



MEMO

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Via Stephanie Reyes, City Manager
FROM: Rob Fitch, Emergency Management Coordinator
DATE: 2/7/2022
RE: COVID-19 Update

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 case, vaccinated vs unvaccinated, and weekly fatality rate.

Vaccine opportunities:

Trinity Clinic (formerly Live Oak), 401 Broadway, San Marcos, 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

- M-F, Walk-in Pfizer vaccine clinics @ CommuniCare, 2810 Dacy Ln., Kyle, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.

- More locations can be found here: <https://www.vaccines.gov>

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

- 344,610 doses of vaccine have been administered by Hays County providers.
- 91,762 doses have been administered in San Marcos
- 76.33% of Hays County residents age 5 and older have received one dose (State avg. 74.23%)
- 64.77% age 5+ have been fully vaccinated (State avg. 62.73%)
- 93.84% of residents over the age of 65 have been fully vaccinated. (State avg 83,83%)

Number of fully vaccinated people in Hays County

Race/ethnicity	People Vaccinated	Percent of people vaccinated
Asian	2,360	1.69%
Black	3,616	2.59%
Hispanic	37,872	27.15%
Other	27,774	19.91%
Unknown	10,755	7.71%
White	57,109	40.94%

Doses Administered by Organization Type:

Emergency Services	8,882
Health Center	19,765
Hospital	22,915
Long-term care	113
Medical Clinic/Doctors office	41,452
Public Health/ Government	57,630
Pharmacy	177,720
Other	16,133

January showed an large spike in active cases, February numbers show promise; however it is still too early to tell if we are experiencing a down turn. 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 344,610 doses of the vaccine. San Marcos accounts for 91,762 doses administered. Fully vaccinated in San Marcos is 43,023 These numbers show a slowdown of doses delivered to the public.

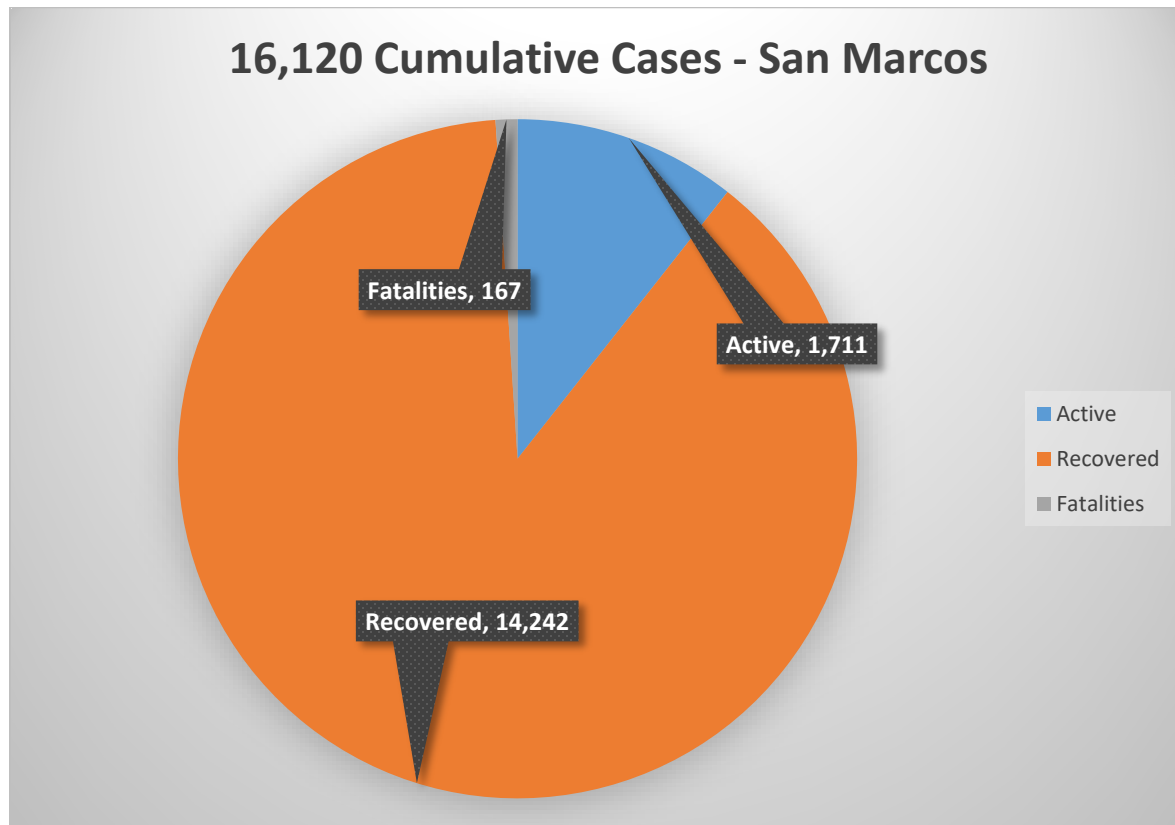
The Hays County Health Department/Live Oak clinic at 401 Broadway in San Marcos continues to accept walk-in patients for the vaccine each weekday in the morning and again in the afternoon. For residents who prefer to receive the vaccine from a local pharmacy or medical provider, there are local options listed on the www.vaccines.gov 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.

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 memo serves as a living document that will be updated as the plan evolves.

Case Metrics:

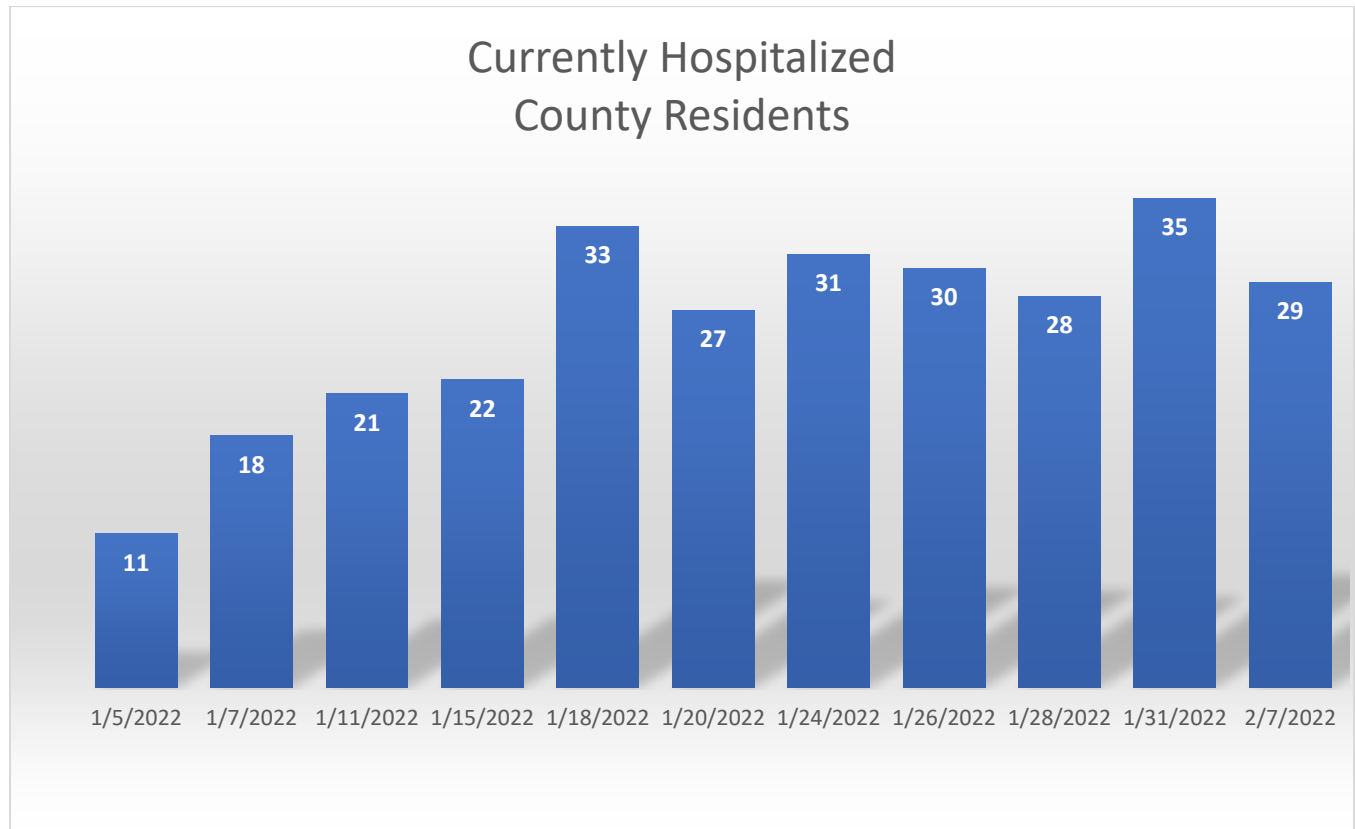
The following metric demonstrates the distribution of the total COVID-19 cases that have been recorded since March, 2020 of San Marcos residents.

- 16,120 cumulative cases
- 1711 Active cases
- 14,242 Recovered
- 167 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.

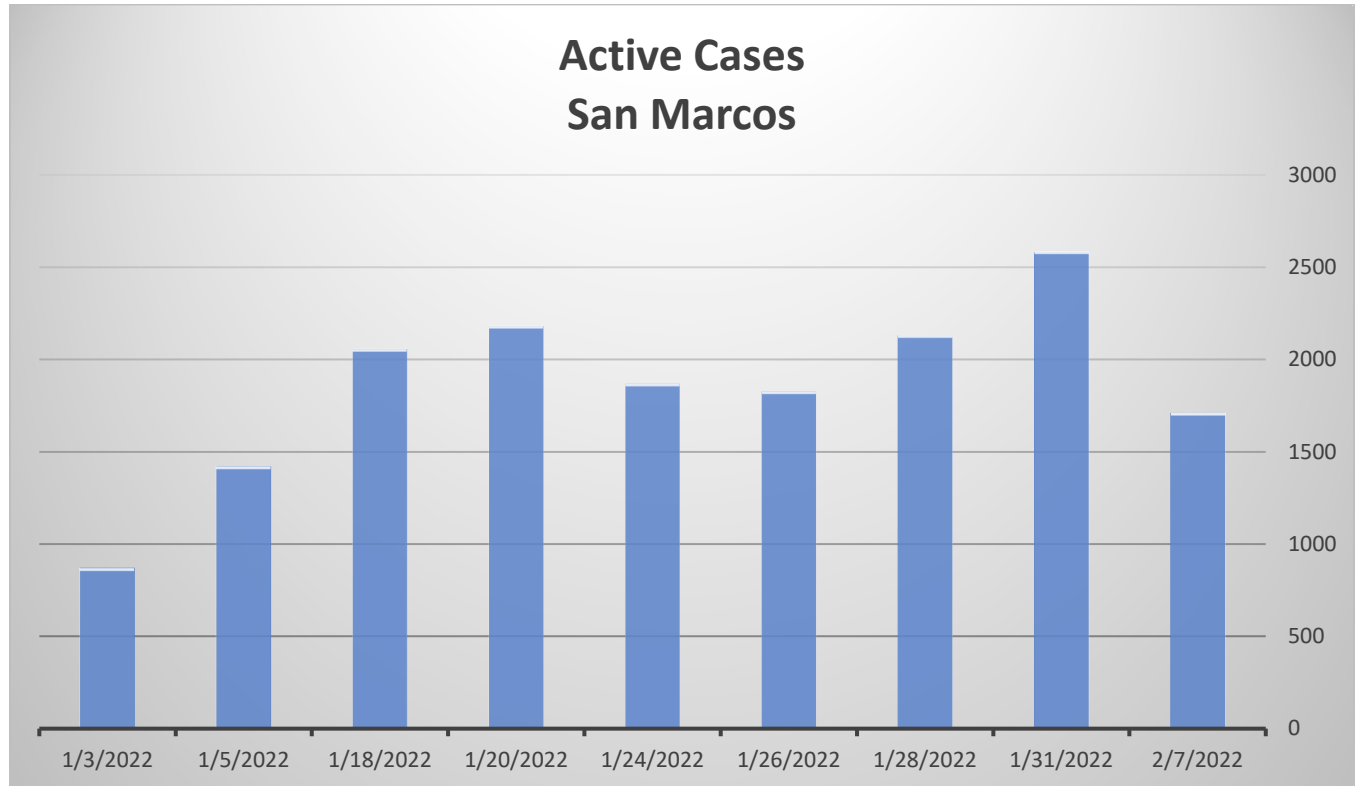


Hospitalizations by Vaccine Status:

Current Hospitalizations - 29	In ICU No Vent	In ICU with Vent	Non-ICU	Total
Unvaccinated	5	2	9	16
Vaccinated	3	0	10	13

Active Cases

You can see a dramatic increase in active cases, January 2022.

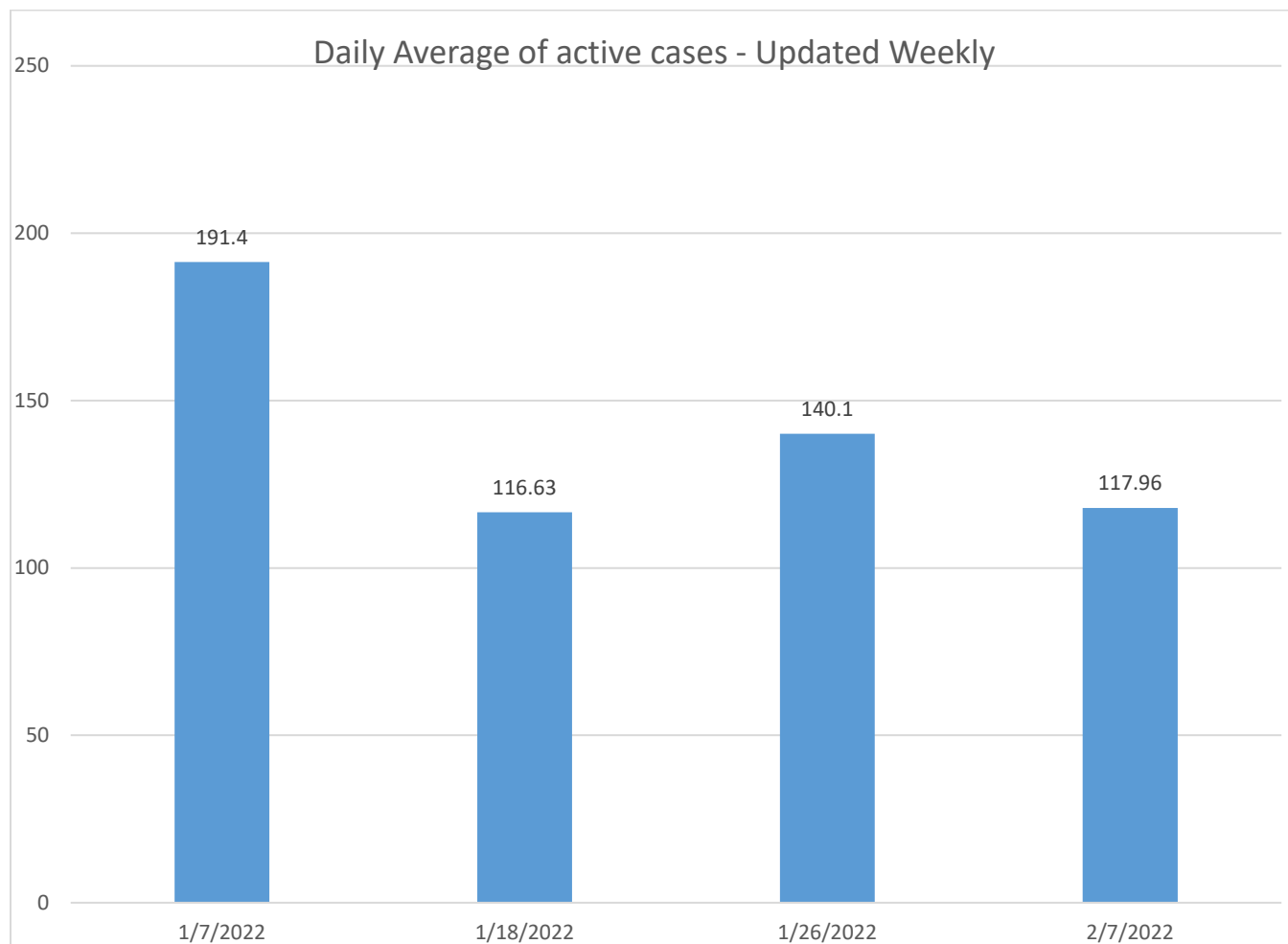


Hays County Case Distribution by Gender and Ethnicity:

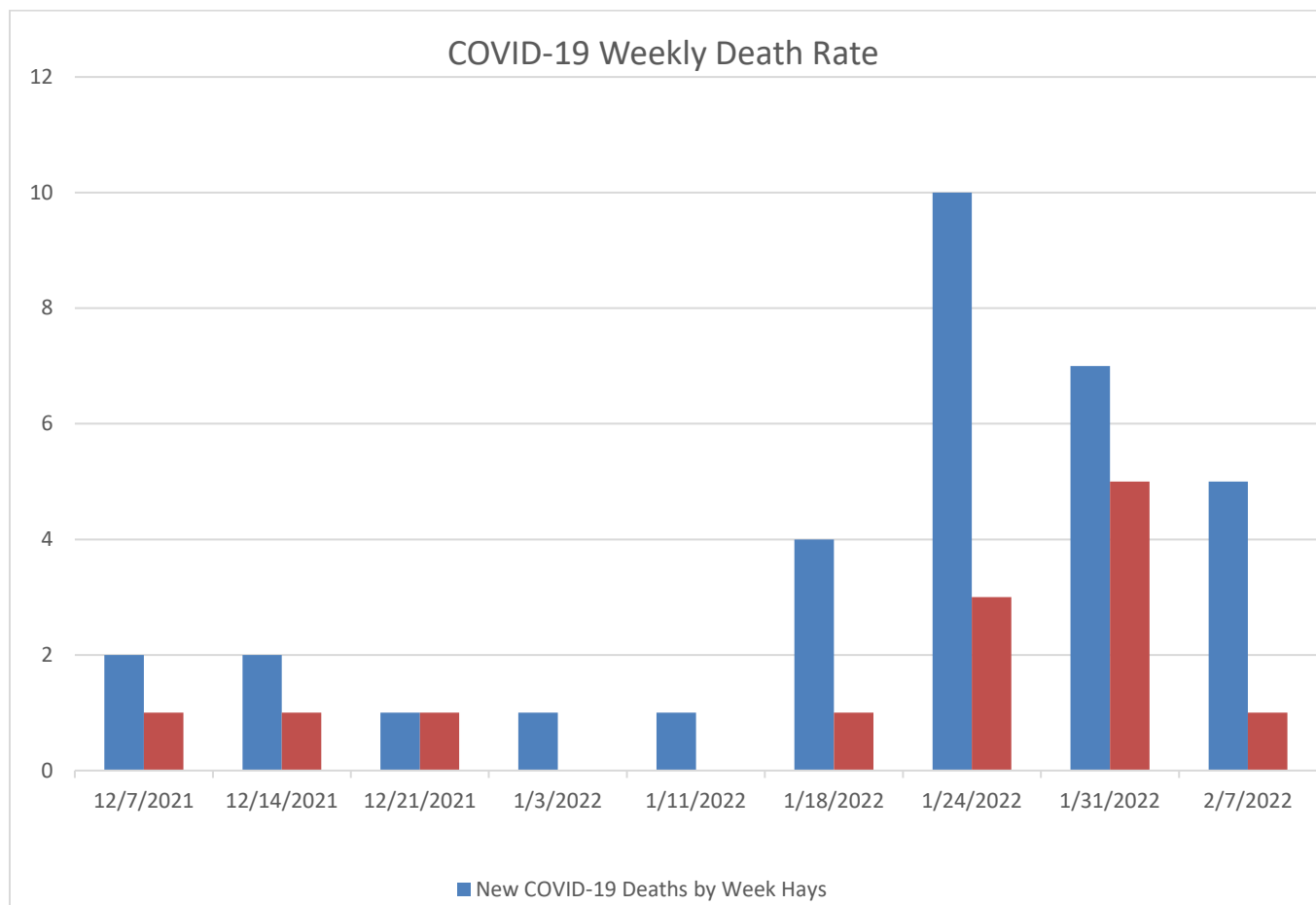
Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	Percentage of Cases
Hispanic	12,957	10,818	23,775	48.%
Non-Hispanic	10,049	8,891	18,940	38.2.%
Not Specified	3,583	3,265	6,848	13.8%
Total	26,589	22,974	49,563	100%

San Marcos Daily New Cases

Huge jump in weekly cases in January.



COVID Weekly Fatality Rate



Summary:

Texas has seen a huge spike in Omicron cases in the month of January. We have seen a slight decrease in February, but it is too soon to see if this trend will continue. January also saw an increase in deaths, February so far has shown promise but again too early to tell. 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.

COSM test kit handout was a huge success. Employees and the public were given test kits for home use. Demand has since declined, and we still have many kits available upon request.