

COVID-19 Update

September 21, 2021

DESMAR WALKES MD, HEALTH AUTHORITY/MEDICAL DIRECTOR CITY OF AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY





Hospital Joint Statement:

The capacity challenges are impacting all of the hospitals across the Central Texas region.

We want to continue to provide lifesaving care for patients who have a heart attack, a stroke, or are injured in a car wreck. To do that, **we need your** <u>help</u>.

To make sure our hospitals have enough space to care for our community — including you and your loved ones who may unexpectedly need hospital care — we urge you to get your COVID-19 vaccine, wear a mask and practice physical distancing.

Please do your part to cut down on the number of COVID cases in our community, and help us care for you.



Health Authority and Hospital Systems Provide Joint Statement Regarding COVID-19 Situation

"Recent headlines have indicated a downward trend in COVID-19 cases in our community. While the overall number of cases has declined from the peak during this recent third surge, it is important for all Central Texas residents to have the full picture of where we are in this pandemic so that you may plan accordingly for you, your family and friends, and workplaces.

Hospital COVID admissions are declining, but we are not past this surge yet. Since July, our hospitals in the greater Austin area have had more than 3,500 COVID inpatients, and more than 1,000 of those required care in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Unlike previous COVID surges, all of the acute care hospitals were very full with non-COVID care when this surge started. ICUs across the Austin area are now completely full, and many hospitals are surging beyond their licensed ICU space to provide ICU-level care to COVID patients in need. The vast majority of these COVID patients are on ventilators, and approximately 90% of them are unvaccinated. Generally, patients who have been hospitalized during this surge are sicker and staying in the hospital longer. Due to the overcorwding, many patients from regional and rural hospitals that depend on Austin-area hospitals for complex care have not been able to be transferred.

In this current surge, only a third of hospitalized patients are over 65 years old. During the previous surge, patients over 65 made up over 30% of hospital patients. Sadly, the mortality rate for hospitalized patients is higher for this COVID surge than our last surge and is now approaching 10%. We are seeing an alarming number of otherwise young and healthy patients, including pregnant patients, develop severe COVID.

The capacity challenges are impacting all of the hospitals across the Central Texas region. We want to continue to provide lifesaving care for patients who have a heart attack, a stroke, or are injured in a car wreck. To do that, <u>we</u> need your help. To make sure our hospitals have enough space to care for our community — including you and your loved ones who may unexpectedly need hospital care — we urge you to getyour COVID-19 vaccine, wear a mask and practice physical distancing. Please do your part to cut down on the number of COVID cases in our community, and help us care for you.

If you have not yet been vaccinated against COVID-19, we join our physician colleagues across the community in strongly urging everyone 12 and over to do so. Data shows that vaccines are safe, effective and a proven way to avoid being critically ill as a result of COVID.⁶

- Desmar Walkes, M.D., Medical Director/Health Authority, City of Austin - samson Jesudass, M.D., Chief Clinical officer, Ascension Texas, - Kenneth W. Mitchell, M.D., Senior Vice President & Chief Medical Officer, St. David's HealthCare - Robin Watson, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Baylor Scots & White Health Greater Austin Region.

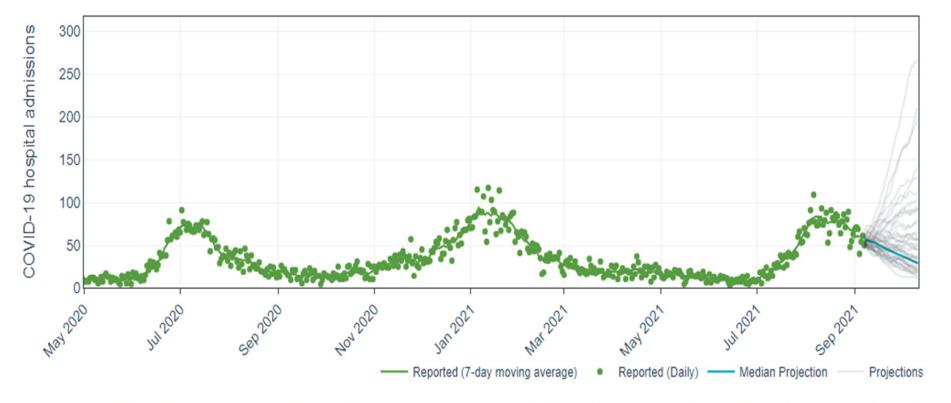


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WD3 [@Taylor, Jeff] Please put a summary slide here Walkes, Desmar, 9/20/2021







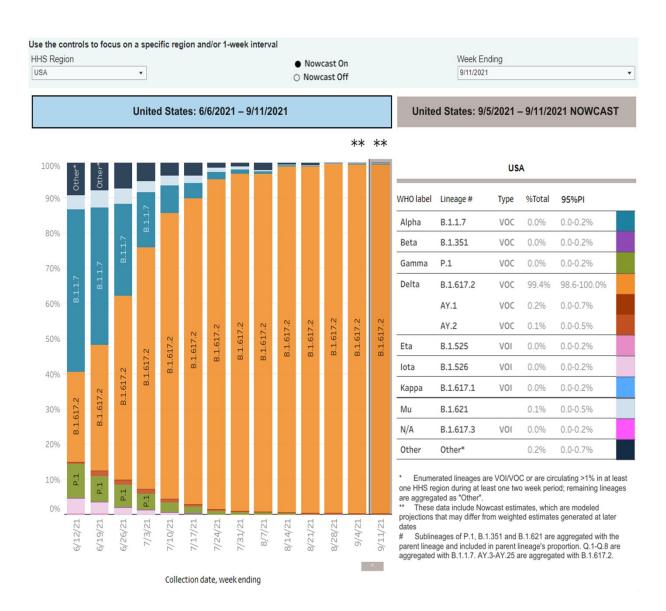
Daily COVID-19 Hospital Admissions in the Austin-Round Rock MSA (7 day moving average)

Click and drag on the plot to zoom-in and double-click to zoom-out completely. The icons at the top right of each graph will provide you with additional options.

SARS-CoV-2 Delta Variant 99%

After Delta became the most common variant,^{*} fully vaccinated people had reduced risk[†] of...

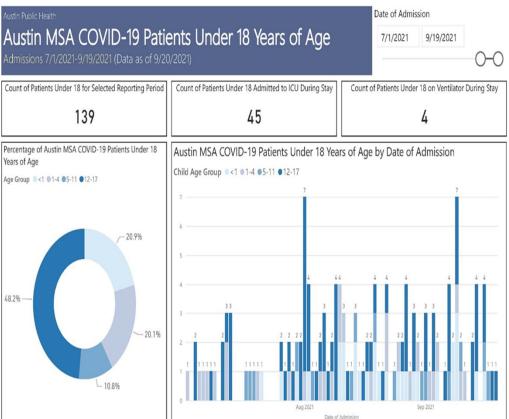








Austin Public Health Week Ending Weekly Austin MSA COVID-19 Patient Hospital Admissions by Age Group 8/22/2021 9/19/2021 Data as of 9/20/2021 Age Group • <1 • 1-9 • 10-19 • 20-29 • 30-39 • 40-49 • 50-59 • 60-69 • 70-79 • 80+ Count of Patients Under 18 for Selected Reporting Period 433 423 139 400 375 Percentage of Austin MSA COVID-19 Patients Under 18 Years of Age 333 319 Age Group << 1 1-4 5-11 12-17 300 - 20.9% 200 48.2% ----100 - 20.1% L 10.8% Aug 22 Aug 29 Sep 05 Sep 12 Sep 19 Week Ending



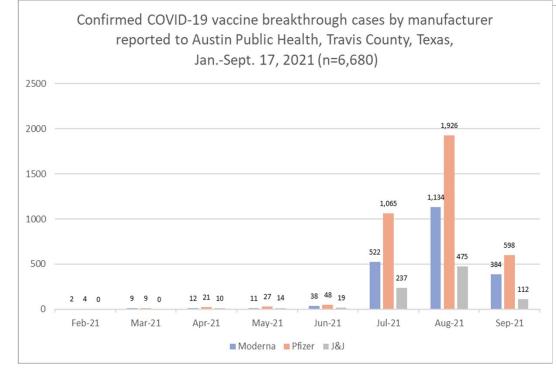


PJ7 Source? Should be in the footer Pichette, Janet, 9/17/2021



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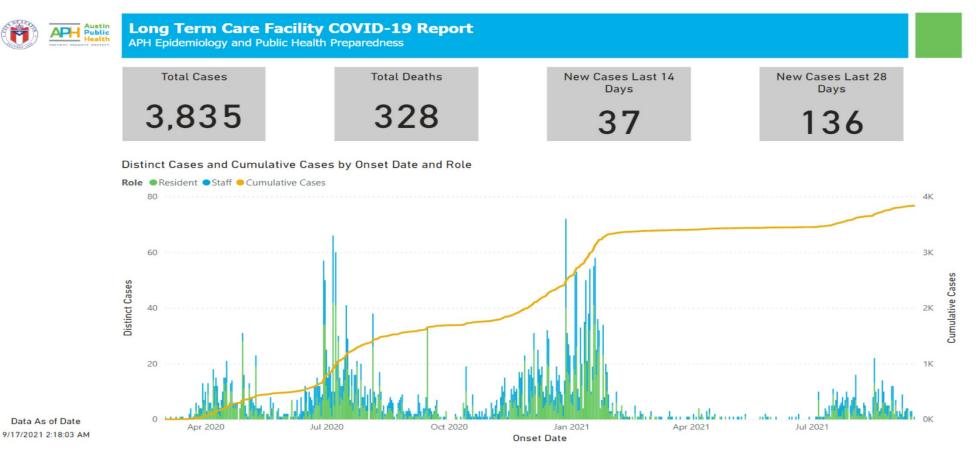
1% Vaccine Breakthrough Cases



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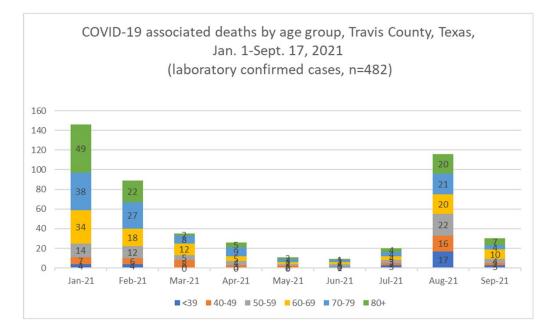




Fatality Statistics

Total Deaths	1055
Deaths since Jan 2021	482
Fully Vaccinated	7.9%
Race/Ethnicity Impact	50.5%
Sex Impacted	58.5%

* No one who died received a third dose of vaccine









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PJ3 This is too busy - should be 2 slides

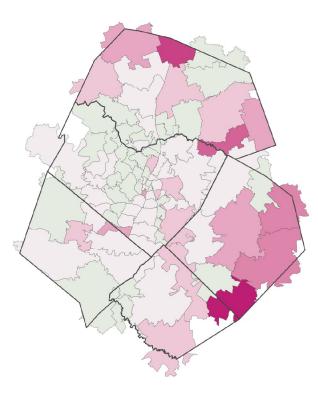
Pichette, Janet, 9/17/2021

PJ4 Again, is the source APH? Or is this data sources from Ascension Seton, BSW and HCA St Davids - they are the source, correct? Pichette, Janet, 9/17/2021

Lower Vaccination Rates = Higher Covid-19 ICU Admission Rates

Four-week icu admissions per 100,000

10 30 50 70 90 110 130



Thanks to Travis County Residents

- Travis County has 70% eligible people fully vaccinated
- Daily numbers of cases and hospitalizations are declining
- Positivity rate has dropped



Call to Action to Protect our Hospitals

> Help us get everyone else vaccinated – Covid-19 and Flu

- >Support businesses that are helping us reach our goals
- >Wear masks indoors and in places where you cannot safely social distance
- Stay home if you are sick
 - Get tested
 - See a healthcare provider
 - If eligible get referred for Monoclonal Antibody Therapy





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Thank you



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ADRIENNE STURRUP, INTERIM DIRECTOR







COVID-19 Testing Options

George Morales Dove Springs Rec Center 5801 Ainez Dr, Austin, Texas 78744 Tuesday- Saturday

St. Johns Testing Site 7211 N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd, Austin, Texas 78752 Tuesday- Saturday

In-Home Testing Available Monday through Friday

Facility Testing Testing offered to senior living facilities, homeless shelters, and other facilities that have identified one positive COVID-19 case Mobile Testing

(Monday- Friday 8 am - 4 pm).

Mobile testing appointments can be made by calling 512-972-55 DR163

APH Tests (9/13-9/18): 2,162





Slide 18

DR133	[@DeLeon, Cassandra] Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/14/2021
CC3	[@Urueta, Ana] Crookham, Chris, 9/14/2021
DC62	[@Urueta, Ana] [@Hawes, Ashley] Please update DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021
UA6	ok, done.
	Urueta, Ana, 9/20/2021

DR163 [@DeLeon, Cassandra] Just checking, is the highlighted number correct? Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/20/2021



Vaccine Operations State, Regional and Local

Texas: 70.83% first dose, 60.32% fully vaccinated

Travis County: 80.28% first dose, 70.03% fully vaccinated

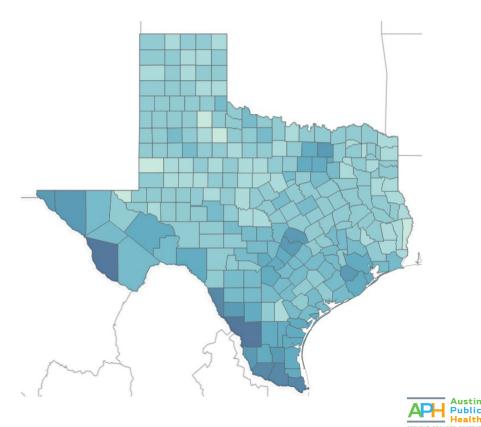
Major Metros

- Tarrant: 65.81% first dose, 57.30% fully vaccinated
- Dallas: 70.41% first dose, 59.46% fully vaccinated
- Bexar: 76.12% first dose, 64.99% fully vaccinated
- Harris: 74.91% first dose, 63.30% fully vaccinated
- El Paso: 87.34% first dose, 75.15% fully vaccinated

MSA and Travis County Bordering Counties

- Bastrop: 69.54% first dose, 56.24% fully vaccinated
- Blanco: 58.57% first dose, 52.31% fully vaccinated
- Burnet: 59.45% first dose, 50.78% fully vaccinated
- Caldwell: 63.74% first dose, 52.87% fully vaccinated
- Hays:
- Williamson:

72.40% first dose, 61.72% fully vaccinated 78.07% first dose, 68.61% fully vaccinated

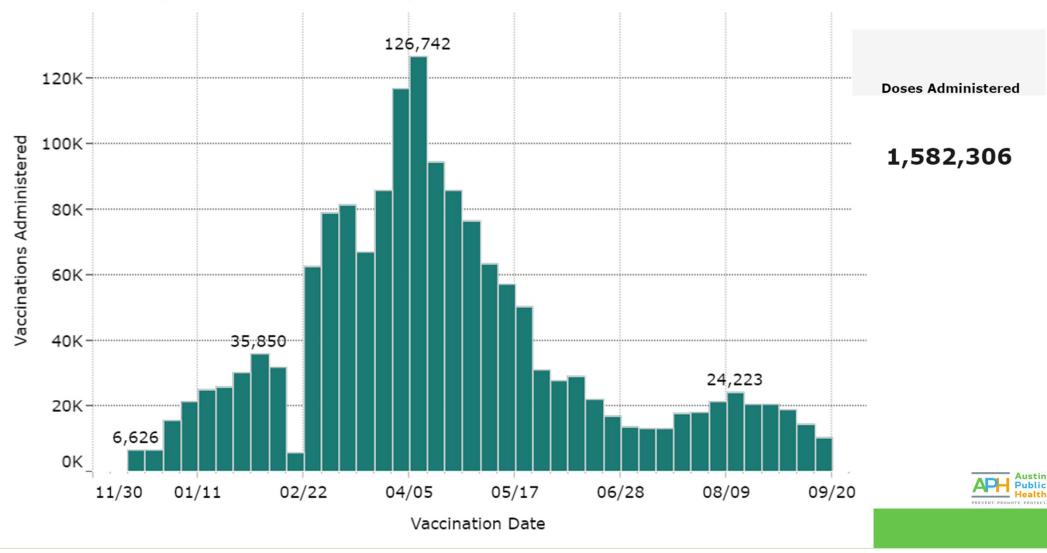


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DR133	[@DeLeon, Cassandra] Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/14/2021	
CC3	[@Urueta, Ana] Crookham, Chris, 9/14/2021	
DC40	[@Uructa Apa] [@Hawas	

DC62 [@Urueta, Ana] [@Hawes, Ashley] Please update DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021

Vaccinations by Week in Travis County



Slide 20

HM29 Updated Graph.

Was the Doses Administered box gathered from the same page as the graph? It appears to have a lower number for this week.

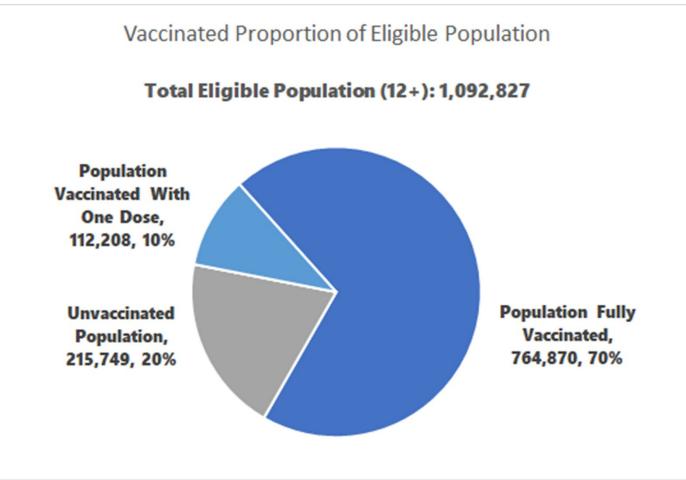
https://tabexternal.dshs.texas.gov/t/THD/views/COVID-19VaccineinTexasDashboard/VaccineDosesAdministered?

Haygood, Marlon, 9/20/2021

DR157 [@Haygood, Marlon] thank for adding the new dose # in the notes Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/20/2021



Travis County Residents Who Have Not Received Second Dose





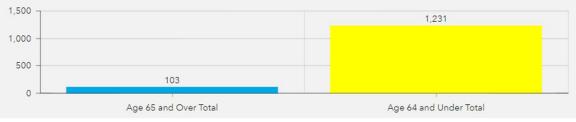
Slide 21

DR147 [@DeLeon, Cassandra] this is a new slide

Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/16/2021

- HM28 Added in draft based on DSHS data current as of 9/19. If this format is acceptable, I can update for 9/20 when data becomes available Haygood, Marlon, 9/20/2021
- HM31 I feel the notes from the next slide, specifically the first paragraph, work well to explain this slide Haygood, Marlon, 9/20/2021
- DR158 [@Haygood, Marlon] thanks for adding the actual # in the slide Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/20/2021

Vaccine Dashboard Update



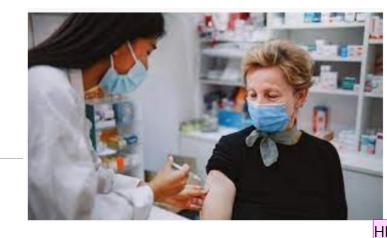
Source: https://www.austintexas.gov/page/covid-19-dashboards

*Data for week ending 09/18





Travis County Vaccine Distribution by Provider



Doses Administered by Organization Type

Emergency Services	49,632
Health Center (Community, Federally Qualified, Migrant, Rural)	56,591
Hospital	265,537
Long-Term Care	165
Medical Clinic/Doctor's Office	151,776
Public Health/Government	304,971
Pharmacy	704,917
Other	47,978



- HM30 Chart Updated per 9/19. Haygood, Marlon, 9/20/2021
- DC59 [@Haygood, Marlon] Can we put in the demographic table we have had previously with updated numbers? I'll add the slide as a place holder. DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021
- HM35 [@Haygood, Marlon] yes I added it to be updated to this deck. Haygood, Marlon, 9/20/2021

SA2 DR160 DC62 HM26 DC66 HM27

TXDSHS Vaccine Data for Travis County by Race and Ethnicity

	Total Census Population		People Vaccinated with at Least One Dose (Texas DSHS) as of 9/19/2021	People Vaccinated with at Least One Dose Percent	Percent Increase Since 9/12	People Fully Vaccinated (Texas DSHS) of 9/19/2021	People Fully Vaccinated Percent	Percent Increase Since 9/12
Asian	83,467	71,782	63,276	88.15%	0.07% (47)	57,384	79.94%	0.35% (248)
Black or African American	104,003	88,403	35,870	40.58%	0.64% (567)	30,252	34.22%	1.04% (923)
Hispanic or Latino	442,687	349,723	198,890	56.87%	0.59% (2,059)	164,661	47.08%	0.87% (3,036)
White	608,874	541,898	374,561	69.12%	0.36% (1,935)	338,587	62.48%	0.74% (3,998)
Other	34,523	24,857	142,350	*		123,121	*	
Unknown			62,131			50,868		
Total	1,273,554	1,076,661	877,078	81.46%	0.90% (9,647)	764,873	71.04%	1.37% (14,794)

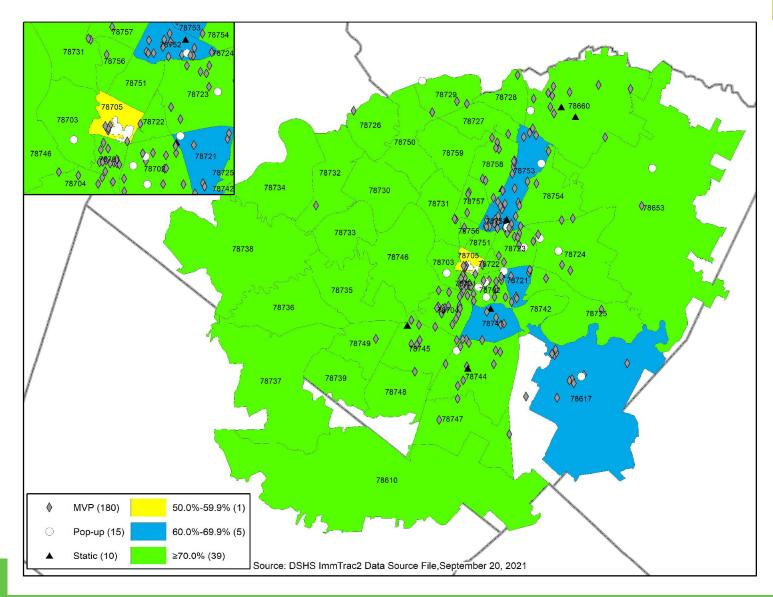


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SA2	[@Dalrymple, Ruth] [@DeLeon, Cassandra] Do we need to update the dates in the headers? Sturrup, Adrienne, 8/30/2021
DR123	[@Sturrup, Adrienne] updated to 8/29? Dalrymple, Ruth, 8/30/2021
DC60	[@Haygood, Marlon] please update. DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021
DC63	:) DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021
HM36	Updated! Haygood, Marlon, 9/20/2021
DC66	[@Haygood, Marlon] can we add another column with the % increase since April 1st? DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021
HM37	[@DeLeon, Cassandra] The data on the DSHS website is overwritten each week. I've reached out to DSHS to see if this historical data can be provided. If I am able to get the data from DSHS, this should be an easy addition. Haygood, Marlon, 9/20/2021
HM38	[@DeLeon, Cassandra] Unfortunately, I am not able to do % increase since 4/1. The data is overwritten on the website and I am unable to obtain historical data in the format we would require at this time. Haygood, Marlon, 9/20/2021
DC73	[@Haygood, Marlon] thank you for responding. I was trying to make this more compelling :) DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021
DR160	[@Dalrymple, Ruth] [@DeLeon, Cassandra] reminder next week pull out columns or line graph Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/20/2021



First Dose Vaccinated Population



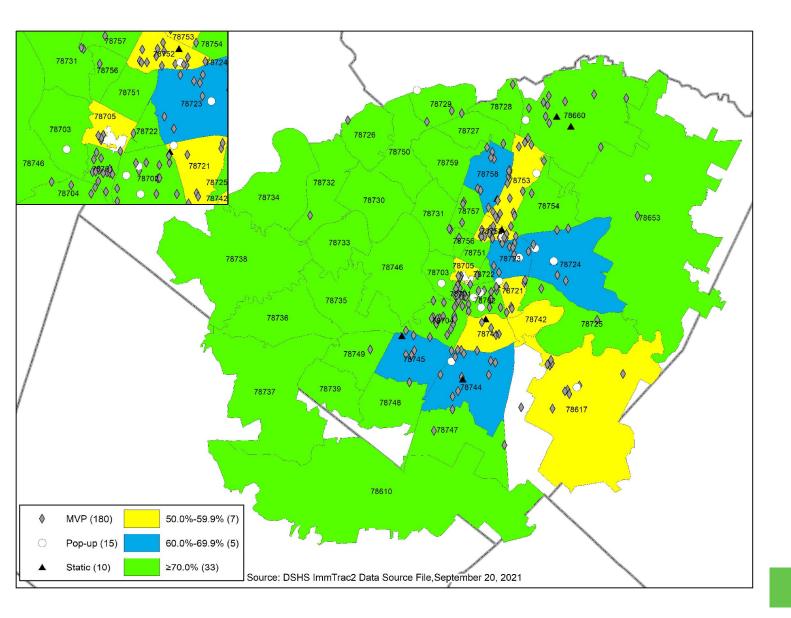
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DR134 [@DeLeon, Cassandra] [@Haygood, Marlon] Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/14/2021

- DC61 [@Haywood, Tracy] please update maps. Thanks. DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021
- HT13 [@DeLeon, Cassandra] Done

Haywood, Tracy, 9/20/2021

DC67 thank you! DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021



Second Dose/Fully Vaccinated Population



Vaccine Operations

Walk-Up Clinics (No Appointment Needed)

Southeast Branch Library (Moderna & Pfizer) 5803 Nuckols Crossing Rd Tuesday & Friday: 3PM - 8PM Saturday: 10AM - 2PM

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library (Moderna & Pfizer) 835 W Rundberg Ln Tuesday & Friday: 3PM - 8PM Saturday: 10AM - 2PM For more vaccine event locations visit <u>https://www.austintexas.gov/covid19</u>

<u>Ana Lark Center</u> (Pfizer) 1400 Tillery St Tuesday + Friday: 1PM - 7PM Wednesday, Thursday + Saturday: 9AM-4PM

Pflugerville Library (Moderna & Pfizer) 1008 W Pfluger St Wednesday: 2PM-7PM Delco Activity Center (Moderna & Pfizer) 4601 Pecan Brook Dr Tuesday-Friday: 9AM-12PM

Del Valle Opportunity Center (Pfizer) 5301 B Ross Rd Saturday: 9AM-2PM

Mobile Operations

15 Events This Week Including:

- Circuit of The Americas
 Boys and Girls Club of Austin
- North Austin Muslim Community Center
 Home Visits

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HM32 Events Updated Haygood, Marlon, 9/20/2021

Booster Emergency Use Authorization Status

Advisors to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced Pfizer COVID-19 booster shot is safe, effective and recommended for individuals who have been fully vaccinated at least six months and are:

- 65 years and older;
- At high risk of severe COVID-19; and,
- At high risk of occupational exposure

Next Steps:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices (ACIP) meets to further define these groups.
- Meeting will take place Wednesday, September 22.
- Upon CDC and ACIP, Texas Department of State Health Services will issue guidance.
- Local vaccine providers will update clinical protocol based on CDC and DSHS guidance.
- Booster vaccine distribution begins.

Evidence Based Recommendations Process





Resolution 110 Response

Lessons Learned, Community Engagement and Draft Plans



- Memo is being routed to meet 9/21 Resolution deadline
- Presentation for Council draft strategy will be on 9/28
- APH is assessing lessons learned from response operations
- Engaging community to reflect on overall vaccine response operations, advise on lessons learned, and inform plans
- Multiple events will be held to gather input
- Updating Capital Area Vaccine Distribution Plan to incorporate the booster and pediatric strategies.
- Updated draft plans will be posted for community feedback by 9/30.

DR148 DD152 DD152 DD153 DD

ccoutreach goal: to create a safe, comfortable space through ccousted community sources to discuss COVID-19 and ccourage vaccines.

Torts include conversations with the public about their GC6 Torts include conversations with the public about their Knowledge and concerns regarding COVID-19 vaccine and provide information on how to access vaccines, testing and other COVID-19 resources.

The Health Equity Street Outreach Team and Immunizations Education Team conducts weekly outreach:

- local businesses
- churches
- schools

Outreach utilizes Community Health Workers/Promoters, Certified Health Education Specialist, and Public Health Educators. Examples of COVID-19 Vaccination Education at Worksites This Month:

- Four Hands LLC.
- Capital Metro
- Dover Fueling Solutions
- Fiesta Mart

and a





Picture: 9/1 Fiesta Mart outreach event

DR148	[@Samp, Jen] ? Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/16/2021
SJ4	No major updates from JIS we sent EDD the MVP form and the number for the state to provide mobile vaccine and have seen an uptick. [@Wright, Dominique] or [@Charles-Willock, Raisa] may have more to add. Samp, Jen, 9/16/2021
WD1	The Health Equity team has been out in the community doing outreach and have referred organizations upon interest they receive when talking to organizations and businesses. The Health Equity team and Education Team have been collaborating on this efforts. Connie.Gonzales@austintexas.gov for HE can provide additional. Wright, Dominique, 9/16/2021
DR152	[@Gonzales, Connie] [@Wright, Dominique] [@Charles-Willock, Raisa] Does anyone have pictures or bullet points they can add to this slide, please?
	Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/16/2021
CR1	[@Dalrymple, Ruth] I added the businesses that we have provided COVID-19 vaccination education to so far this month. I believe the other outreach activities the COVID-19 education team has completed will fall under community outreach or focused outreach. Charles-Willock, Raisa, 9/16/2021
DR153	thanks all!
DR153	thanks all! Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/17/2021
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	Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/17/2021 The HEU Street Outreach Team conducts weekly outreach at local businesses, churchs and schools throughout ATC. We strikeup conversations with the public about their experience with the COVID-19 vaccine, we informed them of where they can get the vacccne/testing
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Slide 30 (Continued)

Gonzales, Connie, 9/20/2021

GC4 I have a pic of the team working at the Fiesta Mart. Interested?

Gonzales, Connie, 9/20/2021

- DC74 [@Gonzales, Connie] yes lets add it. Was this an event this month? I would like to add to the green circle. :) DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021
- GC5 yes it was. I will email it to you. Thanks Gonzales, Connie, 9/20/2021
- DC75 [@Gonzales, Connie] thanks! DeLeon, Cassandra, 9/20/2021
- CR2 [@DeLeon, Cassandra] Looks good! Our community worker is waiting on some pictures from the events with Capital Metro. When we receive them I will share. Charles-Willock, Raisa, 9/20/2021
- GC6 [@DeLeon, Cassandra] welcome. looks great! Gonzales, Connie, 9/20/2021



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En la unión está la fuerza. Las vacunas contra el #COVID19 son seguras, eficaces y la mejor manera de seguir adelante. Vacúnese 🔆 austintexas.gov/COVID19

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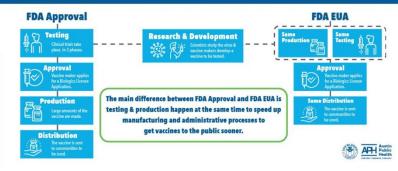
Si se vacuna contra el #COVID19 cuando está embarazada, esta protección se extiende a su bebé. La vacuna es segura y eficaz. Empiece su viaje de maternidad con la mejor protección

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Si está embarazada y tiene preguntas: Llame al: 1-866-626-6847 by.org/ask-an-expe mothe



Difference between FDA Approval VAXX FACTS and FDA Emergency Use Authorization (FDA EUA)





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Getting vaccinated while pregnant is SAFE! Getting the vaccine while you're pregnant protects







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- SJ5 added in notes:
 - 1. 415 families received APH/TC PPE Bags (4 reusable masks; 32 oz hand Sanitizer)
 - 2. 514 Resource Bags, 608 lip balms, 32 households received diapers provided by the APH Neighborhood Services Unit
 - 3. 75 boxes of household goods-provided by our partners at the Central TX Food Bank
 - 4. 714 boxes of shelf stable food- provided by our partners at the Central TX Food Bank
 - 5. 672 boxes of fresh fruit/veg- provided by our partners at the Central TX Food Bank Samp, Jen, 9/20/2021
- DR162 [@Sturrup, Adrienne] I took the info from the focused outreach slide and put it in the notes Dalrymple, Ruth, 9/20/2021



