

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
COVID-19 PANDEMIC –04/02/2021**

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

COMMUNITY WIDE VACCINE REGISTRY PROGRAM

Last week the City of San Antonio City Council approved establishing a pilot program for a Community Wide Wait List for COVID-19 vaccination registration. All individuals 65 years and older will be able to register first. City staff is working on establishing the guidelines and should have it set up in a couple of weeks. This pilot program includes University Health System, UT Health, Metro Health and Well Med partnering together to sign up individuals through this community wide wait list. San Antonio is the last major city in Texas to add this program to help individuals register easier to obtain the vaccine. More information will follow.

Next week, University Health System is anticipating an increase in the number of vaccine doses to 20,000 doses as compared to 13,000 doses this week, a 50% increase. This will increase the number of slots available. Call University Health System at 210-644-1960 or go online at www.WeCanDoltSA.com to register.

Metro Health has also set aside some appointments for any person who does not have access to the internet. They are receiving an additional 23,000 doses of the vaccine. Please call 311, Option 8 to book your

appointment anytime between 8A-5P Monday-Friday or 8A –12P Saturday-Sunday. You can text VACCINE” to 55000 or VACUNA to 5500 to receive text messages. All adults 18 years and older are eligible to receive the Moderna vaccine and anyone 16 years or older are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine, but you must have an appointment.

To date in Bexar County, 524,642 individuals have received their 1st dose of the vaccine, an increase of 90,031 from last week and 294,158 of those individuals have been fully vaccinated, an increase of approximately 50,841 from last week.

CURRENT CASE NUMBERS

As of April 1st there were 205,777 total cases reported in Bexar County, a 1.3% increase from March 25th . There were 3,152 total deaths reported on April 1st, a 2.5% increase in 7 days. The positivity rate decreased again to **2.05%** from 2.6% the week before, the lowest since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of April 1st , there were 185 patients in area hospitals, 74 patients in ICU and 32 patients on ventilators.

Nationwide infections from COVID-19 increased 11% primarily due to the B-117 variant from UK. This strain is 50% more transmittable. Please continue to do your part in bringing down the COVID numbers. We do not

want another surge like what is happening in Europe, Brazil and many states. Everyone is encouraged to continue mask wearing, social distancing, and proper hygiene and get vaccinated if you can to help eradicate the COVID-19 virus.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Raymond Rimkus Park in Leon Valley** will not allow any camping overnight in the park over the upcoming Easter weekend. The park will be open for all other activities. Families are encouraged to meet outside and not socialize in groups over 10 to prevent a super spreading event, even if you have been fully vaccinated. Over the past year COVID 19 cases have significantly risen after a major holiday. Please keep your guard up and continue to follow the COVID-19 protocols. We are all tired of this pandemic and cannot wait until we can return to some normalcy – hopefully soon! Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Easter weekend!

Sincerely, Chris

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