



# MEMO

**TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
Via Bert Lumbreras, City Manager**

**FROM: Rob Fitch, Emergency Management Coordinator**

**DATE: 1/20/2022**

**RE: COVID-19 Update**

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## Introduction:

As directed by a majority of the Council during the April 20, 2021 meeting, this memo is intended to replace the information previously shared as a presentation item during regular Council meetings. Staff is available to answer questions related to this update via email, and case-related information can be accessed via the COVID-19 dashboard [HERE](#) at any time.

This report is formatted to provide updated information on local vaccination efforts in addition to several metrics used to evaluate the current condition of the pandemic within our community including cumulative case summary, county level COVID-19 hospitalizations, active cases, daily new cases, vaccinated vs. unvaccinated, and the weekly fatality rate.

## County Vaccination Update:

Vaccination efforts continue throughout Hays County due to the efforts of various public and private providers including the Hays County Health Department. DSHS reports that the percentage of residents age 65 and older receiving at least one dose of the vaccine is at 99.99% in Hays County.

According to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

- 337,082 doses of vaccine have been administered by Hays County providers.
- 90,573 doses have been administered in San Marcos.
- 75.39% of Hays County residents age 5 and older have received one dose. (State avg. 73.47%)
- 63.90% age 5+ have been fully vaccinated. (State avg. 62.10%)
- 93.64% of residents over the age of 65 have been fully vaccinated. (State avg. 83.63%)

## Vaccinated with one dose %:

| Race/ethnicity | People Vaccinated | Percent of people vaccinated |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Asian          | 2,764             | 1.70%                        |
| Black          | 4,180             | 2.57%                        |
| Hispanic       | 45,732            | 28.14%                       |
| Other          | 31,053            | 19.11%                       |
| Unknown        | 14,026            | 8.63%                        |
| White          | 64,764            | 39.85%                       |

**Doses Administered by Organization Type:**

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Emergency Services            | 8,875   |
| Health Center                 | 19,079  |
| Hospital                      | 22,750  |
| Long-term care                | 113     |
| Medical Clinic/Doctors office | 40,680  |
| Public Health/ Government     | 57,346  |
| Pharmacy                      | 172,277 |
| Other                         | 15,962  |

Active cases have spiked in the past few two weeks. These cases have also increased hospital numbers. The hospital stays are shorter than with the initial COVID 19 cases. The recovery numbers have also increased, while the fatality rate has not increased.

**Vaccines**

Hays County has administered 337,082 doses of the vaccine. San Marcos accounts for 90,573 doses administered. These numbers show a slowdown of doses delivered to the public.

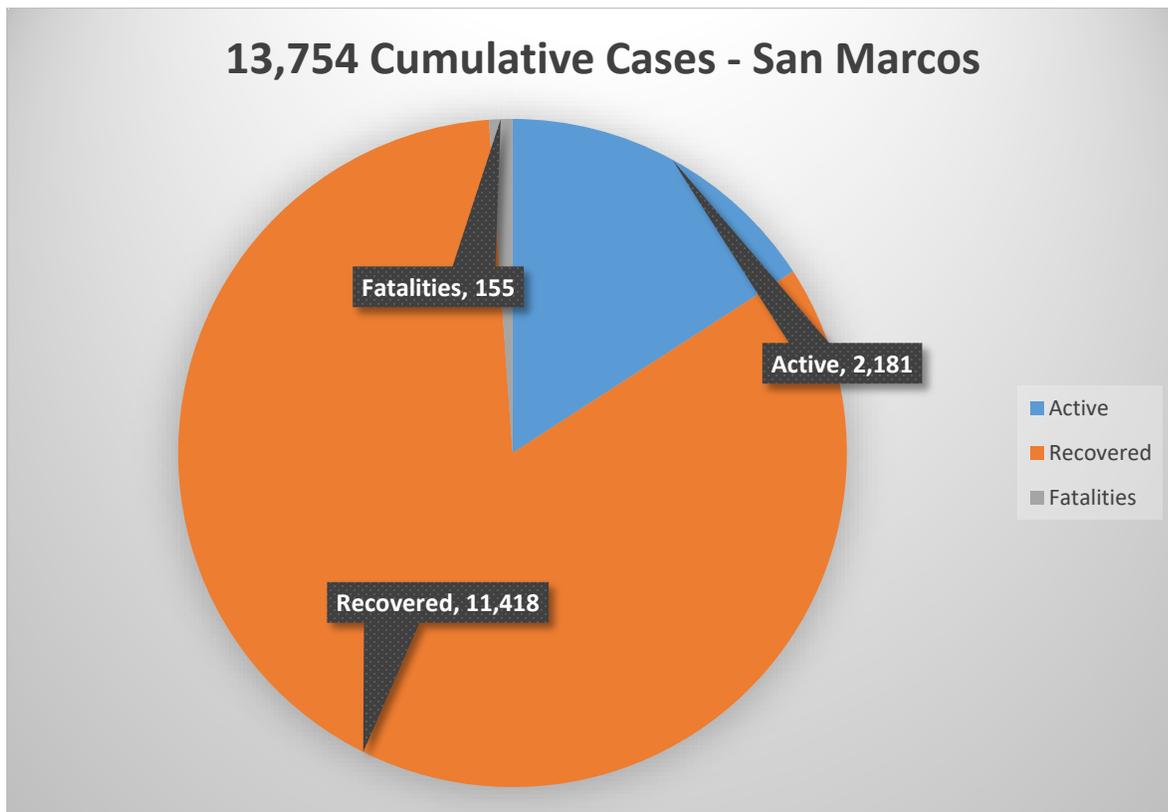
The Hays County Health Department/Live Oak clinic at 401 Broadway in San Marcos continues to accept walk-in patients for the vaccine each weekday in the morning and again in the afternoon. For residents who prefer to receive the vaccine from a local pharmacy or medical provider, there are local options listed on the [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) website, and the website provides visitors with information about whether each location has doses in stock. Additional vaccination program information may still be found at [www.haysinformed.com](http://www.haysinformed.com).

The City of San Marcos continues outreach programs to encourage citizens to get vaccinated and follow recommended safety protocols. We have developed a comprehensive written outreach plan. This document will be a living document that will be updated as the plan evolves.

### Case Metrics:

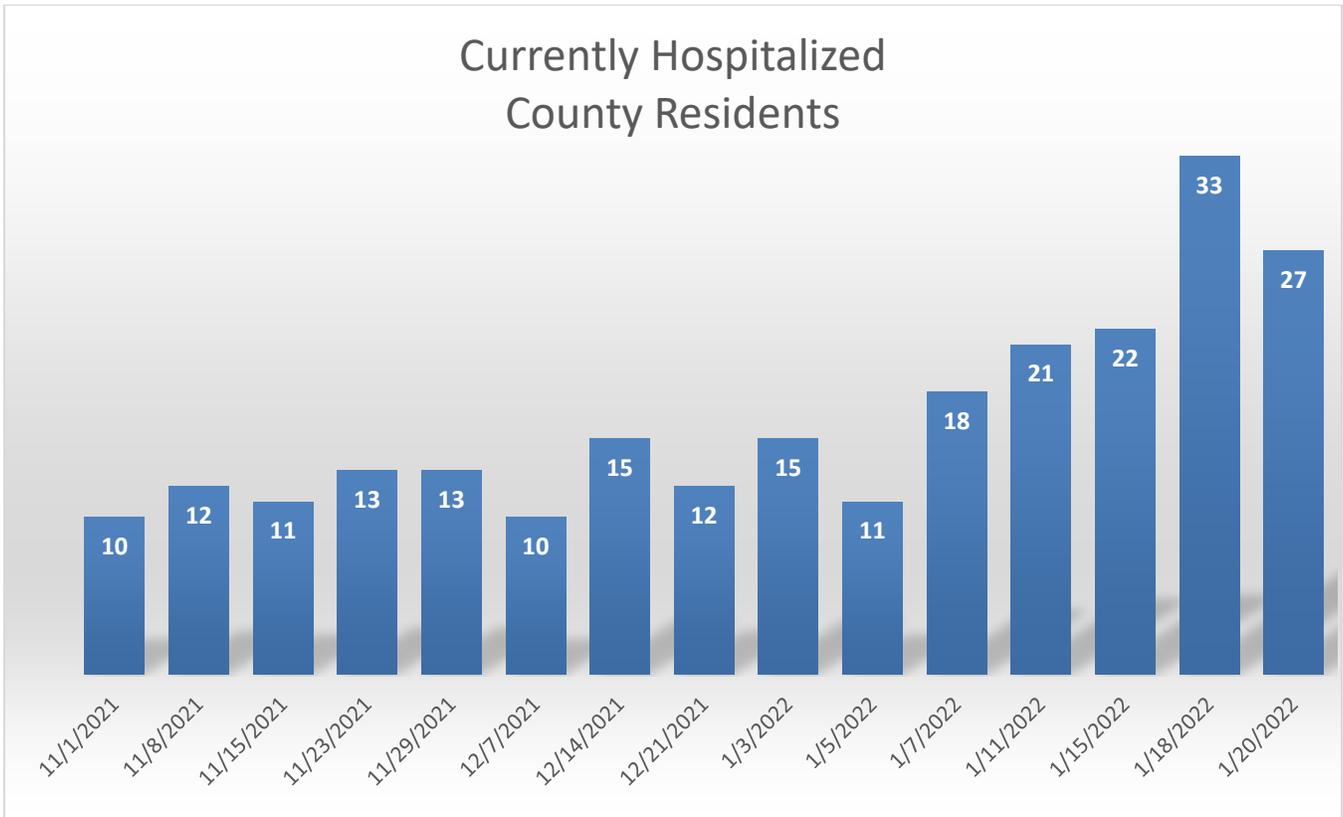
The following metric demonstrates the distribution of the total COVID-19 cases that have been recorded since March 2020 (San Marcos residents).

- 13,754 cumulative cases
- 2,181 Active cases
- 155 Fatalities



### Currently Hospitalized

The following graphic represents the total number of Hays County residents hospitalized for complications related to COVID-19 over the past month.

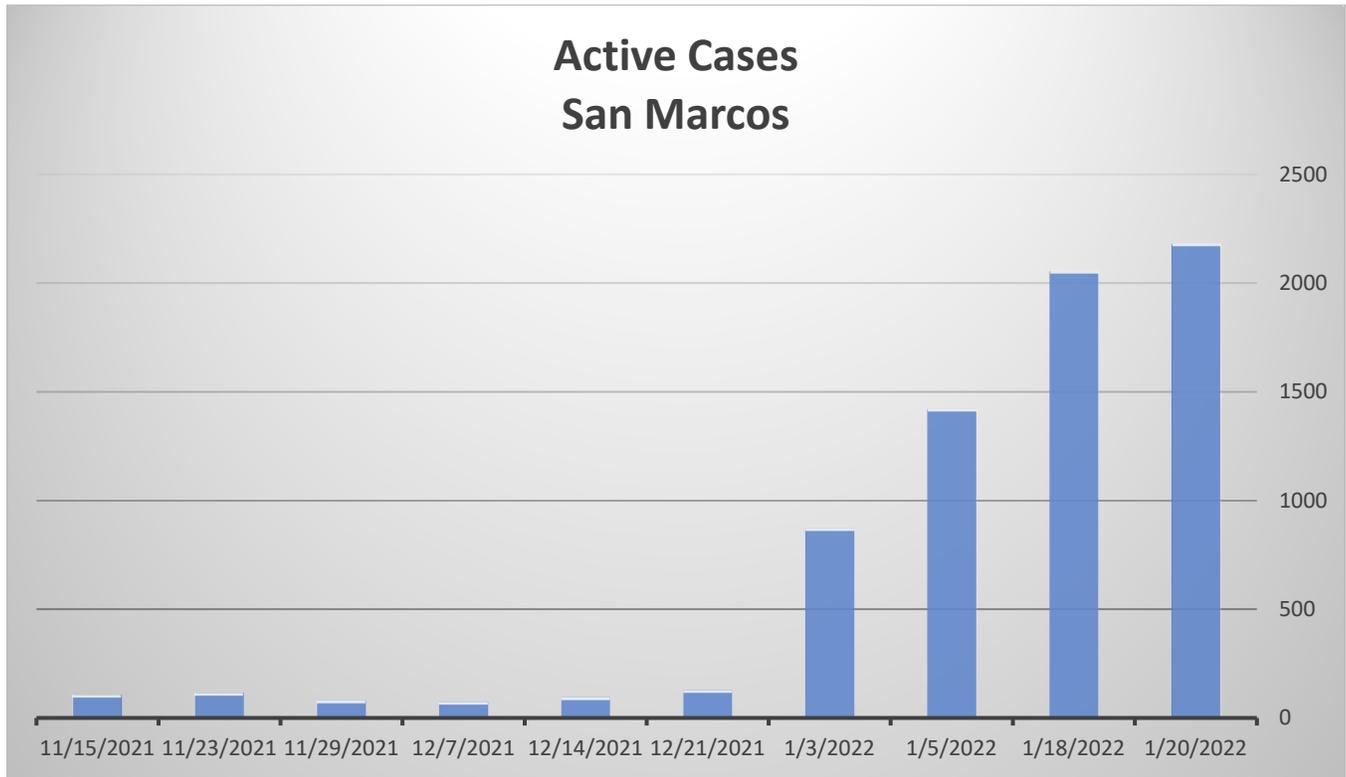


### Hospitalizations by Vaccine Status:

| Current Hospitalizations - 27 | In ICU No Vent | In ICU with Vent | Non-ICU | Total |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------|-------|
| Unvaccinated                  | 2              | 3                | 9       | 14    |
| Vaccinated                    | 3              | 0                | 10      | 13    |

### Active Cases

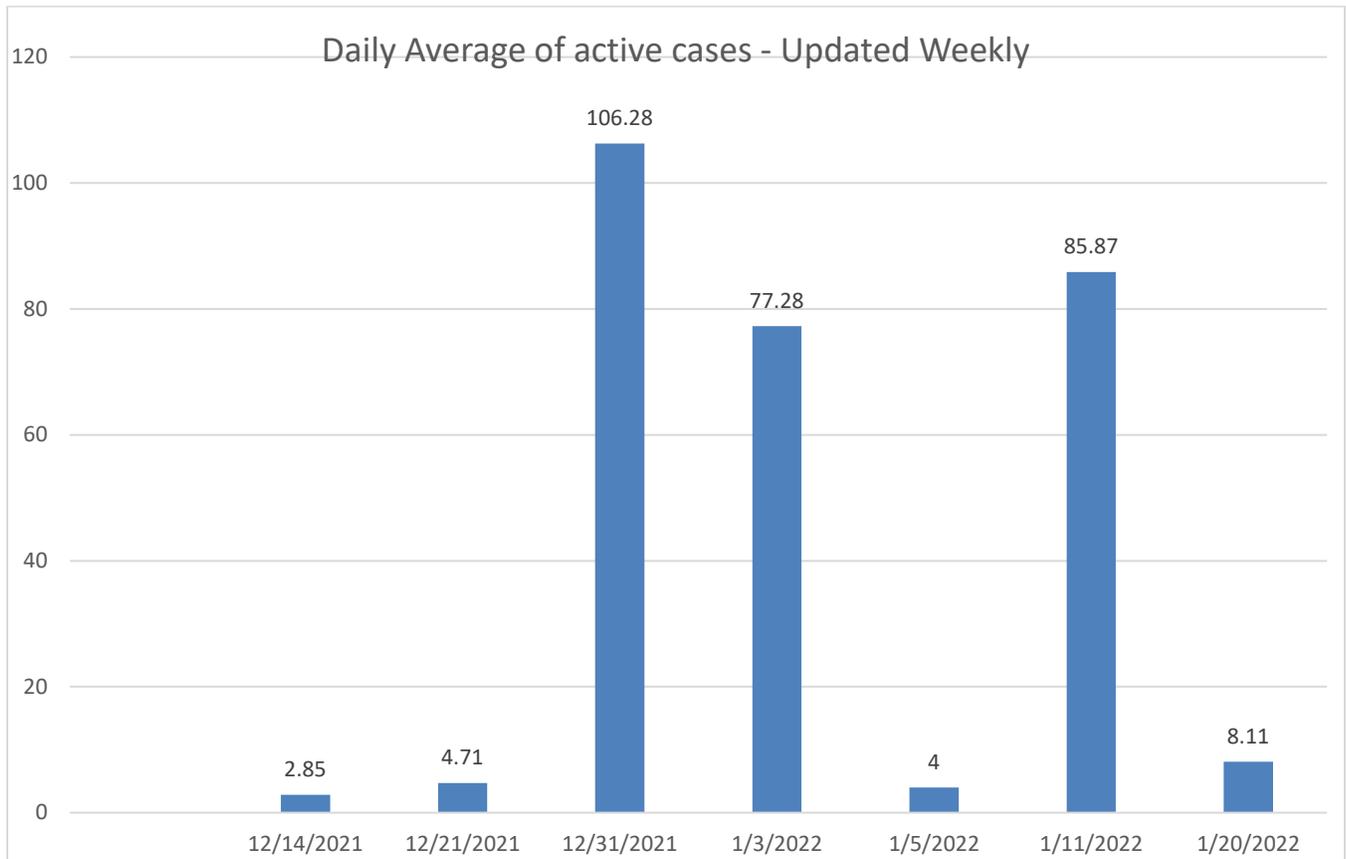
We continue to see a dramatic increase in active cases over the month. Due to the new variant, it is too soon to know how long this will continue. OEM will continue to monitor.



### Hays County Case Distribution by Gender and Ethnicity:

| Ethnicity     | Female | Male   | Total  | Percentage of Cases |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|
| Hispanic      | 11,409 | 9,440  | 20,489 | 49.%                |
| Non-Hispanic  | 8,351  | 7,481  | 15,832 | 38.%                |
| Not Specified | 2,823  | 2,541  | 5,364  | 13%                 |
| Total         | 22,223 | 19,462 | 41,685 | 100%                |

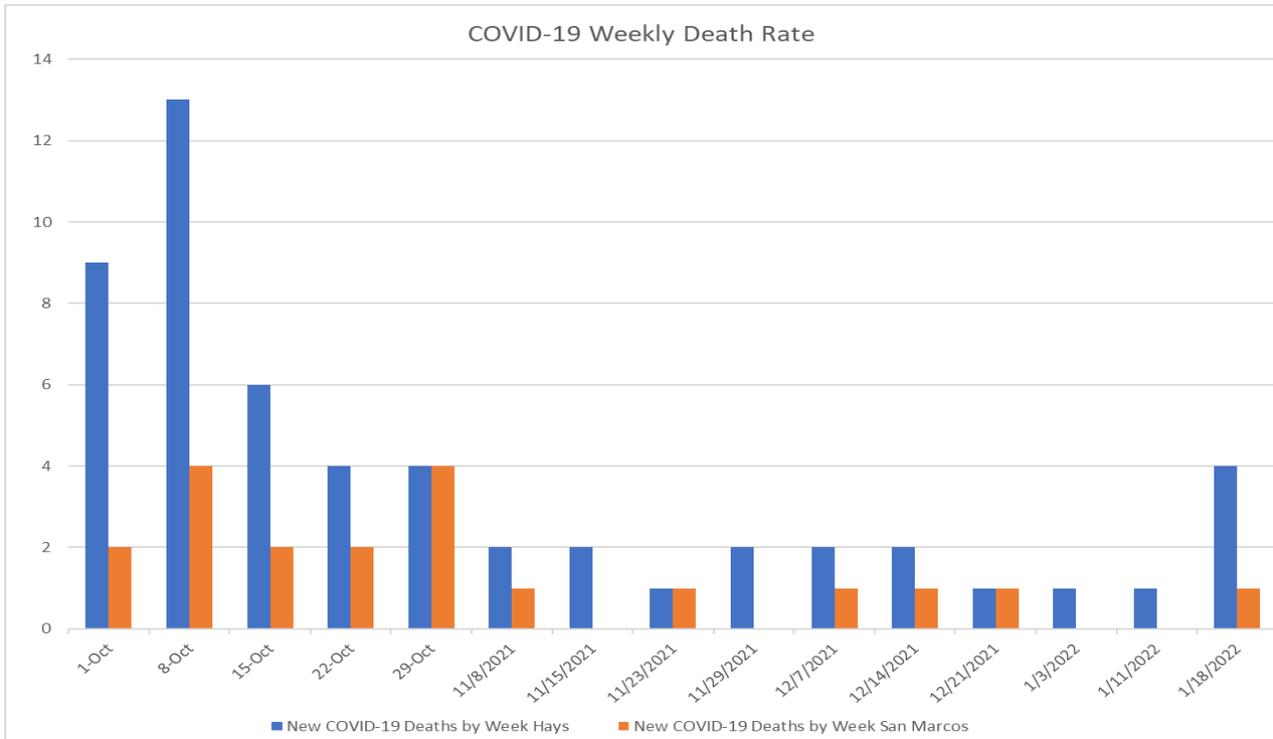
## San Marcos Daily New Cases



## COVID Weekly Fatality Rate

Weekly fatality rate for the week of 1/18/2022 related to COVID:

- Hays County- 4
- San Marcos- 1
- No deaths- 1/20/2022



### Summary:

Texas has seen a huge spike in Omicron cases. San Marcos hospital cases have increased; however, the length of stays is much shorter, and we are seeing an increase in those who have recovered. This is a double-edged sword in that hospital surge is high, but recovery is also at an all-time high.

Test kits have been supplied to all San Marcos employees and we have provided at least 1,400 kits to the public. We will stay vigilant and continue with the promotion of getting vaccinated and providing test kits if they are available.