



MEMO

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Via Stephanie Reyes, Interim City Manager
FROM: Rob Fitch, Emergency Management Coordinator
DATE: 2/22/2022
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) has temporarily suspended vaccine service. They plan to return offering appointments three to three and a half days a week with a target of later this week. We will update when this status changes.

- 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):

- 349,008 doses of vaccine have been administered by Hays County providers.
- 92,511 doses have been administered in San Marcos
- 76.88% of Hays County residents age 5 and older have received one dose (State avg. 75.28%)
- 65.53% of Hays County residents age 5 and older have been fully vaccinated (State avg. 63.74%)
- 94.13% of residents over the age of 65 have been fully vaccinated. (State avg 84.12%)

Number of fully vaccinated people in Hays County

Race/ethnicity	People Vaccinated	Percent of people vaccinated
Asian	2,386	1.69%
Black	3,690	2.61%
Hispanic	38,697	27.42%
Other	28,086	19.90%
Unknown	10,719	7.60%
White	57,540	40.77%

Doses Administered by Organization Type:

Emergency Services	8,900
Health Center	20,425
Hospital	23,048
Long-term care	111
Medical Clinic/Doctors office	42,076
Public Health/ Government	57,804
Pharmacy	180,287
Other	16,357

The February numbers show promise, but it is too early to conclude a sustained downturn. March numbers will let us know if we have reached our peak. We have seen downward trends before followed by a spike in cases. We will continue to monitor.

Vaccines

Hays County has administered 349,008 doses of the vaccine. San Marcos accounts for 92,511 doses administered. Fully vaccinated in San Marcos is 43,422 These numbers show a slowdown of doses delivered to the public.

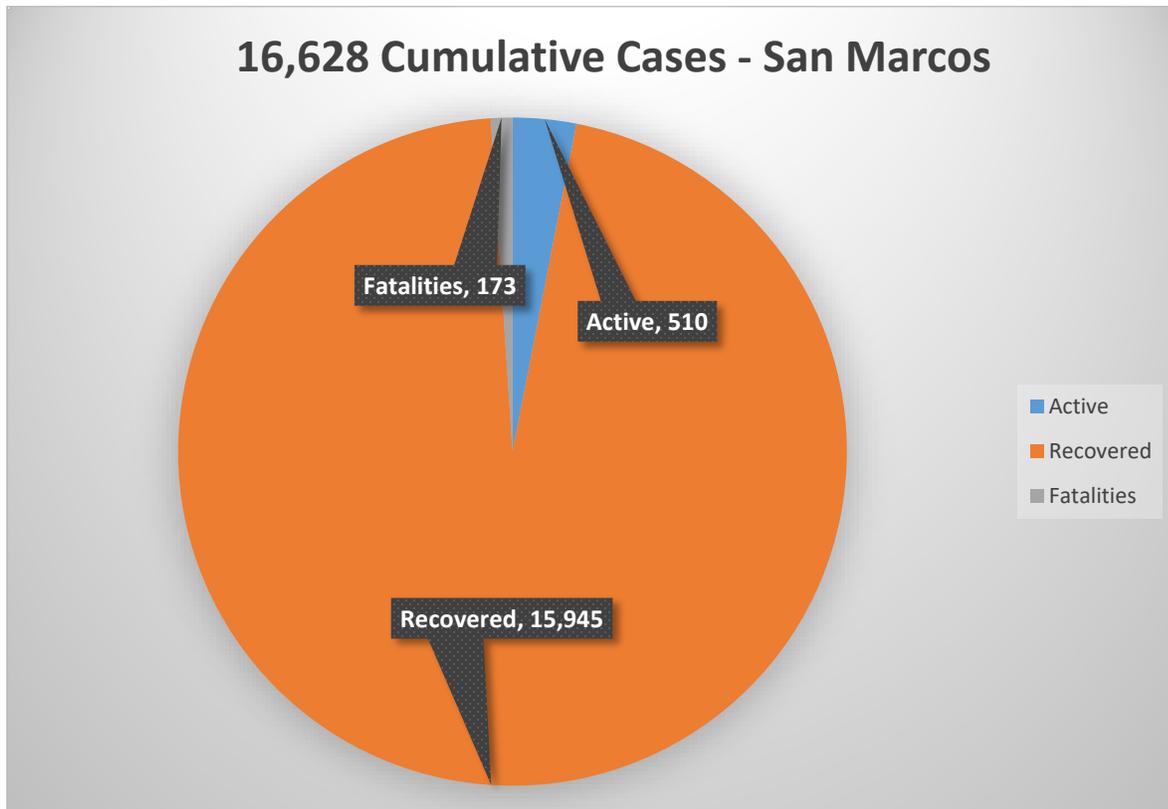
For residents who prefer to receive the vaccine from a local pharmacy or medical provider, there are local options listed on the www.vaccines.gov website, and the website provides visitors with information about whether each location has doses in stock. Additional vaccination program information may 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 document will be a living document that will be updated as the plan evolves.

Case Metrics:

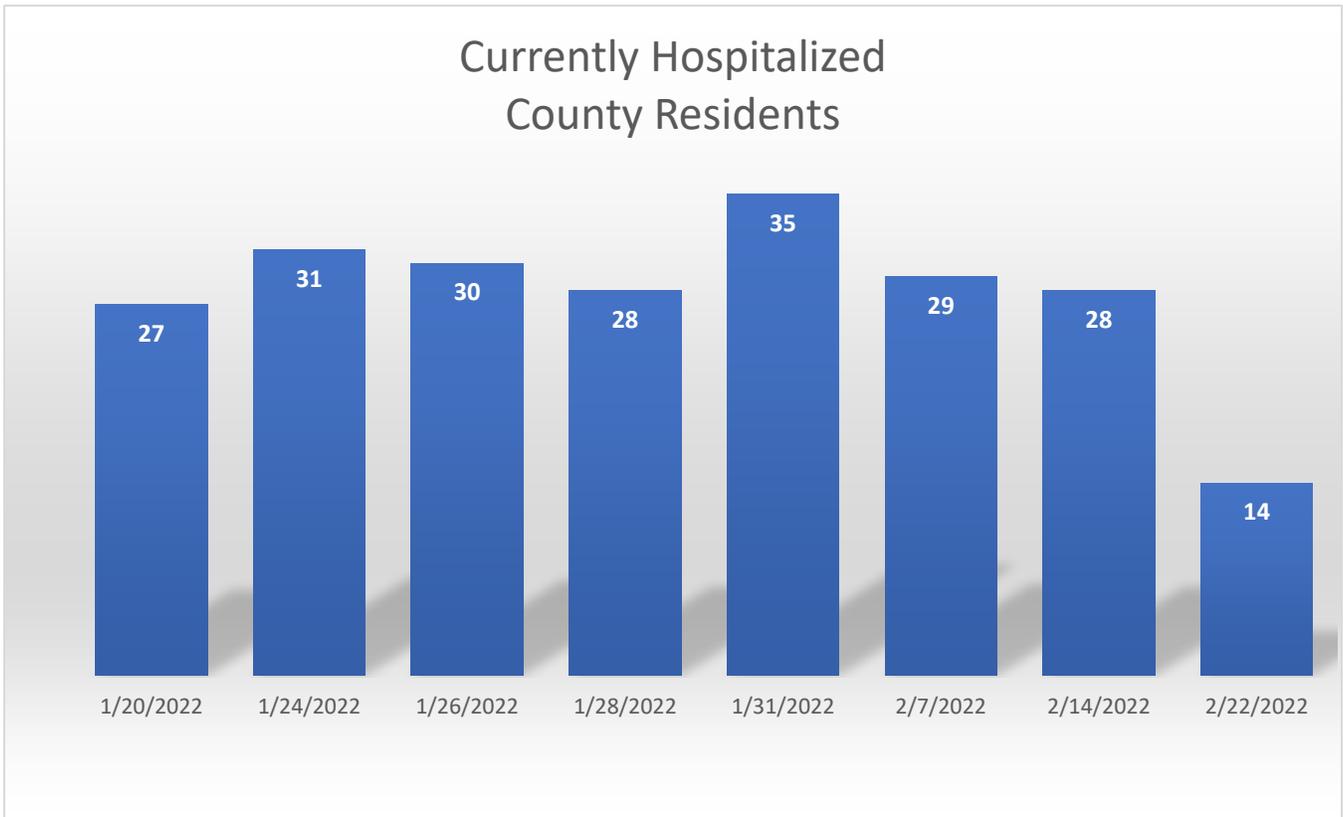
The following metric demonstrates the distribution of the total COVID-19 cases that have been recorded since March, 2020 of San Marcos residents.

- 16,628 cumulative cases
- 510 Active cases
- 15,945 Recovered
- 173 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. We see a big drop in the end of February, hopefully this trend continues.

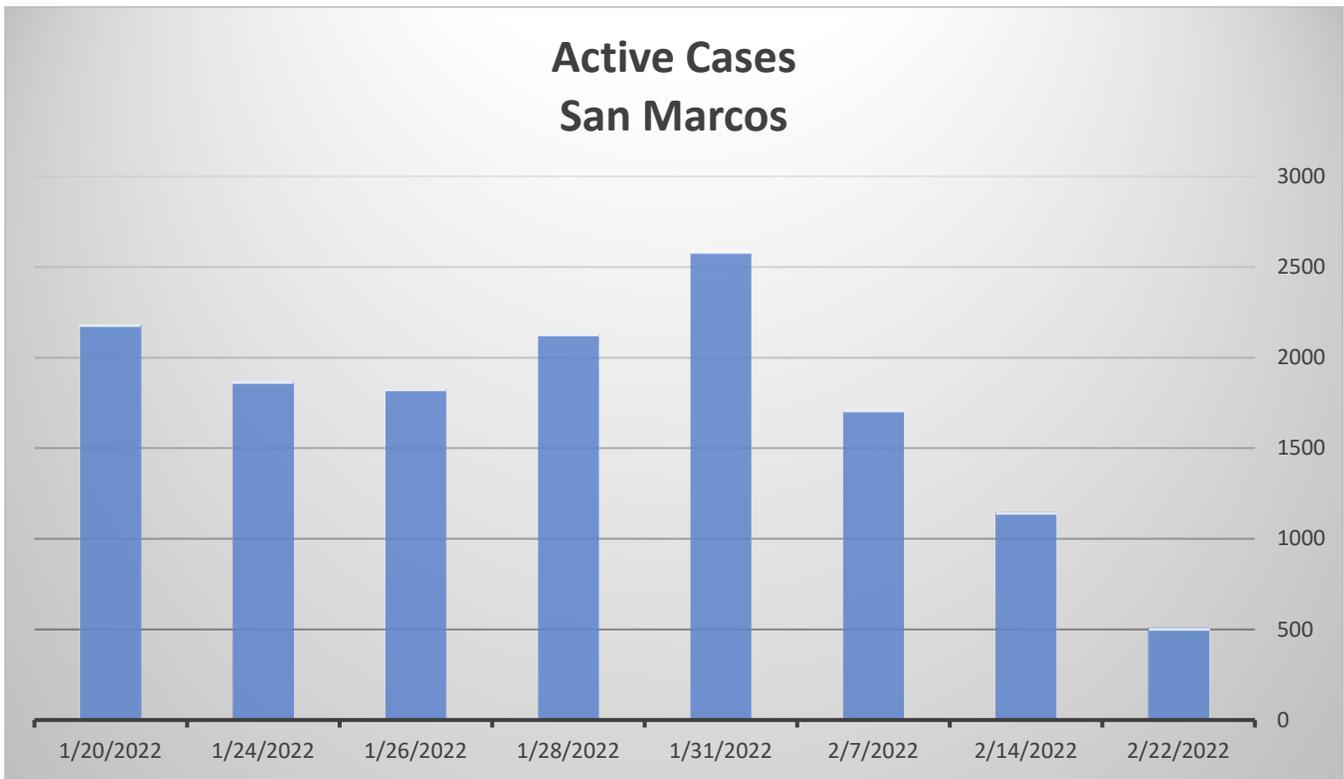


Hospitalizations by Vaccine Status:

Current Hospitalizations - 14	In ICU No Vent	In ICU with Vent	Non-ICU	Total
Unvaccinated	1	1	4	6
Vaccinated	4	1	3	8

Active Cases

We saw a dramatic increase in active cases in January. February showed a steady decrease.

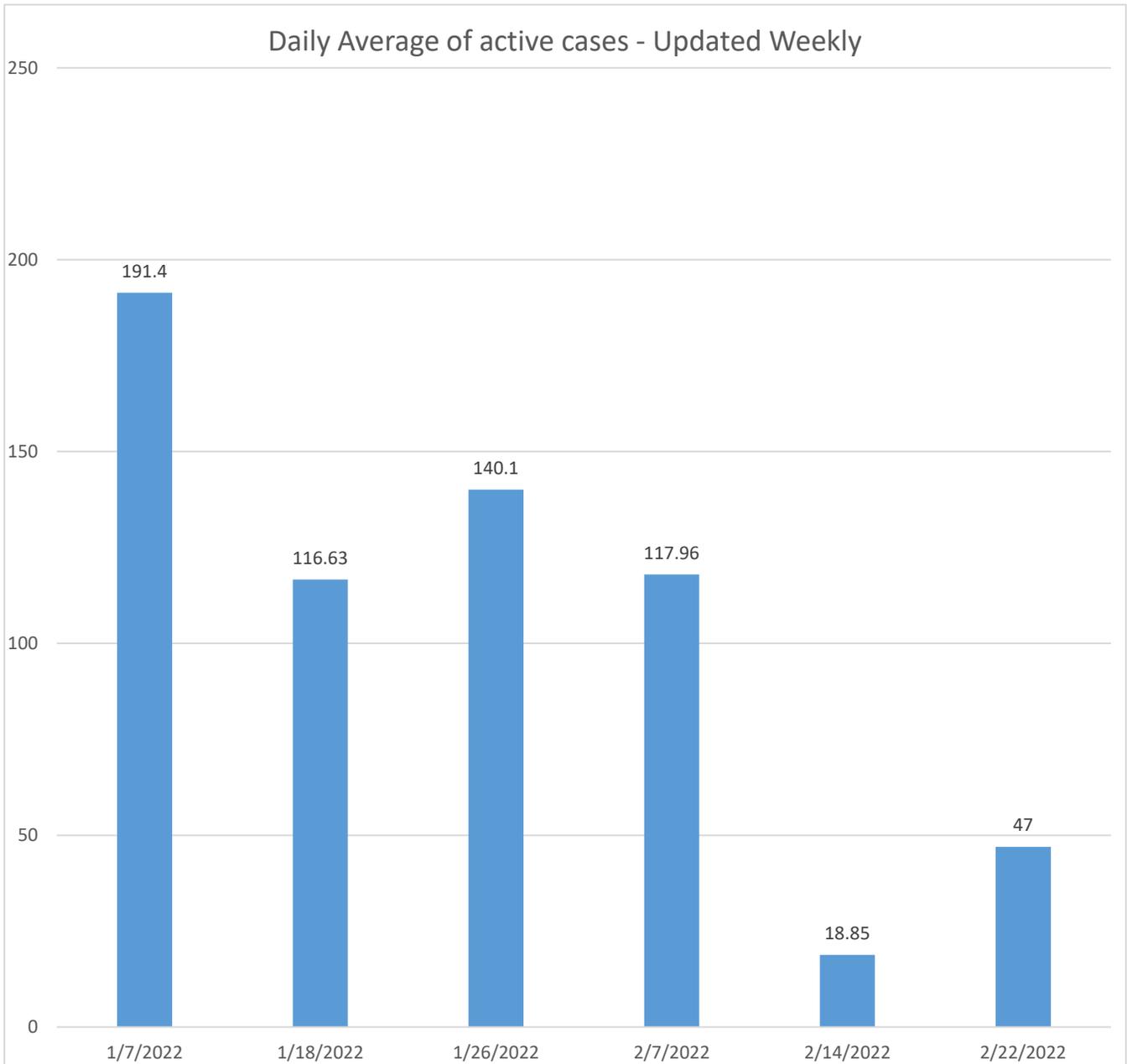


Hays County Case Distribution by Gender and Ethnicity:

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	Percentage of Cases
Hispanic	13,397	11,118	24,515	47.%
Non-Hispanic	10,507	9,252	19,759	38.%
Not Specified	4,155	3,774	7,929	15%
Total	28,059	24,144	52,203	100%

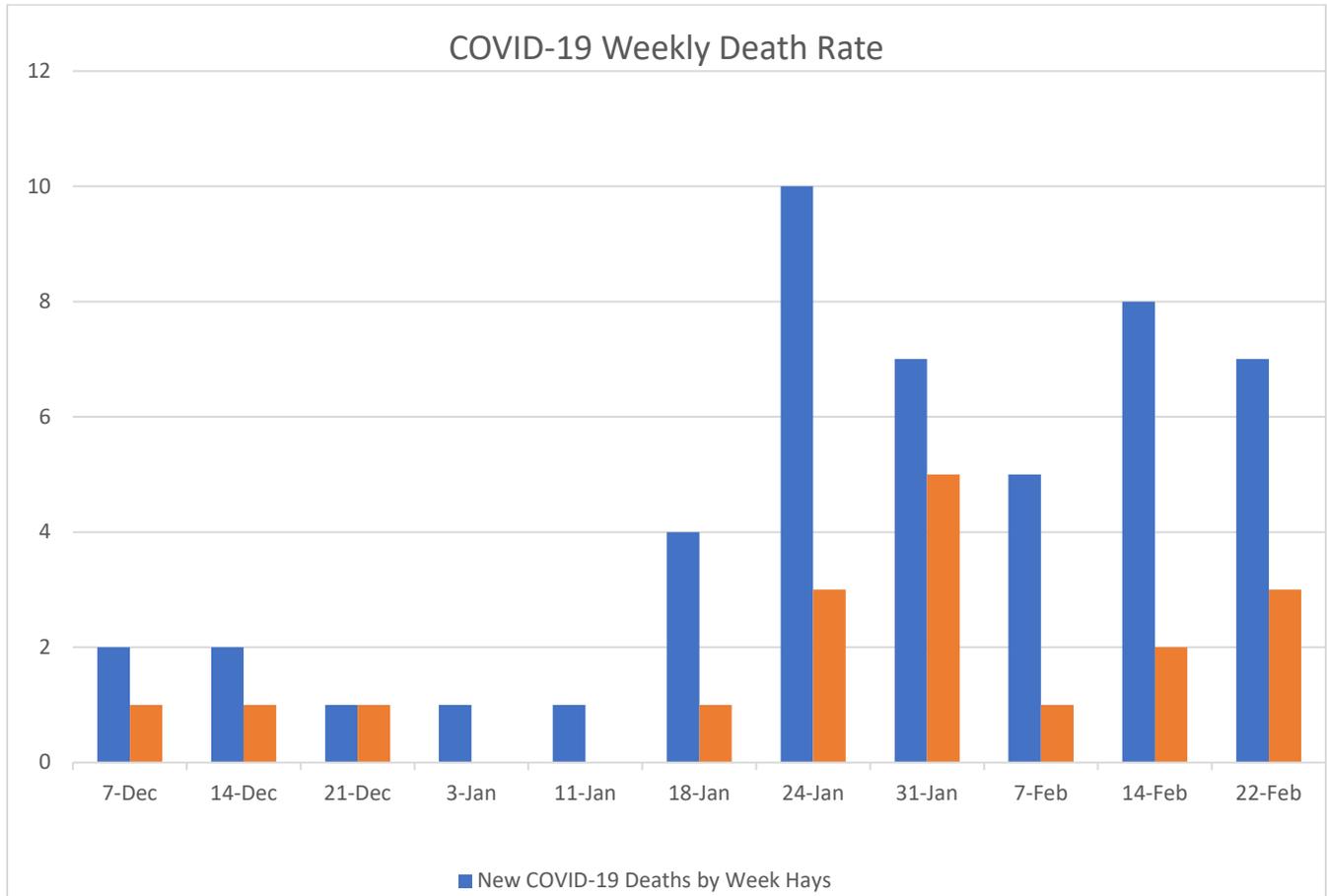
San Marcos Daily New Cases

This chart shows a huge jump in weekly cases in January. We can see a drop in Mid-February; however, we have seen these drops before followed by a spike. OEM will continue to monitor



COVID Weekly Fatality Rate

January and February saw spikes in the number of COVID-related fatalities both in Hays County and in San Marcos.



Summary:

Texas has seen a huge spike in Omicron cases in the month of January. We have seen a steady decrease in February, but it is too soon to see if this trend will continue. March will give us a better picture if we are truly moving out of the pandemic. OEM will continue to monitor the COVID numbers. Watching the State and National numbers puts San Marcos in the Optimistic but Caution stage of the pandemic.

COSM test kit handout was a huge success. Employees and the public were given test kits for home use. Demand has been reduced; San Marcos still has a good supply of test kits, gloves, and masks on hand if required.