



COVID-19 Response + Recovery

Cross-Functional Team Update

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Karla Nieman

State Disaster Declarations



*Anticipate Governor Abbott will renew his Disaster Declaration between November 26th-27th .

Emergency Ordinances

| Ordinance | Adoption Date | Most Recent Re-enactment | Expires |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Disaster Declaration Ord. No. 019035 | 3/17/2020 | 10/11/2021 | 11/10/2021 |
| Emergency Measures Ord. No. 019036 | 3/17/2020 | 10/11/2021 | 11/10/2021 |
| Public Right of Way Ord. No. 019241 | 10/11/2021 | 10/11/2021 | 11/10/2021 |

Greg Abbott v. City of El Paso

❖ **September 30, 2021:**

- ❖ 8th Court of Appeals denied City's request to keep Temporary Injunction in place
- ❖ City's Mask Mandate paused to keep status quo

❖ **October 5, 2021:**

- ❖ City submitted reply brief

❖ **October 12, 2021:**

- ❖ Governor's reply brief filed
- ❖ Case will return to CC7 for trial
- ❖ Amount of time spent on lawsuit: 395 hours

❖ **November 12, 2021**

- ❖ 8th Court of Appeals will render opinion on Governor's appeal

Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation

Temporary Injunction Phase

All mask mandates are stayed

- City of San Antonio & Bexar County - 4th COA
- Dallas County - 5th COA
- Fort Bend County - 1st COA

- La Joya ISD, et. al (Travis County) - 3rd COA
- Harris County - 3rd COA

Additional Updates – Land Ports of Entry Travel Restrictions

March 24, 2020

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

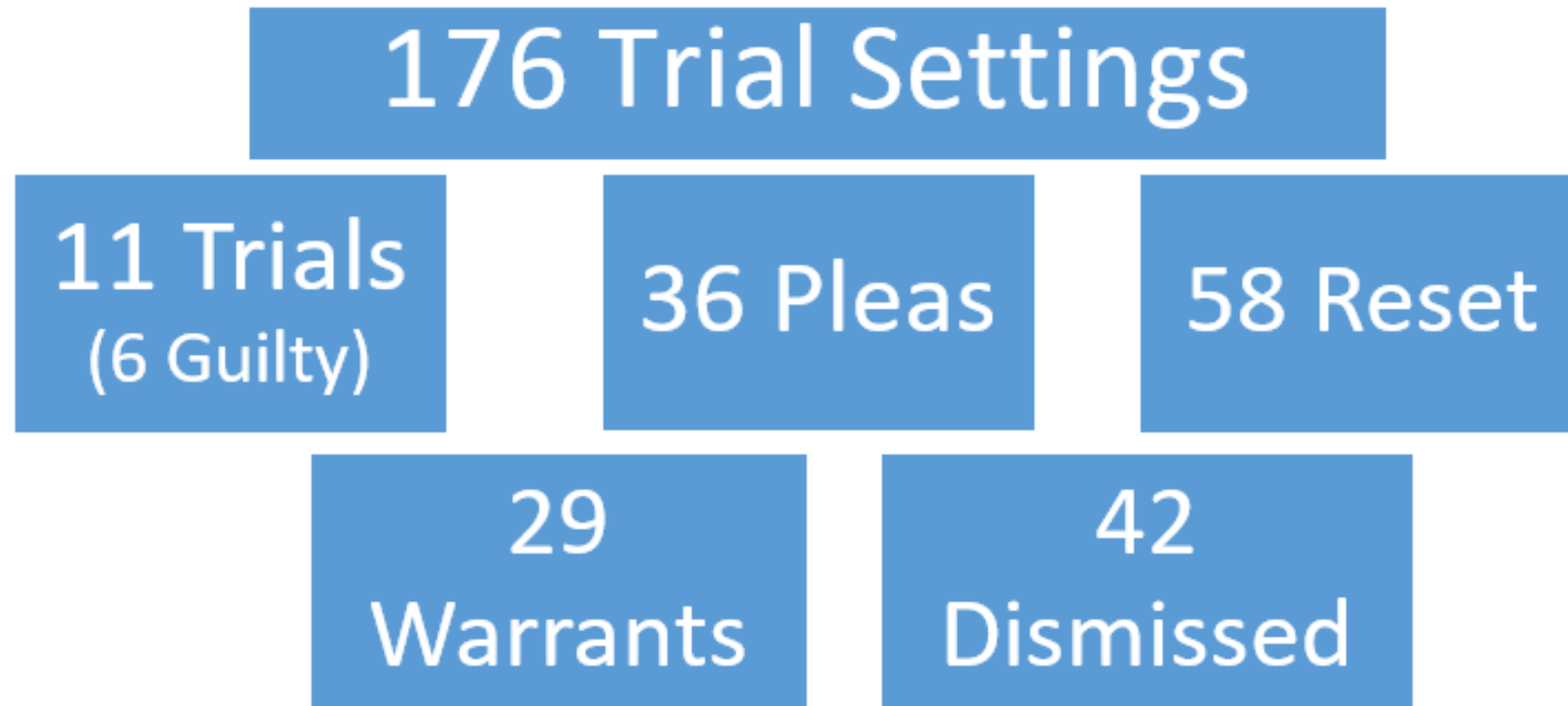


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DHS new requirements allowing fully vaccinated non-citizen travelers to enter U.S. through land border for non-essential reason (i.e. tourism), with proof of COVID-19 vaccination status

Additional Updates – COVID-19 Prosecution Update

Trial Settings on COVID-19 Citations through 11/3/2021 in all 5 Municipal Courts





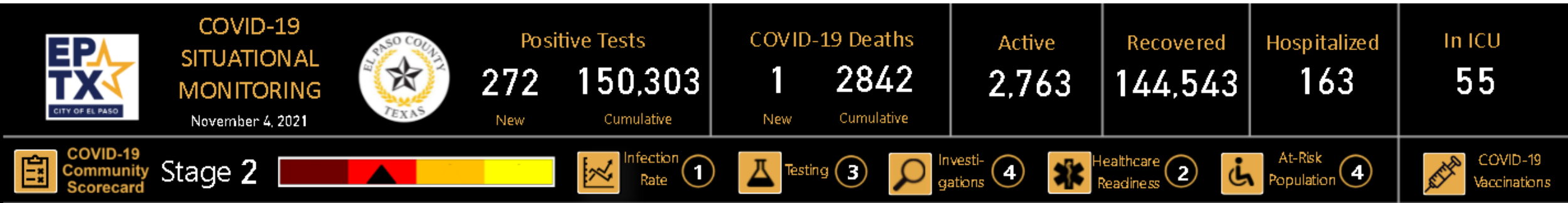
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a. Health Focus

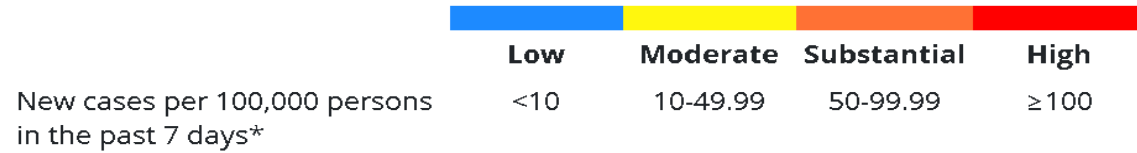
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COVID-19 Summary

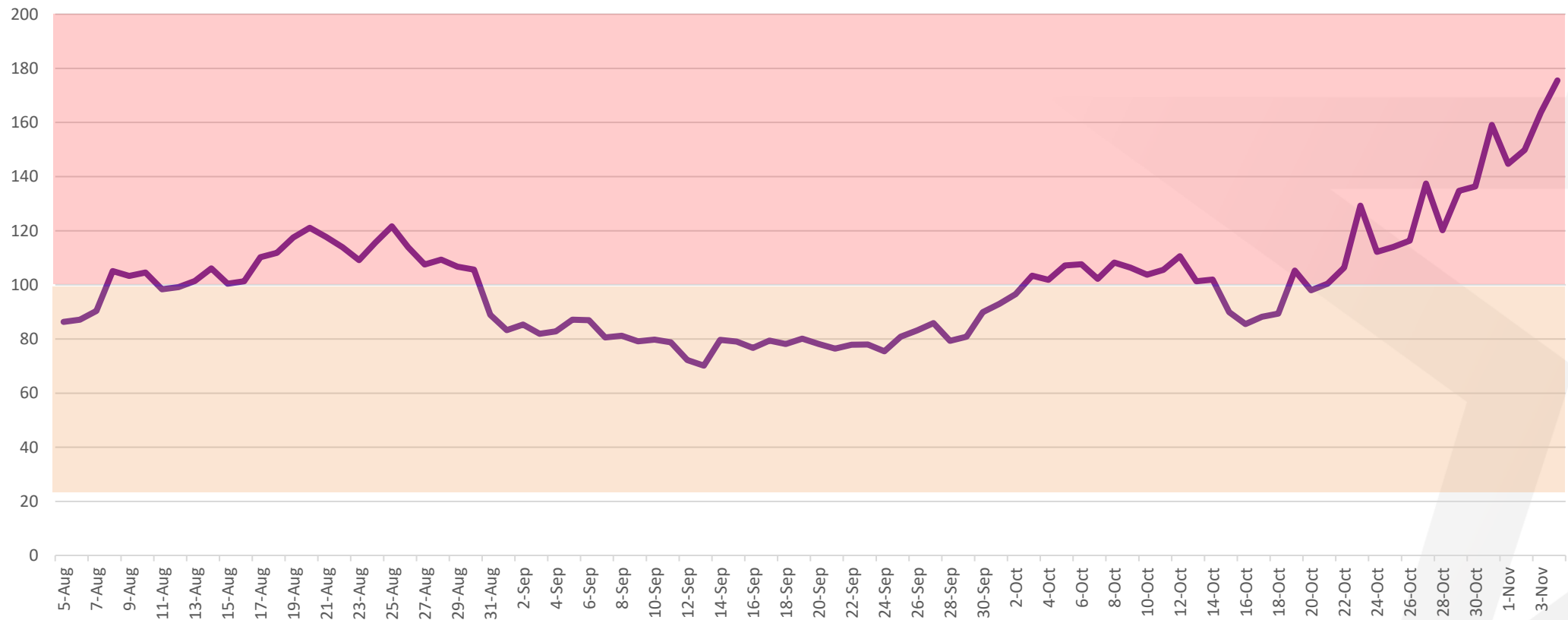


- ❖ New Cases per 100,000 is in a steeper uphill climb within High Community Transmission
- ❖ New Cases per capita have increased $\approx 68\%$ in 4 weeks
- ❖ Upward trend of new cases continues, with younger demographic groups leading those cases
- ❖ Testing demand is low but expected to increase
- ❖ Influenza have also seen increased activity

Level of Community Transmission



New Cases per 100,000 over last 7 days



COVID-19 Summary

- ❖ Hospitalizations increasing (+25%) and driven by unvaccinated
- ❖ We have fully vaccinated over 77% of eligible population
- ❖ Pandemic is still driven by the unvaccinated
- ❖ We STRONGLY continue recommending practicing prevention with vaccination and non-pharmacological interventions
- ❖ Vaccination of children 5-11 years of age has begun after FDA approval and CDC recommendation

Vaccination of Children 5-11 years

- Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine currently approved under EUA to be used on children 5-11 years of age.
- Vaccine contains 1/3 of antigen compared to other formulation
- Effectiveness comparable to protection shown on 16-23 years old (90.7%)
- Safety: Well tolerated by children in trials, most common reactions similar to teenagers and are mild to moderate.
- Reactions more common 24-48 hrs after second dose and may last 1-2 days
- No cases of myocarditis reported through follow up period after second dose (≈3 months)



Educational Forums

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) invites you to a virtual Community Forum on vaccine safety for children, pregnant and breastfeeding women, people with underlying medical conditions, booster shots and third doses.

Join us and you will have an opportunity to receive free movie tickets!!

Wed, Nov 10 | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Panelists + Agenda:

- COVID-19 Strains, Variants and Vaccines – Dr. Glenn Fennelly, Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist
- Vaccine safety in children 5 years of age and older – Dr. Hector Ocaranza, Pediatrician
- Vaccine safety in pregnant women – Dr. Joel Hendryx, OBGYN
- Vaccine confidence in boosters and third doses - Dr. Juan Perez, Family Practice

Join on the meeting on your computer or mobile app with the Microsoft Teams application. Or call in (audio only):

Link: bit.ly/3q0dGij • (915) 212-4096 • Phone Conf. ID: 896 928 939#

For more COVID-19 information to include testing, vaccination, data and prevention, visit www.epstrong.org

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La Seguridad de la Vacuna para el COVID-19

El Departamento de Salud Pública de la Ciudad de El Paso (DPH) lo invita a un Foro Comunitario virtual sobre la seguridad de las vacunas para niños, mujeres embarazadas y lactantes, personas con afecciones médicas subyacentes, vacunas de refuerzo y terceras dosis.

¡Únase a nosotros y tendrá la oportunidad de recibir entradas para el cine gratis!

Jueves 11 de noviembre | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Panelistas + Agenda:

- Cepas, Variantes y Vacunas contra el COVID-19 – Dr. Glenn Fennelly, Especialista en Enfermedades Infecciosas en Niños
- Seguridad de la vacuna en niños de 5 años en adelante – Dr. Ocaranza, Pediatra
- Seguridad de la vacuna en mujeres embarazadas – Dr. Villareal, Obstetra
- Confianza en la tercera dosis y vacunas de refuerzo – Dr. Juan Perez, Medicina Familiar

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Para obtener más información sobre COVID-19 que incluya pruebas, vacunación, datos y prevención, visite www.epstrong.org

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Non-Essential Travel

Accepted COVID-19 Vaccines

| | Vaccines Approved or Authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration | Vaccines Listed for Emergency Use (EUL) by the World Health Organization |
|---------------|--|--|
| Single dose | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janssen/J&J | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janssen/J&J |
| 2-dose series | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna AstraZeneca Covishield BIBP/Sinopharm Sinovac |

Non-Essential Travel

Acceptable Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination

| Documentation Type | Examples |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Verifiable records (digital or paper) | Vaccination certificate with QR code ¹ , digital pass via Smartphone application with QR code ¹ (e.g., United Kingdom National Health Service COVID Pass, European Union Digital COVID Certificate) |
| Non-verifiable paper records | Printout of COVID-19 vaccination record or a COVID-19 vaccination certificate issued at national or subnational level or by an authorized vaccine provider (e.g., the CDC vaccination card) |
| Non-verifiable digital records | Digital photos of vaccination card or record, downloaded vaccine record or vaccination certificate from official source (e.g., public health agency, government agency, or other authorized vaccine provider), or a mobile phone application without QR code ¹ |



4. City Manager Wrap-up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!