

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.