

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
COVID-19 PANDEMIC –04/16/2021**

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

VACCINATION SHOTS READILY AVAILABLE

Leon Valley: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 from Noon to 4 pm the

Moderna vaccine will be available at St. John's Baptist Church located at 6800 Evers Road. Please download and fill out the consent form linked to your appointment which is located at www.leonvalleytexas.gov website.

There is a black and yellow box in the lower right hand corner to sign up for this COVID-19 Vaccine clinic. There is no charge and this clinic is open to anyone who wants a vaccine. I would like to personally thank Pastor Price and the St. John's Baptist Church community for partnering with the City of Leon Valley to provide the vaccine locally, making it more convenient to get vaccinated.

Alamodome: A Walk-in Clinic is now open to anyone over the age of 16 at the Alamodome any afternoon from 2 – 5 pm to receive the vaccine *without an appointment*. The Vaccine Registry for the City of San Antonio is now open for anyone to make an appointment that fits your schedule. Call 311.

University Health System: Vaccinations are now available for individuals 16 years and older to walk-in without an appointment at

Wonderland Mall lower level (8 am – 7 pm weekdays), and St. Philip's College Building 8 at 1801 Martin Luther King Drive (8 am to 4 pm weekdays). Photo ID required and those who are 16 or 17 years old must be with an adult.

There are many more pharmacies and health care systems in our county who are offering the vaccine. Check out the San Antonio Express News page 2A daily for a complete listing.

SHOTS IN ARMS: VACCINATION UPDATES

To date in Bexar County, 710,896 individuals have received their 1st dose of the vaccine, an increase of 151,901 from last week. 417,650 of those individuals have been fully vaccinated, an increase of approximately 102,755 from last week! 47% of our population has received one dose of the vaccine and 28% of our population has been fully vaccinated. The national average for people fully vaccinated is 23% and the State of Texas average for people fully vaccinated is 20%. Our metroplex is exceeding the national and state average. Let's continue reaching out to encourage the majority of individuals, especially the younger population, to become vaccinated. The goal is to achieve herd immunity (70 – 75% % vaccinated) to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and any related variants. Metro Health and CDC reported that persons who receive a vaccine will be

protected from getting severely ill, from going to the hospital, and from death if they are exposed to COVID.

CURRENT CASE NUMBERS

As of April 15th there were 211,397 total cases reported in Bexar County, a 1.3% increase from April 8th, which was the same percentage increase last week. There were 3,291 total deaths reported on April 8th, a 2.1% increase in 7 days. The positivity rate rose slightly to **2.4%** from **2.1%** the week before. Our positivity rate is still the *lowest* among the major metropolitan cities in the state.

As of April 15th, there were 200 patients in area hospitals, 71 patients in ICU and 33 patients on ventilators.

BLOOD SHORTAGES ON “BRINK OF DISASTER”

I have consistently reported the dire shortage of blood during this pandemic. It now is at a critical stage. The **South Texas Blood and Tissue Center** has a ½ day supply of O negative blood on hand and only a 1 ½ day supply of all other blood types. **Please consider donating blood to help this dire situation by calling (210) 731-5555, or call University Hospital at (210) 358-2812 to set up an appointment to give blood.**

Thanks to everyone for your help!

Sincerely, Chris, (210) 618-2092