



COVID-19 Response + Recovery Cross- Functional Team Update

6.7.2021

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1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez



2. CAO Overview

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Karla Nieman

Governor Abbott's Disaster Declarations

MARCH 13, 2020

Governor Abbott
issues Disaster
Declaration



May 5, 2021

Governor Abbott
renews COVID-
19 Disaster
Declaration



June 6,* 2021

Governor Abbott
renews COVID-
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City Attorney's Office COVID-19 Support

- ❖ Mayor's Directive

 - ❖ In response to GA-36

- ❖ American Rescue Plan

 - ❖ Guidance on use of funds

 - ❖ Compliance with Dept. of Treasury requirements

- ❖ Training to enforcement

 - ❖ May 21 – “Effect of GA-36”

 - ❖ May 28 – “Who is the defendant?”

Legal Monitoring

❖ Office of Court Administration & Texas Supreme Court Order 38- May 26, 2021

- ❖ Can require face coverings in courtrooms
- ❖ Must implement minimum standard health protocols for in-person hearings
- ❖ Virtual hearings encouraged

❖ State of Texas vs. City of Austin & Travis County – Litigation – mask mandate

- ❖ March 26, 2021 – Judge Livingston ruled in favor of Defendants
- ❖ March 30, 2021 – TX AG filed a Notice of Appeal with the Texas 3rd Court of Appeals
 - ❖ Cause No. 03-21-00144-CV
- ❖ May 6, 2021 – Appellant's Brief filed – oral argument not requested
- ❖ May 26, 2021 – Appellees' Brief was filed



COVID-19 Prosecution Update

Trial Settings on COVID-19 Citations through June 2, 2021 in all 5 Municipal Courts

71 Trial Settings

4 Trials
(3 Guilty)

15 Pleas

23 Reset

16 Warrants

13 Dismissed



3. CFT Operations

Chief Mario D'Agostino

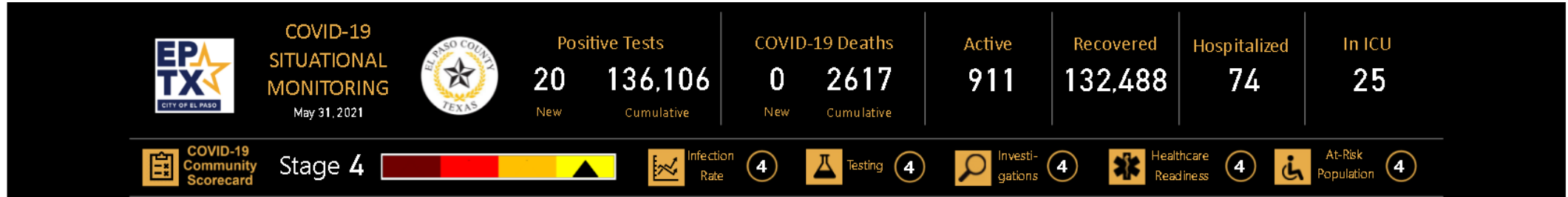
4. Team Lead Reports



1. Health Focus

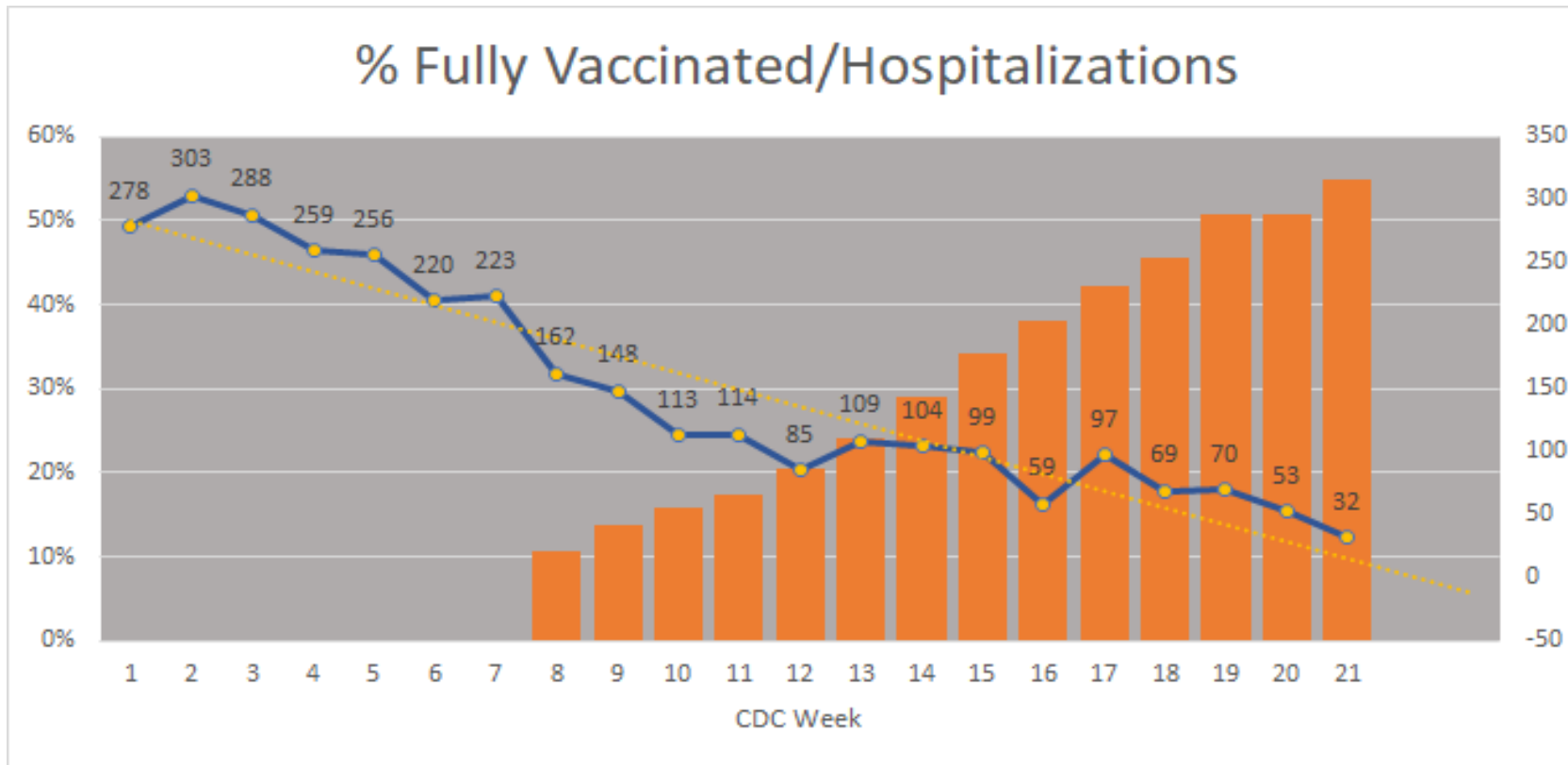
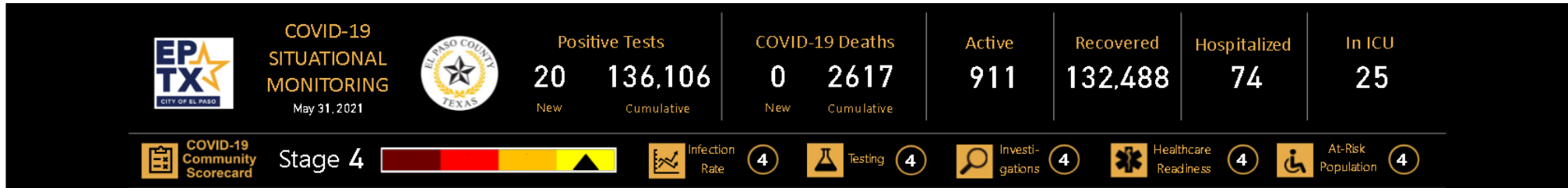
Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.

COVID-19 Summary



- ❖ Continue to observe a consistent decline on Pandemic's three of the main indicators which indicates that pandemic is contracting
- ❖ New Cases 7-day Avg have been below 5 new cases/100,000 over the last week (low incidence rate)
- ❖ Hospitalizations 7-day Avg has been below 100 over the last 2 weeks
- ❖ Hospitalizations TSA I continues to decline

Positive Effects of Vaccination





2. Vaccination Update

Angela Mora



PAIOCVAX Campaign

Parent Awareness and Information on COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign

Goal: To address parents information concerns and increase children's vaccine uptake

Objectives:

- Partner with UT Houston – SPH to train educators on Motivational Interviewing
- Train educators on COVID vaccination for children >2 years of age
- Create an educational packet and presentation guided by findings from the national survey conducted by Hart Research and Associates following Motivational Interviewing principles

PAICOVAX Campaign- Continued

- Contact 100% of Child Day Care providers to issue educational packet for parents
- Visit local pediatricians to promote COVID-19 VAX Uptake
- Host parent presentations and meet and greet events throughout the City
- Coordinate COVID-19 vaccine efforts

Vaccination Efforts Continued

Continuous approaches

- *Hubs*
- *Pop-up*
- *Medical Integrated Health Teams/Deployments*
- *Clinic setting*
- *ETF fully integrated into deployment team*



Vaccination Efforts

- **Hub** – Convention Center M-Sat 8am-7pm; walk-in basis; 1st and 2nd doses – all vaccine available
- **TDEM** – Eastside Sportsplex

Scheduled Pop-up events – 45 scheduled/implemented from 4/29-6/15

Locations include city and county areas:

- 5/15 - Sun Metro - Glory Road, Northeast, Mission Valley
- 5/19 - Airport
- 5/20- Burnham Charter School, San Lorenzo Catholic Church, PDN Port of Entry
- 5/21- Sol y Luna Health Fair
- 5/22- YMCA
- 5/25 -Western Tech LTS, St. Joseph's School
- 5/26-Western Tech LTS, Father Yermo School

Vaccination Efforts Continued

- 5/27-San Eli ISD Support Services BLDG Cathedral/St. Pat's HS
- 5/28-Outlets Shoppes, St. Mathews School
- 5/29-Guillen Middle School, Tacos Don Cuco, Infinity Phlebotomy
- 5/29-Outlets Shoppes
- 5/30- Outlet Shoppes- Far West El Paso – 3 days Memorial Day weekend
- 06/01-St. Mathews School
- 06/04San Eli ISD Support Services BLDG, Fred Loya, El Paso Fighting Hunger
- 06/05 -Socorro Middle School
- 06/09- Burnham Charter School
- 06/10 -Chamizal Rec Center Work Solutions
- 06/12 - Advantage Auto Parts
- 06/15- El Paso Leadership Academy, Burnham Charter School

Next Steps

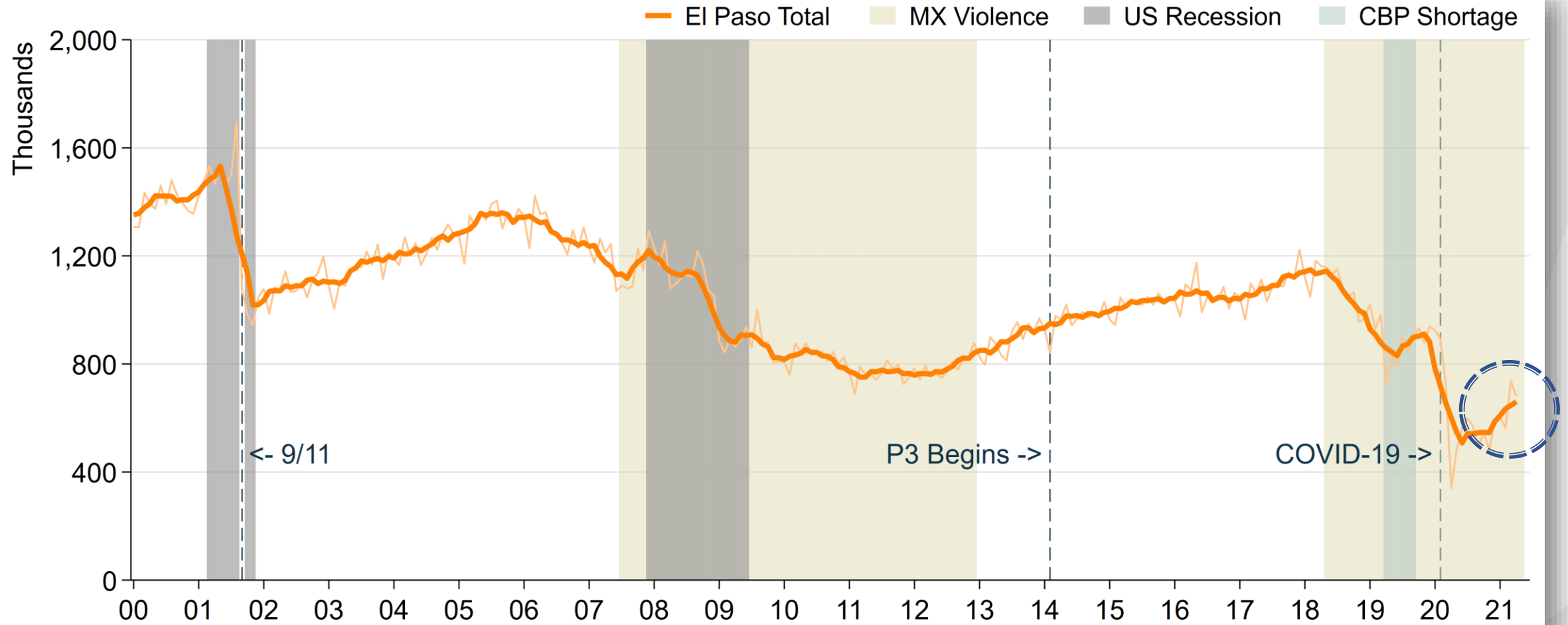
- Continue vaccination efforts throughout the City-County
- Launch PAICOVAX Campaign
- Address vaccine hesitancy through increased education efforts to dispel vaccine myths and misunderstandings
- Continue pediatric outreach efforts for vaccine provider enrollment



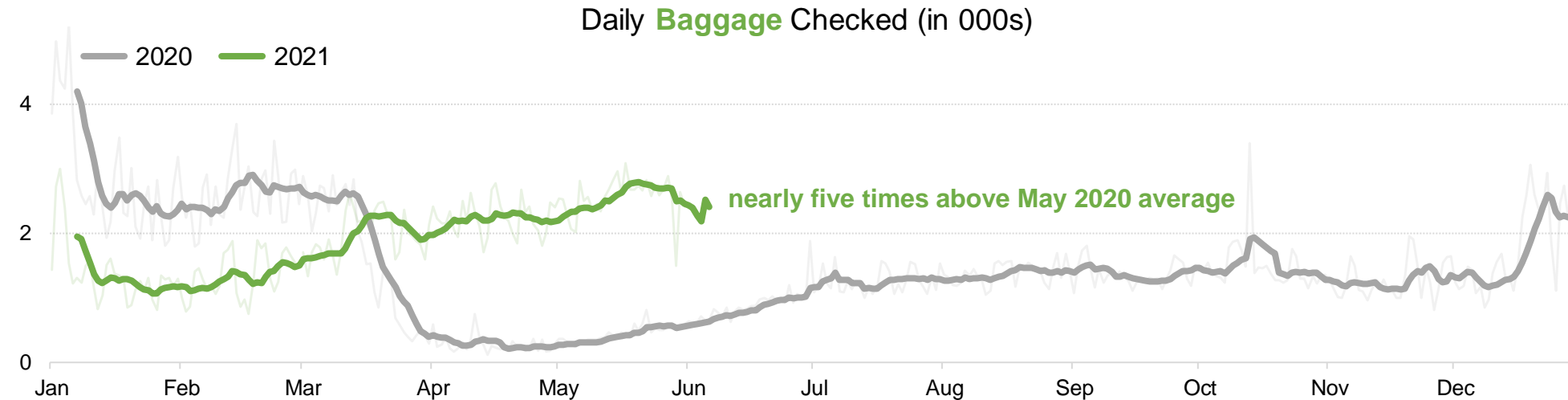
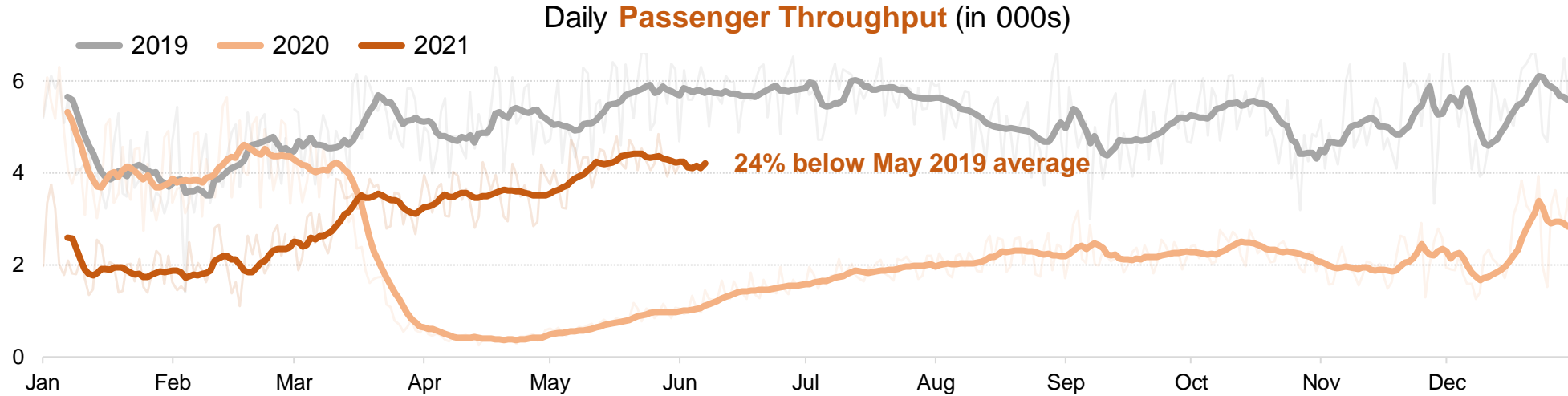
3. Data Analysis

David Coronado

International Bridge POV NB Crossings

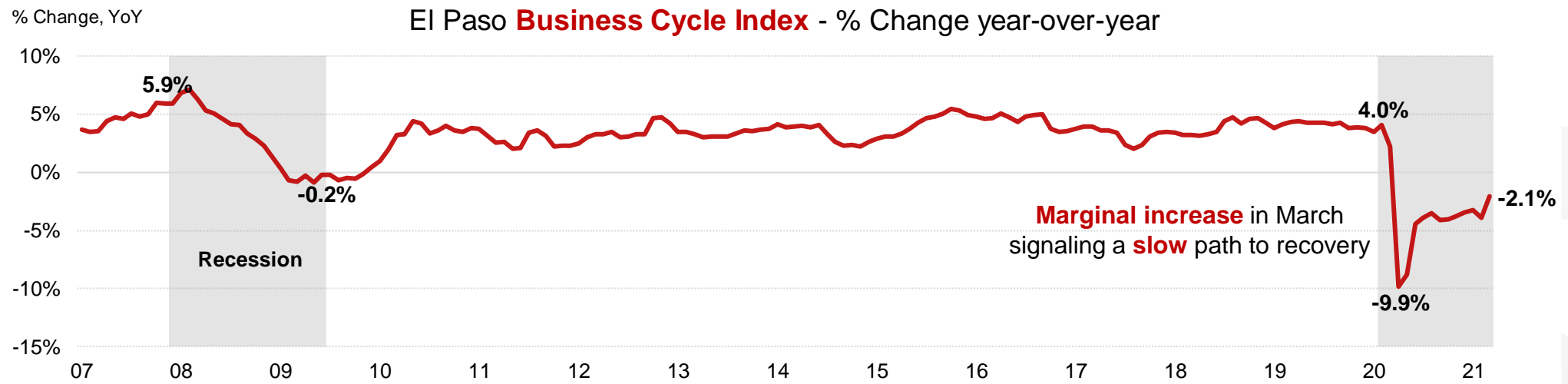


Airport Passenger Throughput & Baggage



Business Cycle Index

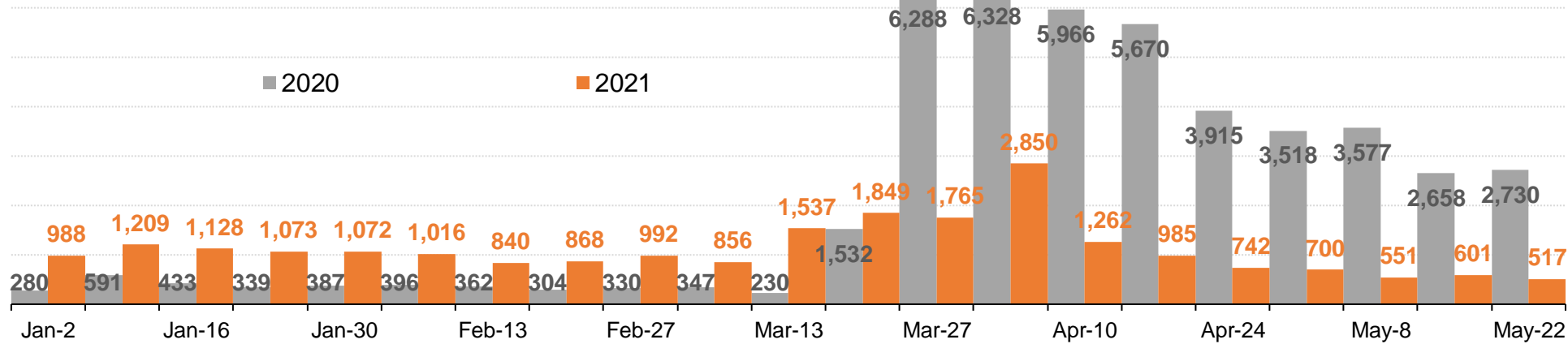
The path to economic recovery seems to be losing steam driven by **higher unemployment**



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Last observation: March, 2021

El Paso County Unemployment

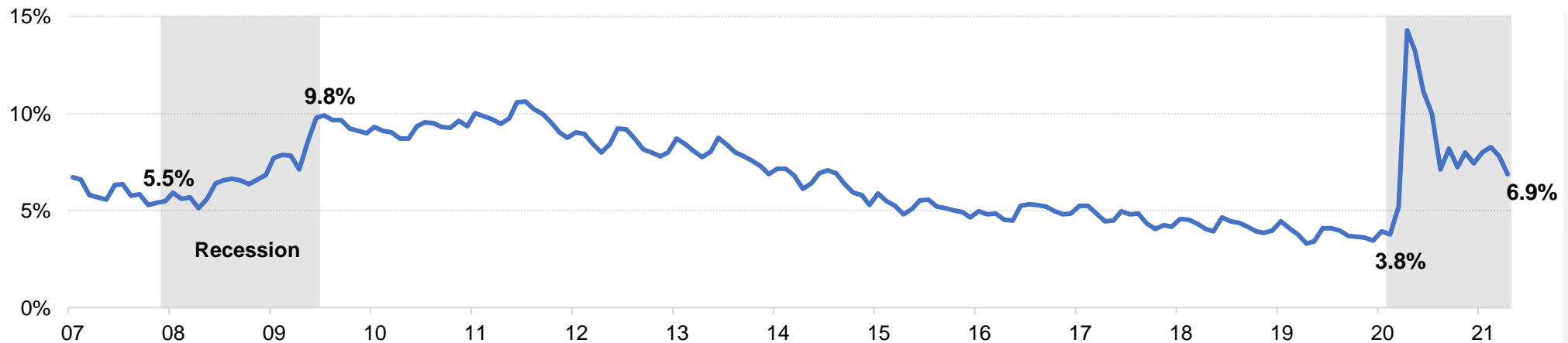
El Paso County Weekly **Unemployment Insurance Claims** (in thousands)



Source: Texas Workforce Commission. Last observation: May 22, 2021

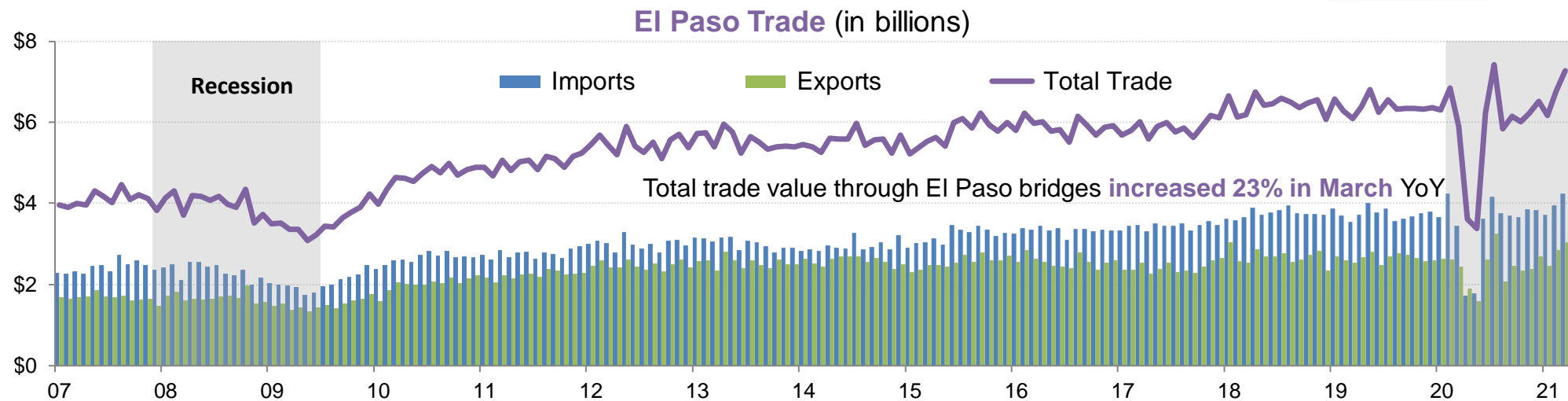
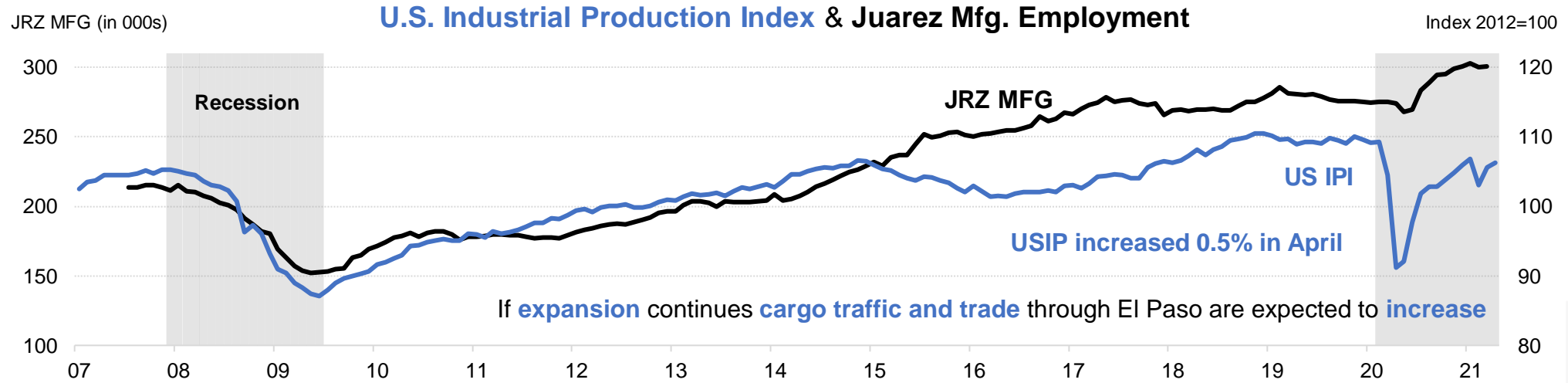
Lower UICs
correlated with
lower
unemployment

El Paso County Monthly **Unemployment Rate**



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

Manufacturing Activity & Trade





4. Community Vulnerabilities and Human Services

Nicole Ferrini

Community Vulnerabilities + Human Services



Our team is focused on supporting the most vulnerable El Pasoans as we navigate through the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. This pandemic has exacerbated deep challenges that already existed in our community including **housing affordability, utility cost burden, access to food and the individual financial stability of El Pasoans.**

We are charged with equitably deploying relief programs and support to ensure **an inclusive and resilient recovery** that makes our community ultimately stronger and more prepared than ever before.



Community Partnerships



Social Services



Philanthropy



Assistance for El Paso Families

In January 2020, following the passage of the **Consolidated Appropriations Act**, **\$20.6 million** was allocated to the City of El Paso specifically to address rental and utility assistance as well as expanding access to those programs.



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\$ 10 million

COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF
Need help paying for utilities?

AmistadCARES
Utility Assistance Program

Call us today 915.298.7307
(Select Option 1 + Option 1 + Zip Code)

www.projectamistad.org/amistadcares

\$ 4 million

A Path Upward After Delta

As of **April 13, 2021** no new intakes were accepted at the Delta Site Temporary Shelter.

A **6 Step Plan** has been put in place to protect the homeless population as the pandemic continues.

Welcome Center Entry Point at the OC

Single Access Point

On Site Rapid Testing

Coordination with OEM

Continuing Homeless Vaccination

Oversight + Case Management

Wrap Around Services + A Warm Handoff

Transportation

Safe and Secure movement

Overflow Capacity

Inspira Hotel
Location: Activated only after shelter capacity is reached

This plan is the result of **partnerships** put in place well before the pandemic began as well as **existing CARES related agreements**.

As of **April 30, 2021**, the Delta Site Temporary Shelter has been closed.



5. City Manager Wrap Up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!