

COVID-19 Response + Recovery **Cross-Functional Team Update**

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1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez



2. City Attorney Overview

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Karla Nieman



Governor Abbott's Disaster Declarations

MARCH 13, 2020 July 31,* 2021 July 1, 2021 Governor Abbott Governor Abbott **Governor Abbott** renews COVIDrenews COVIDissues Disaster 19 Disaster 19 Disaster Declaration Declaration Declaration



^{*}Anticipate Governor Abbott will renew his Disaster Declaration between July 29th-31st.

Texas Open Meetings Act Update

TOMA suspension expires

- ❖March 2020- Governor Abbott suspended certain Texas Open Meeting Act sections
- ❖June 30, 2021- Governor Abbott approved AG's request to lift suspensions
- ❖Sept. 1, 2021- Previously suspended TOMA provisions will be in effect





Emergency Ordinances

Ordinance	Adoption Date	Most Recent Re- enactment	Expires
Disaster Declaration Ord. No. 019035	3/17/2020	6/21/2021	7/21/2021
Emergency Measures Ord. No. 019036	3/17/2020	6/21/2021	7/21/2021
Public Right of Way Ord. No. 019091	8/31/2020	6/21/2021	7/21/2021



Additional Updates

- ❖ 9/4/20 5/5/21 HHS/CDC Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19 for nonpayment of rent
 - ❖ 5/5/21 Federal judge overturned CDC Order
 - ❖ 5/5/21 DOJ filed Notice of Appeal
 - ❖ 5/5/21 Temporary administrative Stay granted
 - ❖ 6/2/21 Emergency Stay upheld by DC Appeals Court
 - ❖ 6/3/21 Application filed with U.S. Supreme Court to vacate the stay
 - ❖ 6/29/21- Application to vacate the stay denied by U.S. Supreme Court Court will not hear the case
 - ❖ 7/31/21- CDC eviction moratorium expires







Additional Updates – Land Ports of Entry Travel Restrictions

March 24, 2020

June 20, 2021

DHS published notice to temporarily limit the travel of individuals from Mexico at land ports along the U.S.-Mexico Border to only "essential travel" due to the COVID-19 pandemic



Extended through July 21, 2021



Restricted Non-essential travel—individuals traveling for tourism purposes (e.g. sightseeing, recreation, gambling, or attending cultural events)



COVID-19 Prosecution Update

Trial Settings on COVID-19 Citations through July 15, 2021 in all 5 Municipal Courts

103 Trial Settings

9 Trials (3 Guilty)

25 Pleas

27 Reset

16 Warrants

27 Dismissed





3. Team Lead Report



a. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.



COVID-19 Summary



- ❖ We have vaccinated 2 out of 3 people in our community so far (67%) and that is a protective factor.
- ❖We are experiencing an increase in new cases. New Cases 7-day Avg have doubled from 2.1 to 4.3 new cases/100,000 over the last 2 weeks (still very low incidence rate and community transmission)
- Hospitalizations 7-day Avg has also seen a slight increase over the last 2 weeks.





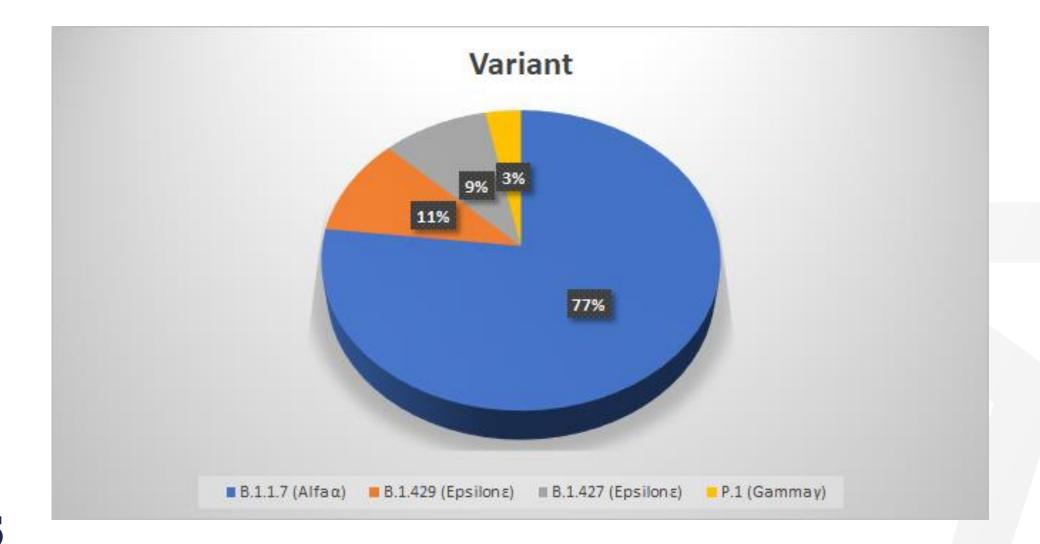
Variants in El Paso

Variant	Scientific Name	Conventional Name	Number
UK Variant	B.1.1.7	Alfa α	73
California Variant	B.1.427	Epsilon ε	10
California Variant	B.1.429	Epsilon ε	9
Brazil Variant	P.1	Gamma γ	3
South African	B.1.351	Beta β	0
Indian	B.1.617.2	Delta δ	0
Grand Total			95





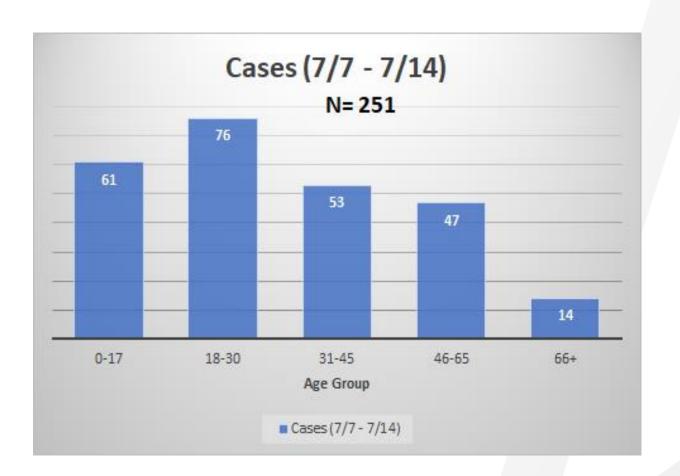
Wariants in El Paso





Cases 7/7 - 7/14

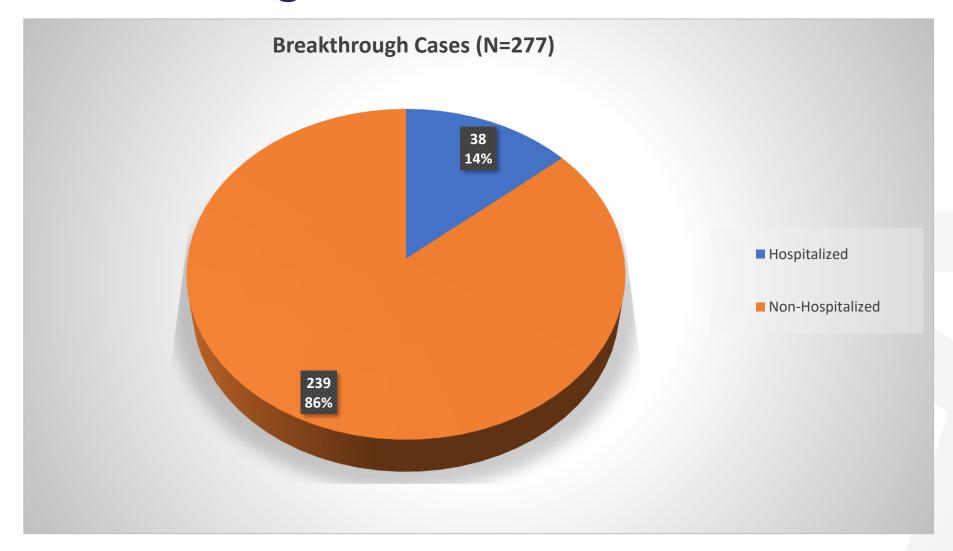
- ❖ Out of total cases 76% were unvaccinated
- ❖31% reported travel
- ❖ About 10% of the cases required hospitalization
- Cumulative hospitalization is about 10% of COVID-19 cases







Breakthrough Cases







4. City Manager Wrap Up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!