



COVID-19 Response + Recovery Cross- Functional Team Update

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1. Overview

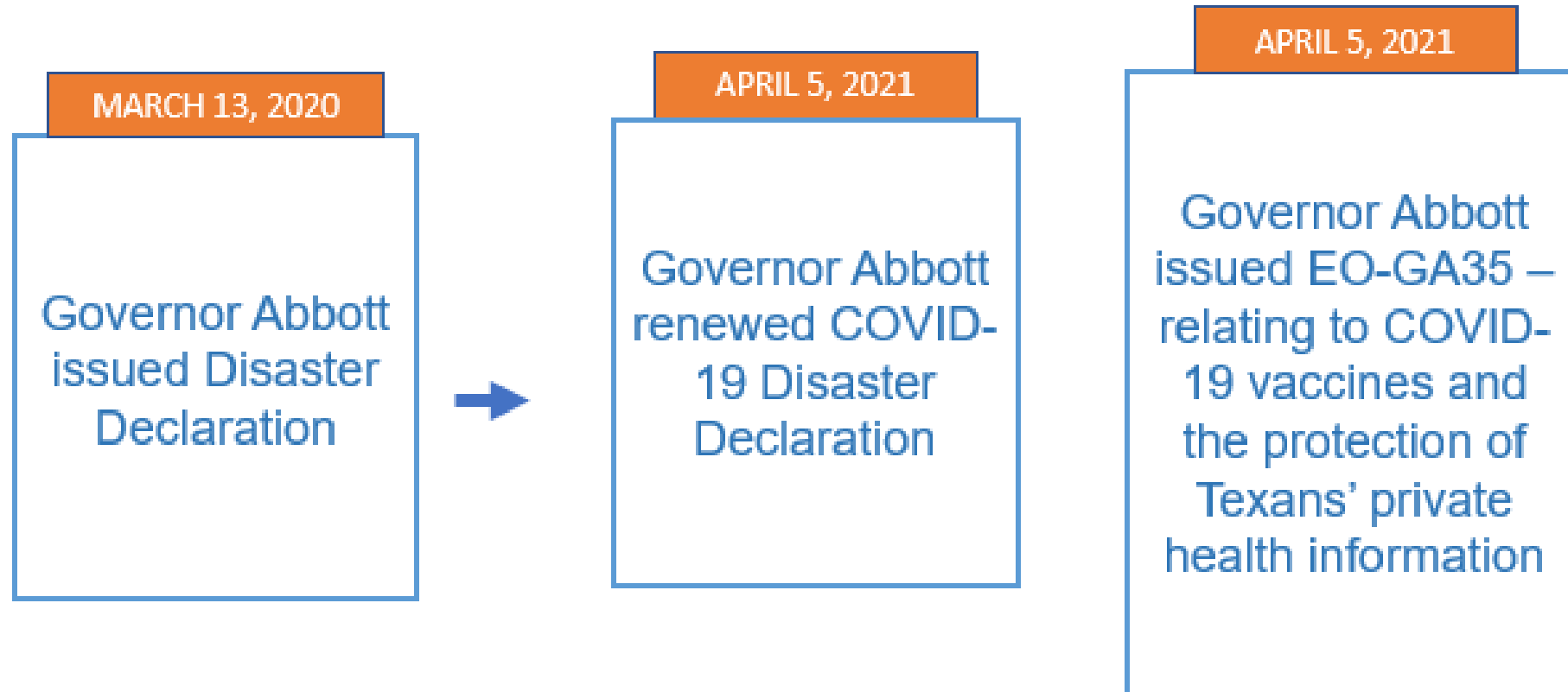
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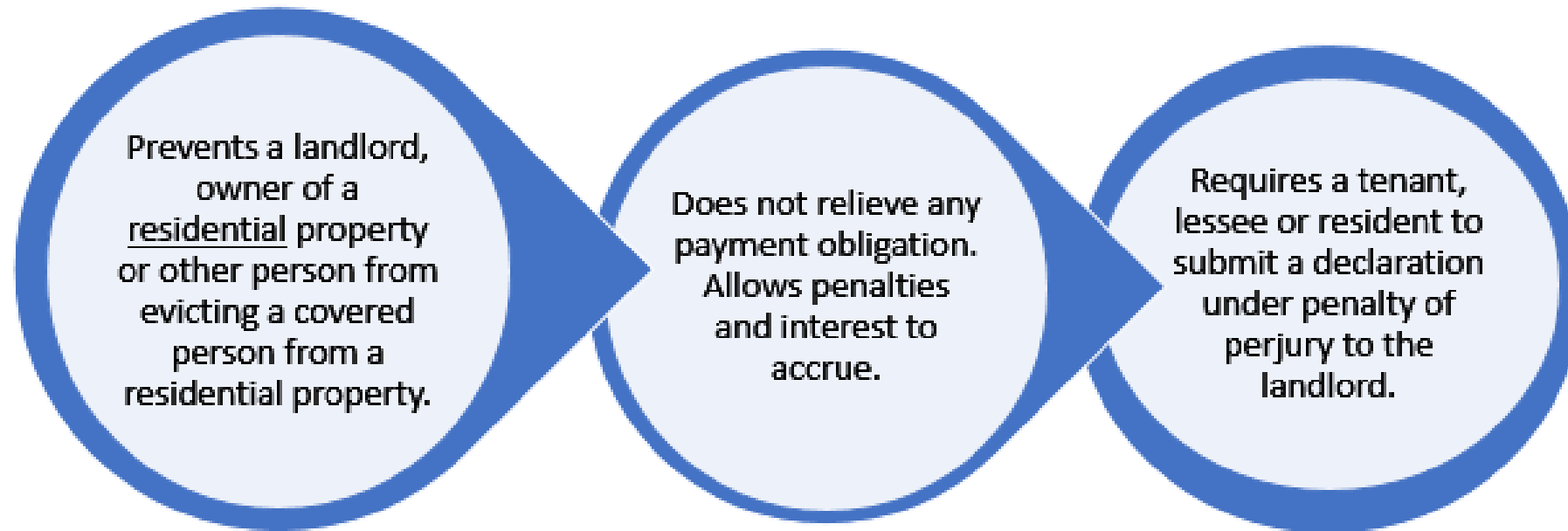
Karla Nieman

State Disaster Declarations



CDC Agency Order to Temporarily Halt Residential Evictions

In effect March 28, 2021 until June 30, 2021.



Effective April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Texas Supreme Court Order 34 applying CDC Moratorium in Texas expired
March 31, 2021

CDC Domestic Travel Recommendations

Domestic Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS		
	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Get tested 1-3 days before travel	✓	
Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days if you don't get tested.	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓



City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support

❖ LHA Orders

- ❖ Guidance for home based providers that care for the elderly
- ❖ Guidance for long term care facilities for the elderly

Hours: 4

Legal Monitoring

- ❖ State of Texas vs. City of Austin & Travis County – Litigation – mask mandate
 - ❖ March 26, 2021 – Judge Livingston issued a ruling in favor of the Defendant’s
 - ❖ March 30, 2021 – Defendant’s filed a Notice of Appeal with the Texas 3rd Court of Appeals
 - ❖ Cause No. 03-21-00144-CV
- ❖ El Paso Courts
 - ❖ April 5, 2021 - El Paso County Council of Judges issued a statement outlining a plan for El Paso County to begin in-person hearings
 - ❖ Zoom Hearings are strongly encouraged
 - ❖ A limited number of in-person proceedings will now be allowed
 - ❖ Masks will be required
 - ❖ Social distancing will be strictly enforced

Legal Support During COVID-19

SMG
Agreement

Timeframe:
Oct. – Dec. 2020

94 MCAD
Agreements

Timeframe:
Oct. 2020 – April 2021

86 City Council Resolution
requests
(March 2020 to April 2021)

Legal Support during COVID-19

Supported the drafting and revision of **19** Local Emergency Directives & Amendments

Extended, re-enacted and/or amended **41** Emergency Ordinances

Provided legal guidance and drafting support for **80** Local Health Authority Orders

Provided **40** PPT Decks for City Council



3. CFT Operations

Chief Mario D'Agostino

4. Team Lead Reports



1. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.

COVID-19 Summary

- ❖ Continue to see an improvement on Pandemic's three of the main indicators
- ❖ Positivity rate stable (March 22 - Present) between 4.3% - 3.3%
- ❖ New Cases 7-day Avg 16.5 - 17.6 / 100,000 (146 – 154 cases)
- ❖ Hospitalizations 7-day Avg 233 – 157
- ❖ Hospitalizations TSA I 9.49% - 7.68%

Current Local Recommendations

❖ General

- Continue Universal Mask Wearing (Include Businesses requiring masks)
- Continue Best Practices regarding Hygiene and Distancing
- Testing strongly recommended if ANY Symptoms
- Encourage Vaccination

❖ Travel

- Recommended to get tested if International Travel
- Recommended to get tested if Symptomatic and traveled within US

❖ Schools

- Updated distancing recommendation for schools
- Continue layered safety plans



2. Vaccination Update

Angela Mora



Education Taskforce Community Outreach Update

❖ **Community outreach activities to date:**

- ❖ Neighborhood door-to-door visits = 4,453
- ❖ People reached through all approaches (senior centers, grocery stores, Rec centers, Stanton clinic, churches, Etc.) = 12,724
- ❖ People registered = 5,263

Education Taskforce Community Outreach-Continued

❖ April 2021 schedule of activities

- ❖ **Grocery stores** – Food City, Big 8, Food King, Barron's Superettes, Pinky's, Papa's, Amigo and other food markets
- ❖ **Recreation centers & other** – Nations Tobin, Hilos de Plata, Homeless Shelter on Delta St.
- ❖ **Faith-based organizations** – 5 sites per weekend: catholic and other places of worship including in African American and Asian communities

Outreach Partners

- ❖ Texas Department of Emergency Management-Region 4
- ❖ Churches vaccination outreach:
 - ❖ Easter Sunday Mission - Abundant Life Faith Church (lower valley), 443 J&J doses administered
 - ❖ Thursday April 8, 2021 - Buen Pastor Catholic Church (Colonias area) to administer 300 doses



Vaccination & Registration Walk-In Clinics

- ❖ **Downtown** - 220 S. Stanton St.
 - ❖ Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- ❖ **Westside** – 7380 Remcon
 - ❖ Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Long Term Care Facilities Deployment Teams Update

Administrating Source	SNF	ALF	Foster & Host Home	Hospice	Independent Living	Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability
DSHS	2	5	0	0	0	0
Fire/DPH	0	24	91	14	2	0
Pharmacy	19	15	0	1	2	14
Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 189	21	44	91	15	4	14

Other Deployment Sites

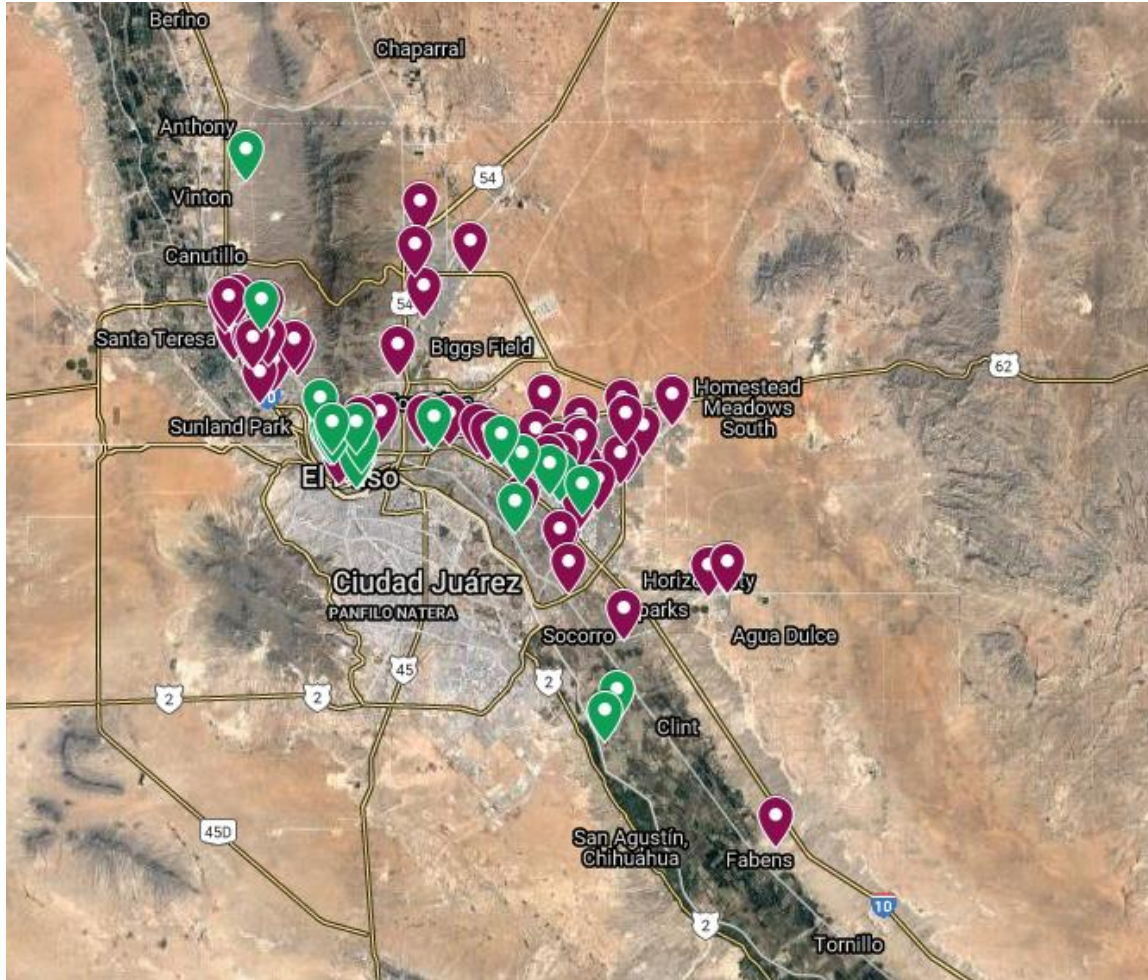
❖ **Total other deployments = 172**

- ❖ Housing Authority Residential Sites for the elderly = 8 sites
- ❖ Shelters – various types = 24 sites
- ❖ Homebound individual visits = 134
- ❖ Home health service agencies = 4 sites
- ❖ Adult Daycare centers = 2 sites

Vaccination Sites Open to the Public

- ❖ 62 local vaccination sites open to the general public, as vaccines become available: 7 chain pharmacies, private medical providers, community clinics
- ❖ 23 sites administer vaccines to staff and patients only: private hospitals, community clinics
- ❖ UTEP is open for students, faculty, staff and immediate family members
- ❖ Providence Memorial is vaccinating staff and their families, and school personnel

Vaccination Sites Map



Legend:

Purple are open to the general public

Green are only open to clients, patients and employees

View full

map: https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1aNDzgOST9U_JajIEzyi_SSVvea41cewg&usp=sharing

Next Steps:

- ❖ Vaccination for homebound
- ❖ Continue grocery stores, Flea markets, and neighborhood door-to-door registration
- ❖ Continue identifying/immunizing congregate setting for elderly, disabled, and homeless
- ❖ Expand to remote county areas through Texas A&M Promotoras Program
- ❖ Integrate vaccine registration with WIC mobile services in Tornillo, Ft. Hancock, Sparks
- ❖ Identify and target other sites for vaccination team's deployment

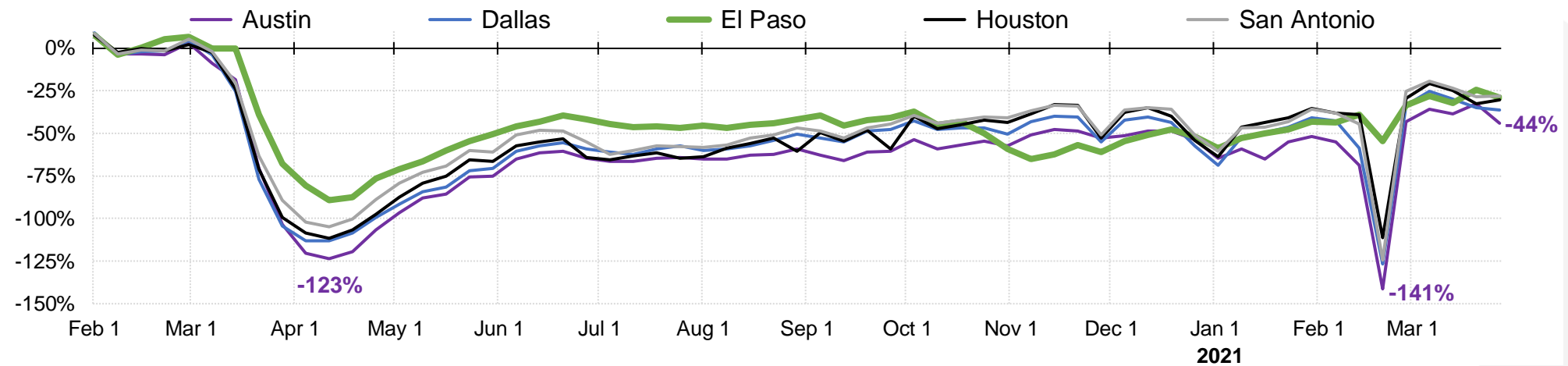
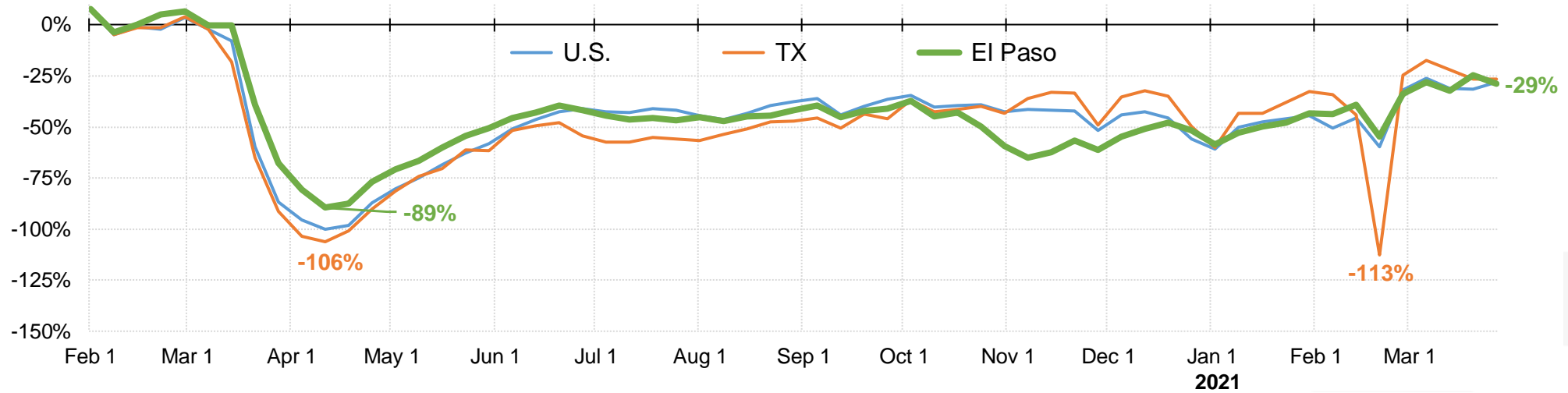


3. Data Analysis

David Coronado

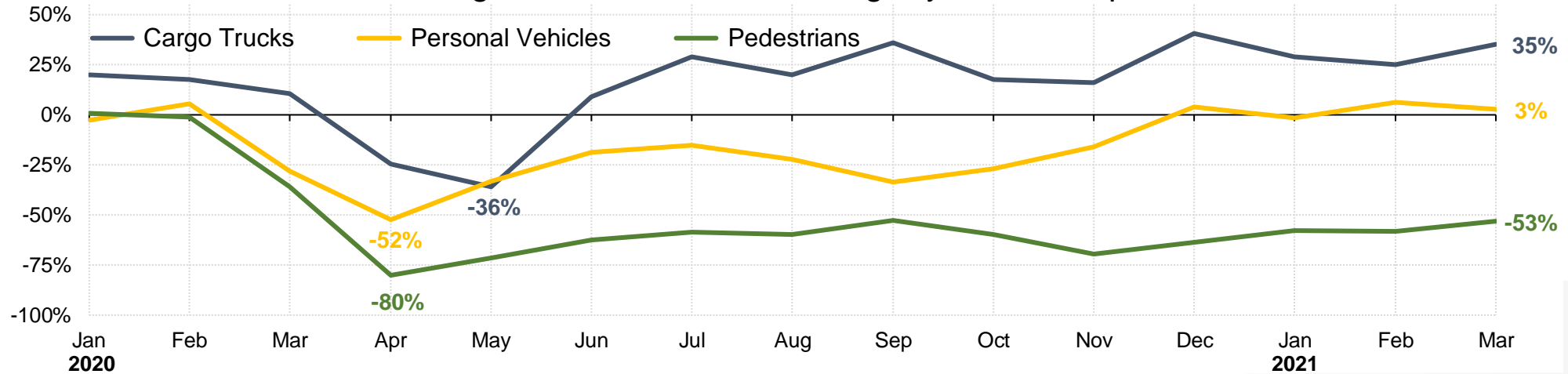
Mobility & Engagement Index

Percent change of mobility compared to January-February, 2020 average (Baseline)



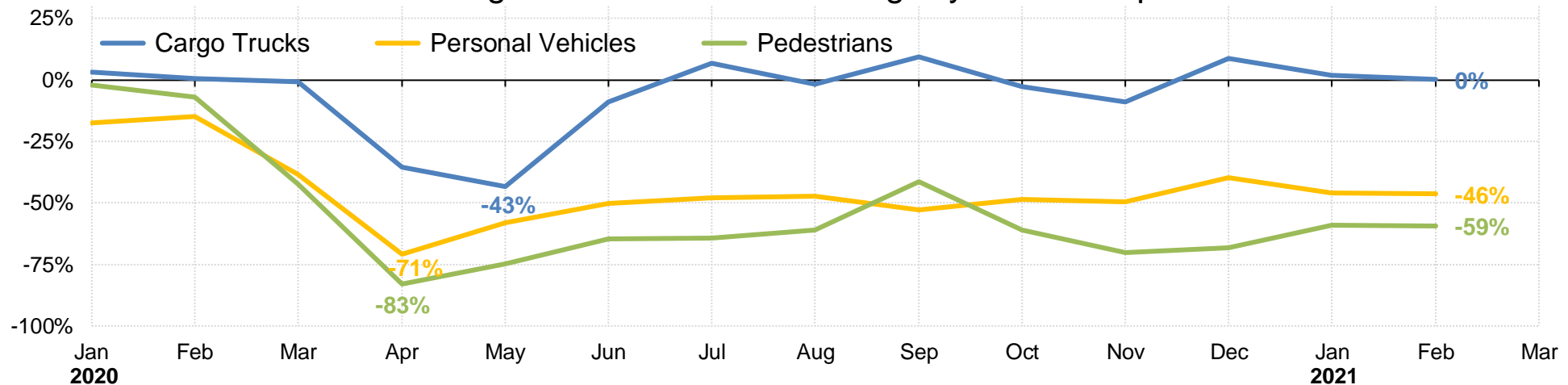
International Bridge Crossings

Percent change of **southbound** crossings by mode compared to 2018



Source: City of El Paso International Bridges. Last observation: March, 2021

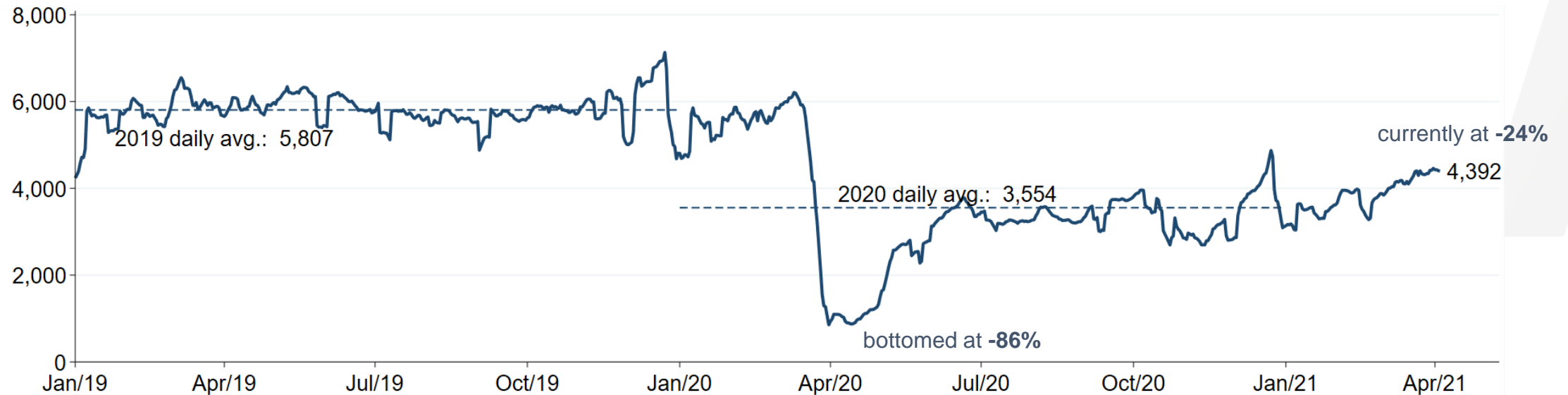
Percent change of **northbound** crossings by mode compared to 2018



Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection compiled by the City of El Paso International Bridges. Last observation: February, 2020

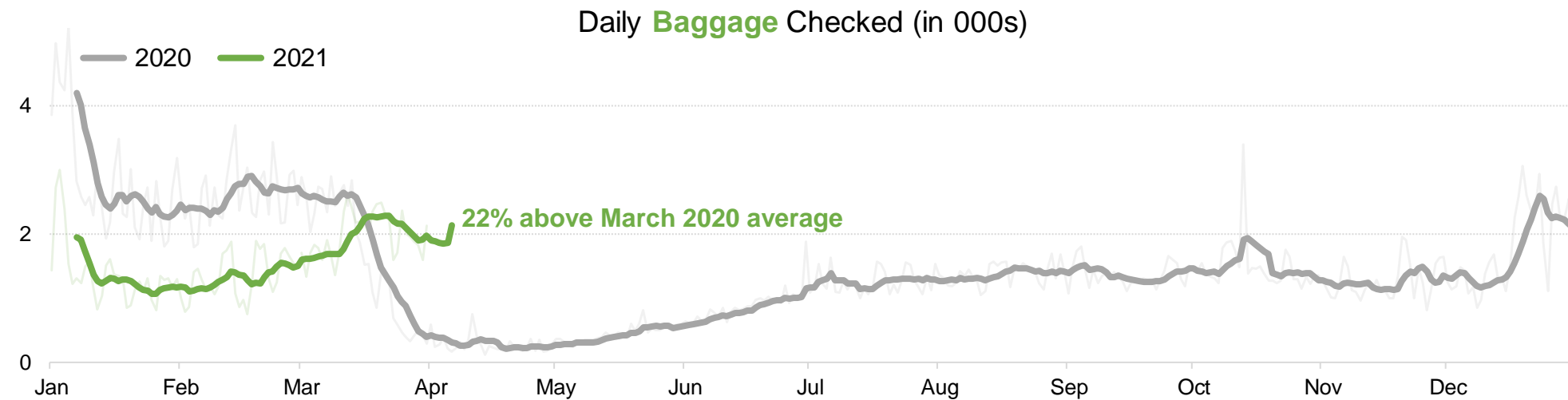
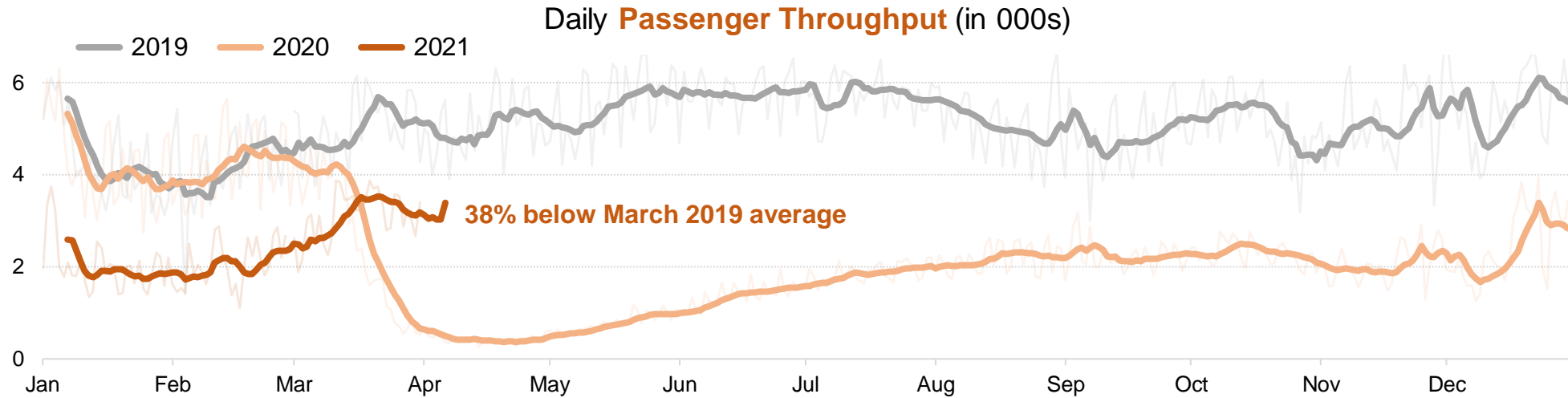
Parking Meter Transactions

Daily Parking Meter Transactions at 24% below 2019 avg. after “Stay Home, Work Safe” order



Source: City of El Paso International Bridges. Graph reflects a seven-days moving average. Last observation: April 4, 2021

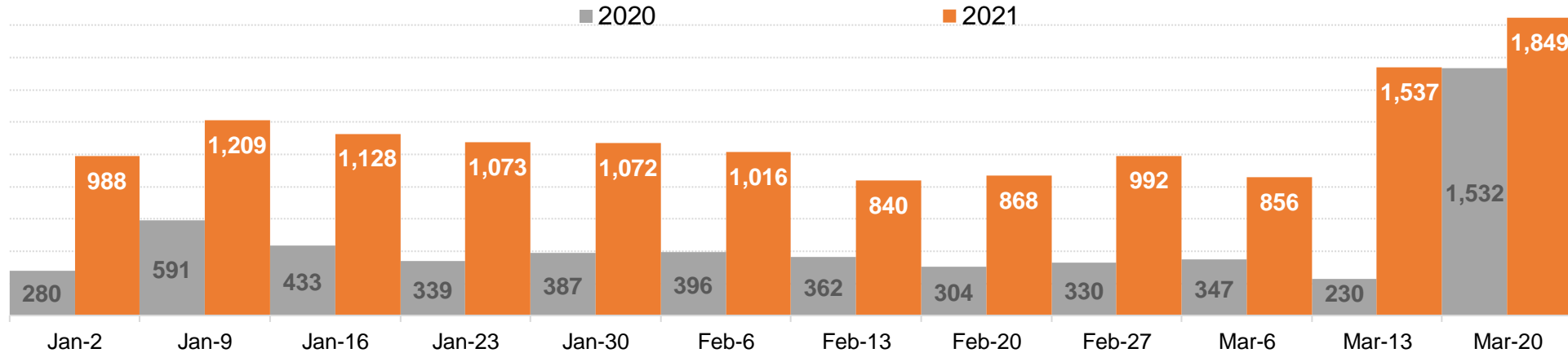
Passenger Throughput & Airport Baggage



Source: El Paso International Airport. Graphs reflect a seven-days moving average. Last observation: Mar. 31, 2021

El Paso County Unemployment

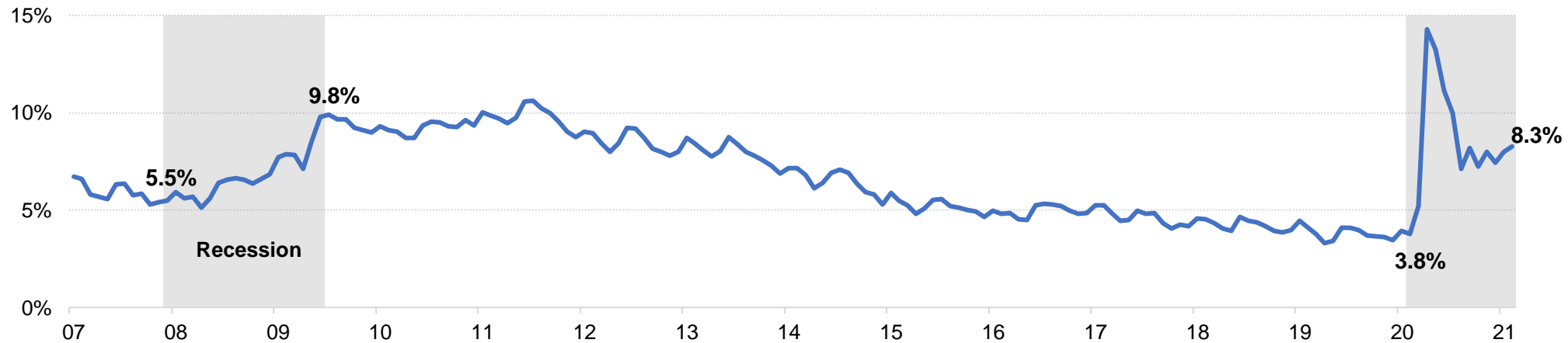
El Paso County Weekly **Unemployment Insurance Claims** (in thousands)



Higher UICs
correlated with
higher
unemployment

Source: Texas Workforce Commission. Last observation: March 20, 2021

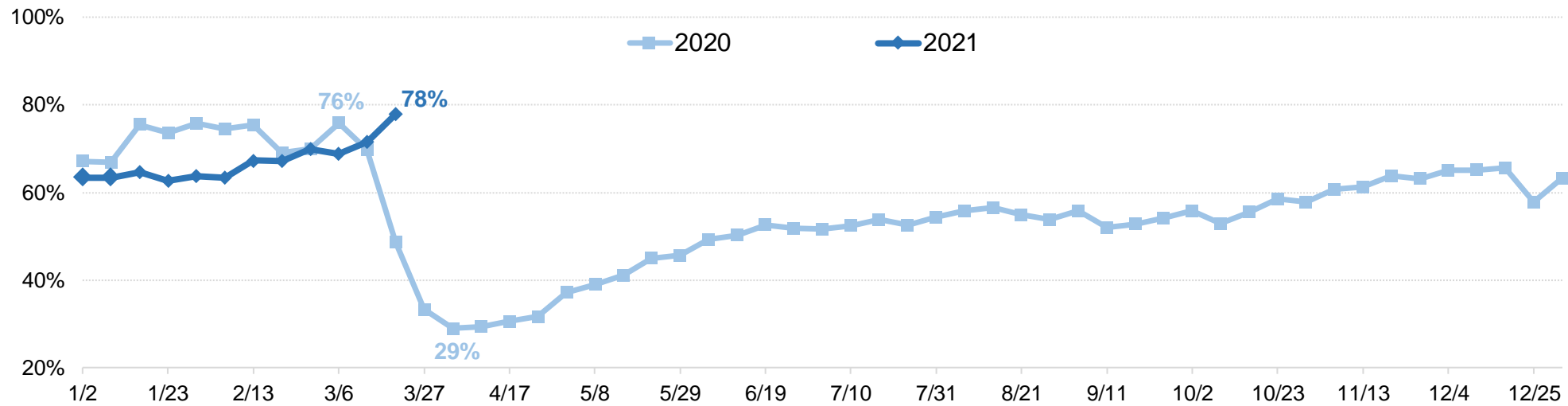
El Paso County Monthly **Unemployment Rate**



Source: Texas Workforce Commission. Last observation: February, 2021

Hotel Occupancy

Hotel Occupancy (weekly average) currently over 2020 start of pandemic levels (**78%**)



Source: Destination El Paso. Last observation: March 20, 2021

February 2021

US: 45.3%

TX: 51.2%



4. City Manager Wrap Up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!