

# COVID-19 Response + Recovery

Cross-Functional Team Update

1.4.22



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# 1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez



## 2. Overview

January 4, 2022

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Karla Nieman



#### State Disaster Declarations

January 27,\* 2022 MARCH 13, 2020 December 27, 2021 Governor Abbott Governor Abbott **Governor Abbott** renewed COVIDrenews COVID-19 issues Disaster 19 Disaster Declaration Disaster Declaration Declaration



<sup>\*</sup>Anticipate Governor Abbott will renew his Disaster Declaration between January 26th-27th.



# Emergency Ordinances

Ordinance	Adoption Date	Most Recent Re- enactment	Expires
<b>Disaster Declaration</b> Ord. No. 019035	3/17/2020	12/6/2021	1/5/2022
Emergency Measures Ord. No. 019036	3/17/2020	12/6/2021	1/5/2022
Public Right of Way Ord. No. 019241	10/11/2021	12/6/2021	1/5/2022





### **Strength** Greg Abbott v. City of El Paso

#### **❖** September 30, 2021:

- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals denied City's request to keep Temporary Injunction in place
- City's Mask Mandate paused

#### **❖**October 5, 2021:

City submitted reply brief

#### ❖ October 12, 2021:

- Governor's reply brief filed
- Amount of time spent on lawsuit: 395 hours

#### November 12, 2021

- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals date of submission
- Court of Appeals can issue opinion any time after submission date





## Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation

#### Mask Mandate on Hold

- E.T., by and through her parents, et al. v. Ken Paxton (TX Attorney General), et al. (U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals)
  - Jan 31, 2022 Set for Oral Argument

#### Mask Mandate in Place

- Greg Abbott, et al. v. Clay Jenkins, et al. (5th Court of Appeals)
- Greg Abbott v. City of San Antonio (4th Court of Appeals)
  - Trial Postponed to July 11, 2022



# Additional Updates

Federal Contractor Vaccine Mandate

- Executive Order 14042 requiring vaccination of federal contractors or weekly testing
- v State of Georgia, et al. v. Joseph R. Biden, in his official capacity as POTUS
  - v Nationwide injunction of the mandate since December 7, 2021
  - v Upheld by the 11th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals on December 17, 2021
- Similar to suit filed by Texas AG, Ken Paxton, in federal court



#### Representation Additional Updates

- Texas Supreme Court Emergency Order
- Effective December 21, 2021- March 1, 2022
- 46<sup>th</sup> Emergency Order renews and amends its 44th Emergency Order related to the Texas Eviction Diversion Program





# Additional Updates –COVID-19 Prosecution Update

Trial Settings on COVID-19 Citations through 12/20/2021 in all 5 Municipal Courts

189 Trial Settings

11 Trials (6 Guilty)

41 Pleas

52 Reset

29 Warrants 56 Dismissed





# 3. City Manager Wrap-up

Tommy Gonzalez



# Thank you!