



COVID-19 Response + Recovery

Cross-Functional Team Update

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1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez

2. City Attorney Overview

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Overview

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2. Additional Updates

Karla Nieman

Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation

- Greg Abbott, et al. v. Clay Jenkins, et al.
 - 1/25/2022 Governor filed Petition for Review to overturn 5th COA ruling & dissolve the temporary injunction
- Greg Abbott v. City of San Antonio
 - 1/25/2022 Governor filed Petition for Review to overturn 4th COA ruling & dissolve the temporary injunction
 - Set for trial on merits on July 11, 2022
- On 2/7/22, response briefs were filed in both cases

Additional Updates

THE WHITE HOUSE:

- Proclamation 9994 - Continuation of the National Emergency Concerning the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Last renewed on February 24, 2021 - good for one year
- Expected to be renewed

Additional Updates

Jury Trials

- El Paso County Council of Judges will begin holding jury trials again on February 15, 2022.





3. Team Lead Report

a. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.



COVID-19 Summary



COVID-19
SITUATIONAL
MONITORING

February 9, 2022



Positive Tests

269

New

231,226

Cumulative

COVID-19 Deaths

8

New

3239

Cumulative

Active

23,066

Recovered

204,714

Hospitalized

338

In ICU

100



COVID-19
Community
Scorecard

Stage 2



Infection Rate 2



Testing 3



Investigations 4



Healthcare Readiness 2



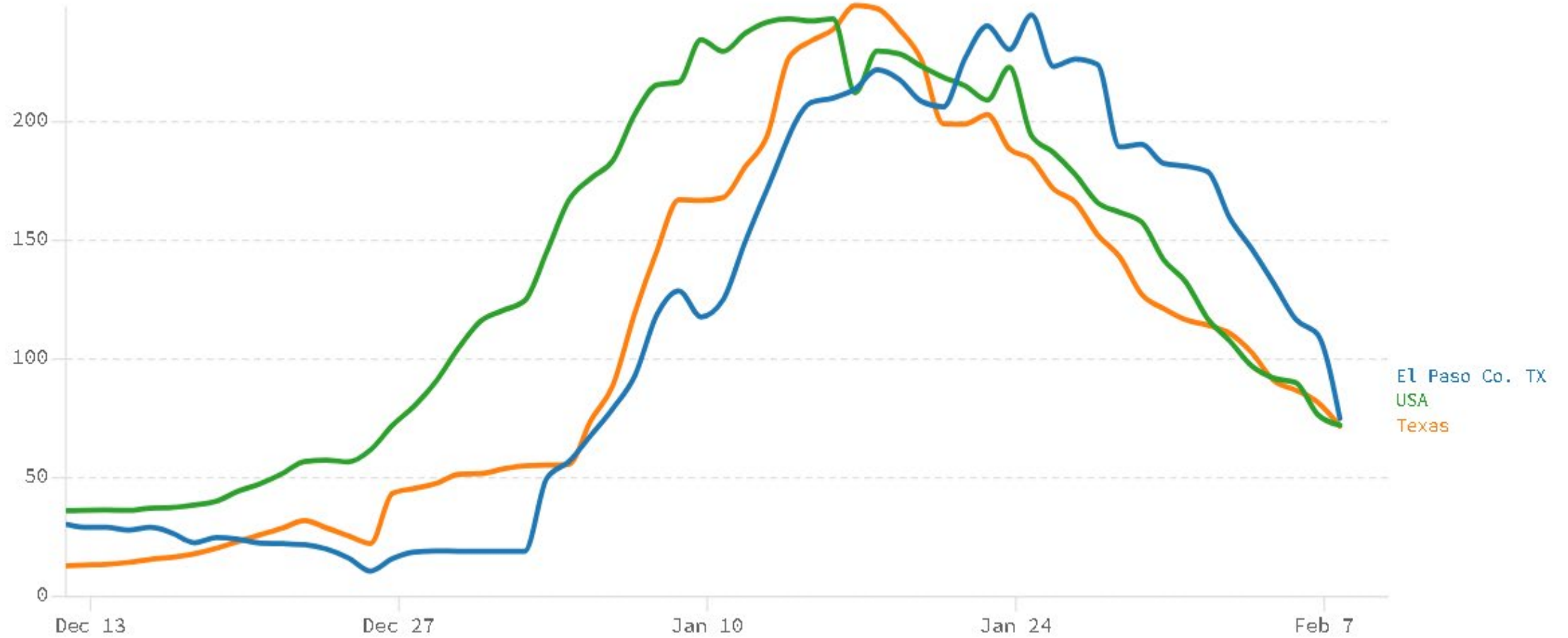
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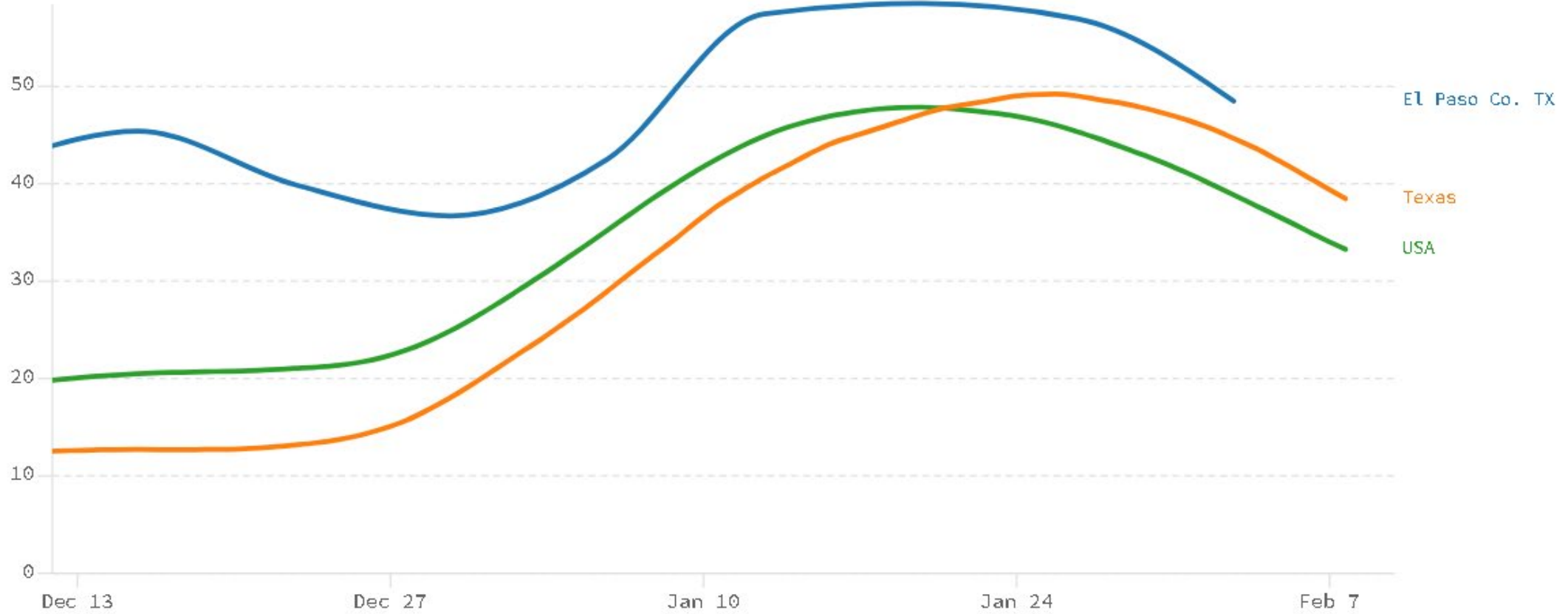
COVID-19
Vaccinations

- ❖ New Cases per 100,000 (7-day Avg) has seen a **78%** reduction in about 3 weeks
- ❖ Testing demand has decreased (44% from CDC week 4 to 5) and will continue
- ❖ Hospitalizations decreased 30% in 3 weeks and continues dropping
- ❖ Strongly recommending people to receive booster dose of vaccine if has not gotten yet to prevent hospitalization and death.
- ❖ Overall downward trend on all indicators with overall improvement, but not out of the woods yet.

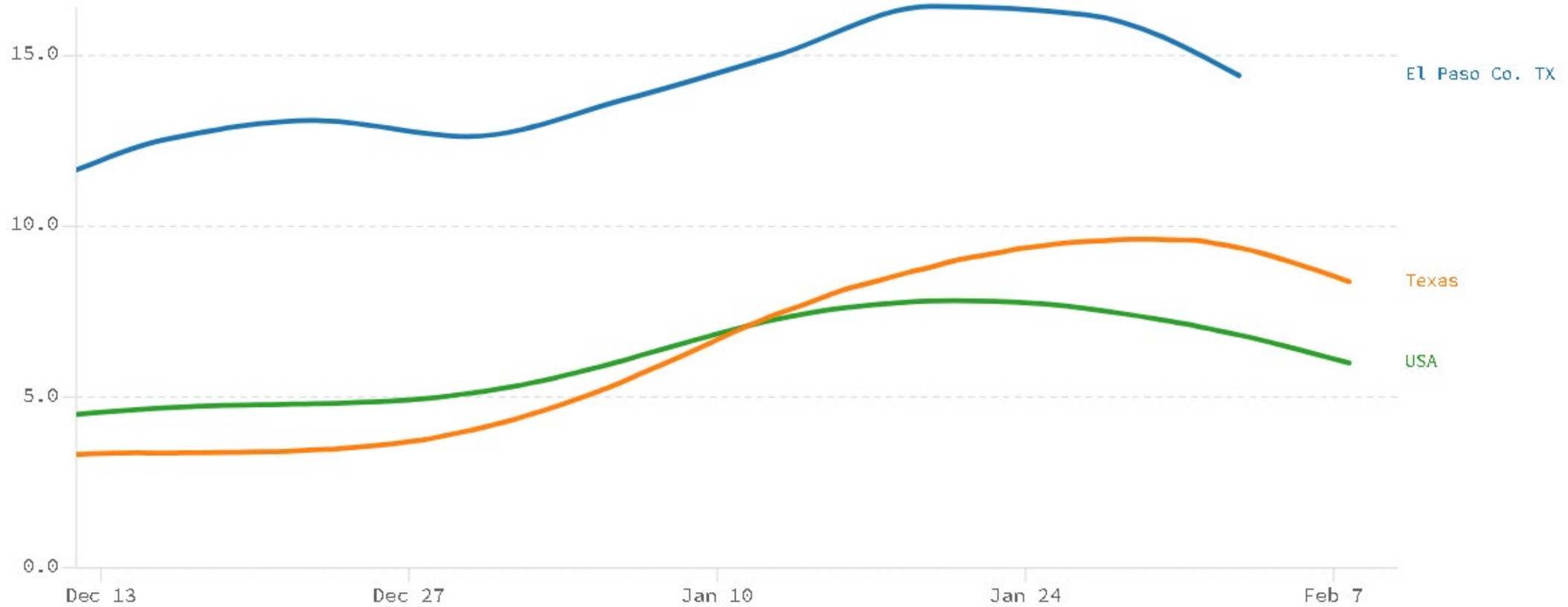
Cases per 100,000



Hospitalizations per 100,000



ICU Hospitalizations per 100,000



The Near Future

- COVID-19 activity level will be endemic
- Other variants and subvariants will arise in the future
- Disease severity in our community (Hospitalizations and Deaths) are indicators to follow
- The COVID-19 Vaccine will continue to be paramount to prevent hospitalization and death
- Other Public Health interventions will continue to evolve
- Main focus will be protecting the most vulnerable



b. Workforce Focus

Robert Cortinas

Workforce Focus – COVID Impact

Departmental/Employee Impacts

- **250** employees currently out of office due to COVID
- **2,143** employees have reported testing positive for COVID over the last two years
- Jan. 2021 employee survey
 - 2,023 responses received
 - 1,841 or **91%** indicate they are vaccinated

Workforce Focus – COVID Impact

Service Impact

- Supply Chain Issues: Contractors & Materials
- Staff turnover due to local competitive pay, longer work hours and increased workload
- Physical, mental, and emotional impact of COVID
- Vacation leave postponed and increased overtime

Examples of Service Impacts due to Hiring Challenges

- 468 total active job recruitments
- Municipal Court closed bond office
- Tax Office call center average queue time increased
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- Reduced operating hours (Sun Metro, Libraries)
- Limited operations at recreation centers and pools
- Museums limited operations four days a week

4. City Manager Wrap-up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!