



MEMO

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Via Stephanie Reyes , City Manager
FROM: Rob Fitch, Emergency Management Coordinator
DATE: 3/9/2022
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.

Hays County will reduce the COVID report to once a week starting March 16, 2022.

Vaccine opportunities:

Trinity Clinic (formerly Live Oak) has temporally suspended vaccine service. They may return offering 3 to 3.5 days a week. We will update when this status changes.

- M-F, Walk-in Pfizer vaccine clinics at 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):

- 351,178 doses of vaccine have been administered by Hays County providers.
- 92,831 doses have been administered in San Marcos
- 77.15% of Hays County residents age 5 and older have received one dose (State avg. 75.79%)
- 65.88% age 5+ have been fully vaccinated (State avg. 64.10%)
- 94.28% of residents over the age of 65 have been fully vaccinated. (State avg 84.24%)

Number of fully vaccinated people in Hays County

| Race/ethnicity | People Vaccinated | Percent of people vaccinated |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Asian | 2,398 | 1.69% |
| Black | 3,718 | 2.62% |
| Hispanic | 39,209 | 27.64% |
| Other | 28,211 | 19.88% |
| Unknown | 10,634 | 7.50% |
| White | 57,701 | 40.67% |

Doses Administered by Organization Type:

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Emergency Services | 8,898 |
| Health Center | 20,887 |
| Hospital | 23,110 |
| Long-term care | 123 |
| Medical Clinic/Doctors office | 42,309 |
| Public Health/ Government | 57,867 |
| Pharmacy | 181,551 |
| Other | 16,433 |

Entering March, we see a large decrease in active and hospital cases. Last week San Marcos recorded 510 Active COVID Cases, March 4th San Marcos recorded 199 cases down 311 cases in one week. Hospital numbers were a high of 35 in the first of February to 3 in the first of March. Once again, these numbers show promise, but we will monitor for any changes.

Vaccines

Hays County has administered 351,178 doses of the vaccine, 92,831 of those to San Marcos residents. 43,422 San Marcos residents are fully vaccinated. These numbers show a slowdown of doses delivered to the public.

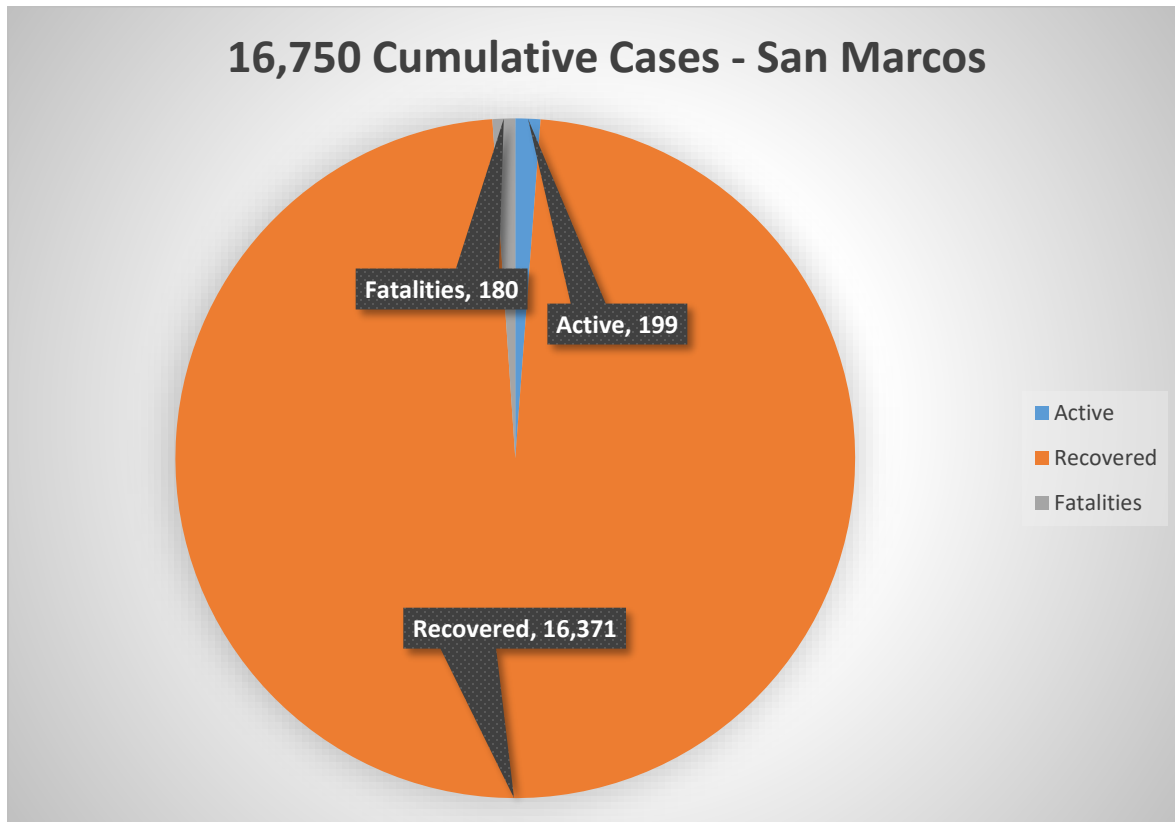
For residents who prefer to receive the vaccine from a local pharmacy or medical provider, there are local options listed on the www.vaccines.gov website, and the website provides visitors with information about whether each location has doses in stock. Additional vaccination program information may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

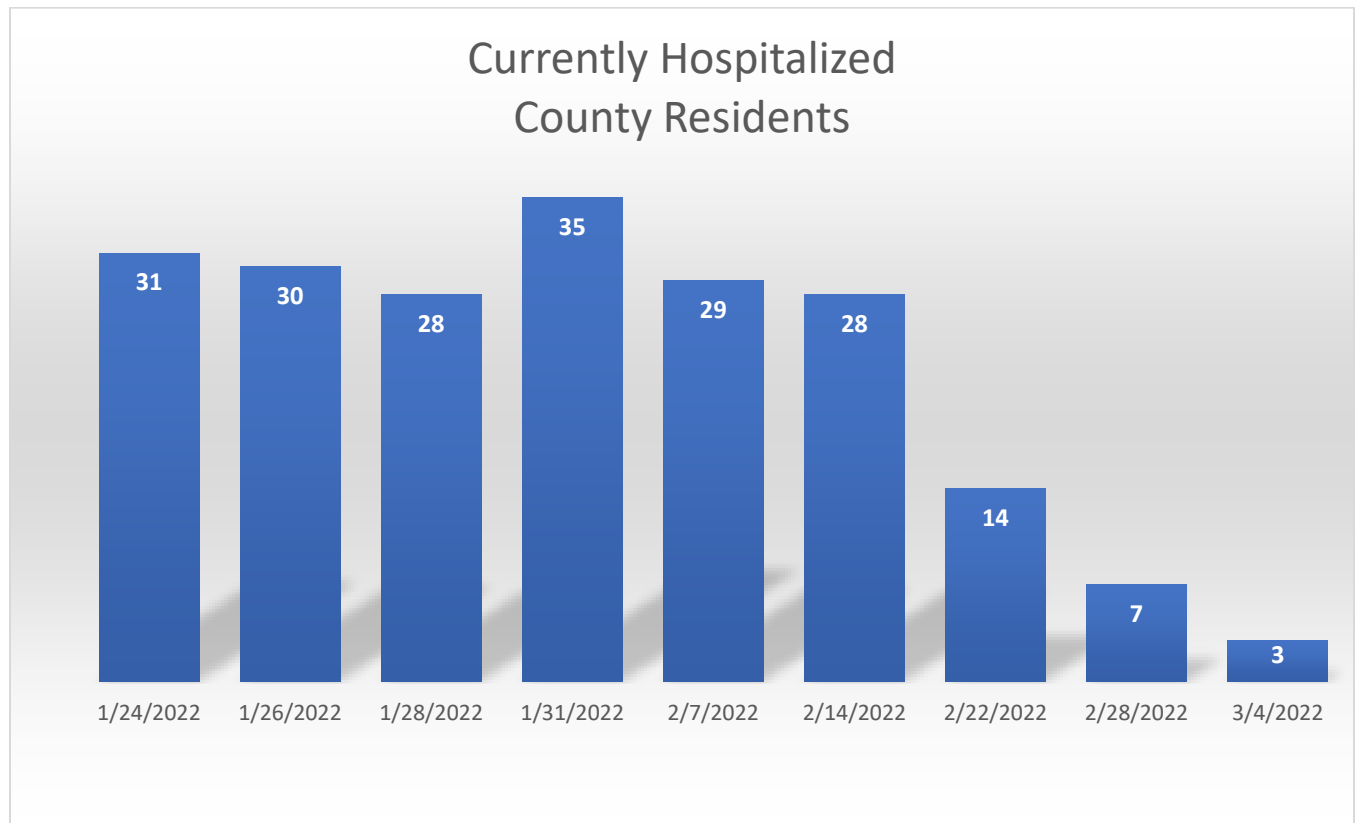
The following metric demonstrates the distribution of the total COVID-19 cases that have been recorded since March, 2020 of San Marcos residents.

- 16,750 cumulative cases
- 199 Active cases
- 16,371 Recovered
- 180 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. The month of March is showing great reduction in those being hospitalized. We saw a big drop beginning toward the end of February, and we hope this trend continues.

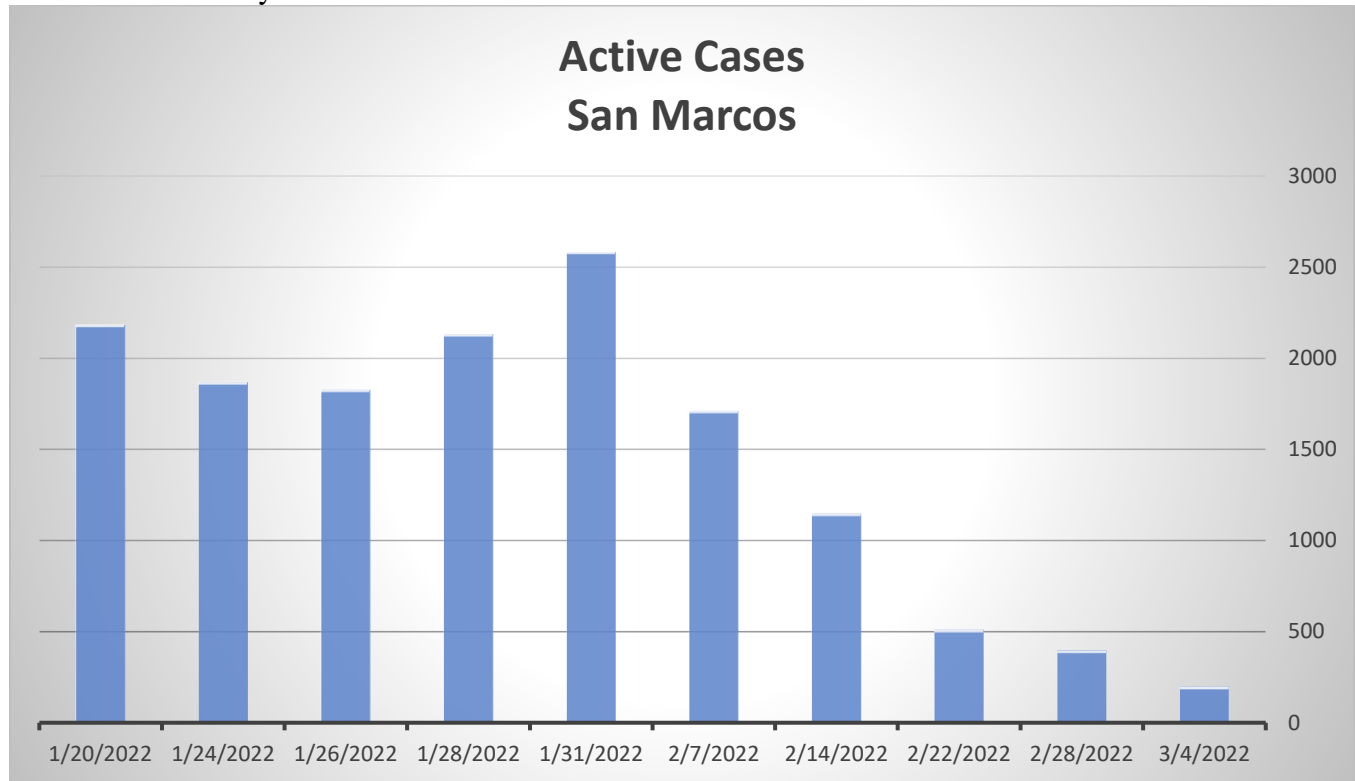


Hospitalizations by Vaccine Status:

| Current Hospitalizations - 3 | In ICU No Vent | In ICU with Vent | Non-ICU | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------|-------|
| Unvaccinated | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vaccinated | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Active Cases

We saw a dramatic increase in active cases in January, however we now have seen a steady decrease in cases since February and into March.

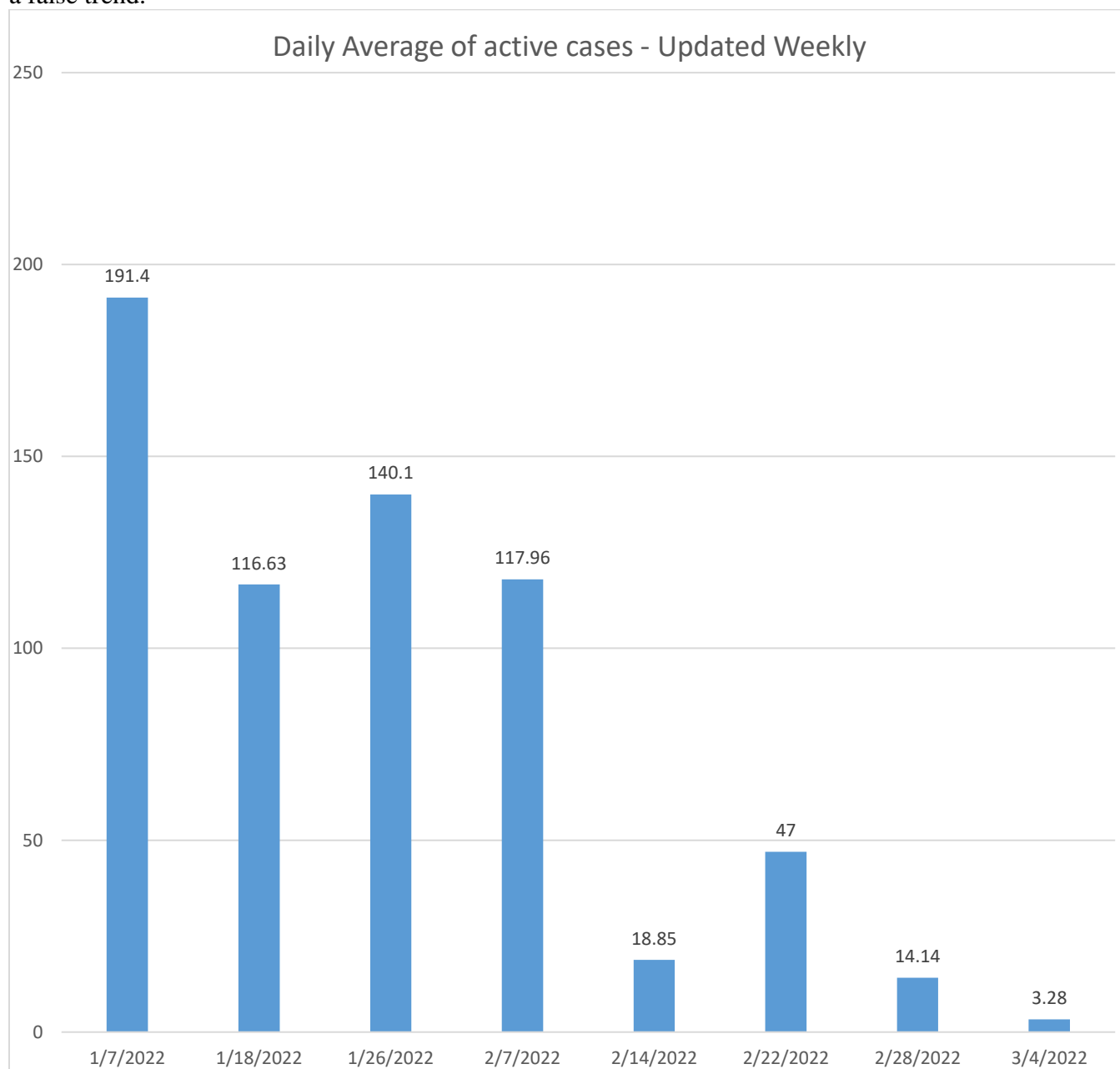


Hays County Case Distribution by Gender and Ethnicity:

| Ethnicity | Female | Male | Total | Percentage of Cases |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|
| Hispanic | 13,489 | 11,187 | 24,676 | 47.% |
| Non-Hispanic | 10,585 | 9,328 | 19,913 | 38.% |
| Not Specified | 4,274 | 3,869 | 8,143 | 15% |
| Total | 28,348 | 24,384 | 52,732 | 100% |

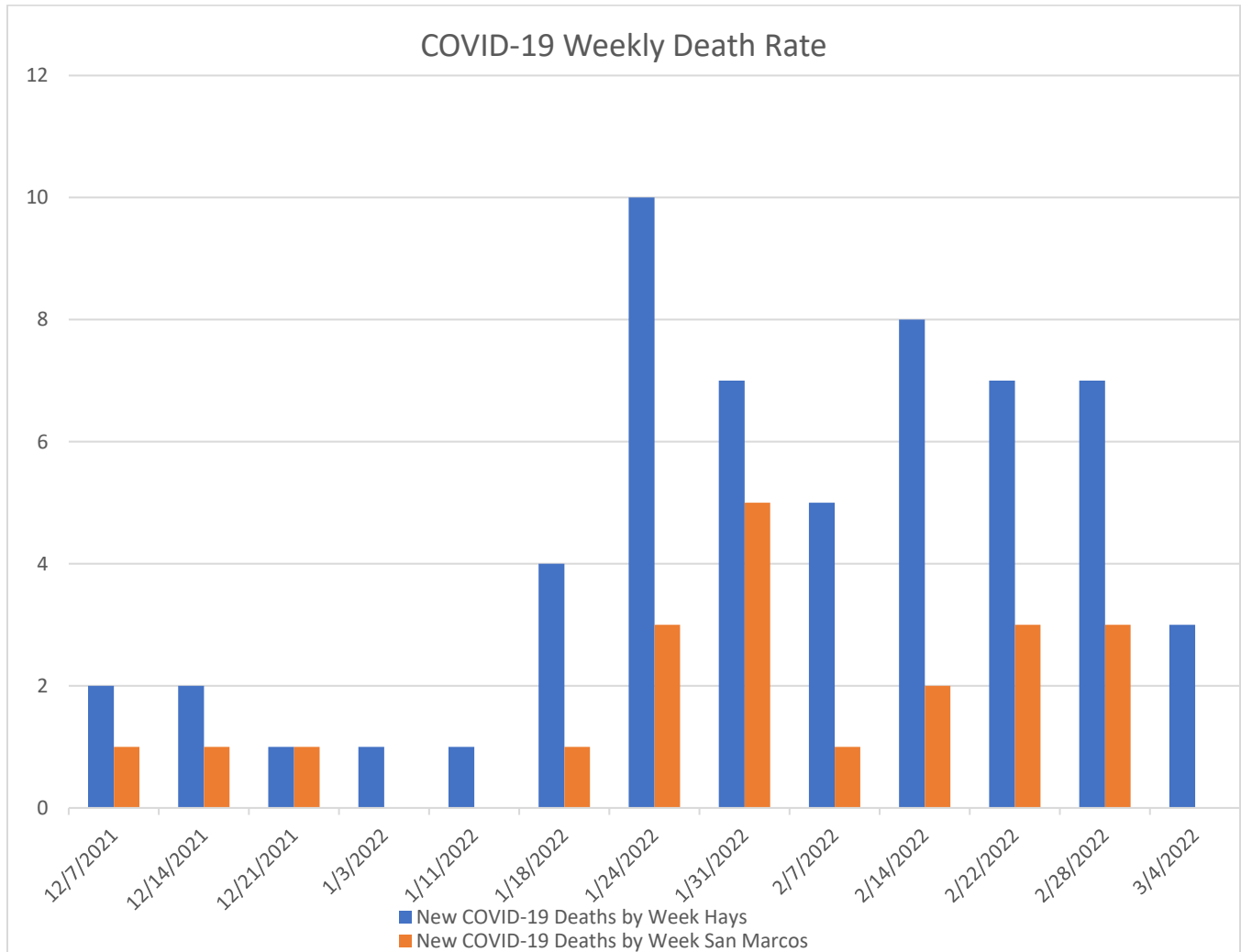
San Marcos Daily New Cases

The numbers show a steady drop in cases. March shows the largest drop in cases since we began following the trends. It is still early in the month and we will monitor to make sure we are not caught in a false trend.



COVID Weekly Fatality Rate

January saw a large death rate; we are seeing a slow decline in numbers. This matched with other trends gives us hope we may be coming out of the pandemic. We will stay cautious and monitor the numbers.



Summary:

January and early February had an increase in COVID cases. By late February we started to see a decline, March is showing a decline as well, while it's too early to tell if we are at the end of this cycle, the numbers look very promising. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will continue to monitor the COVID numbers. We are pleased to announce that COSM employee numbers have also decreased in March.

San Marcos still has a good supply of test kits, gloves, and masks on hand if required.

