

## Highland Lakes Leaders

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

May 18, 2021

### Outbreak update

As of 5/18 reporting by TDSHS there are 126 active COVID-19 cases in Blanco, Burnet, Gillespie, Llano, Mason and San Saba Counties. That is down 20 from last week. 10,938 residents have had test-confirmed cases of COVID 19. Another death was recorded this week as 215 have perished with COVID-19 as the primary reason.

The CDC relaxed masking rules this week for **fully vaccinated citizens**. There are still over 25,000 residents in the four counties not vaccinated, or recovered, from COVID-19. Large gatherings continue to fuel the outbreak. Those events can be safer with masking and vaccinations.

Creative events like Save The World Brewing's "Pints for Pokes" will help increase vaccinations. So will vaccines being in physician offices where trusted providers can encourage their patients to be vaccinated.

Most current through 5/18 TDSHS website.

| County       | *Number Tested | *5/16         | *5/11         | Last new case | **Active Cases | **Recovered      | Fatalities by County |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Blanco       | 7,318          | 605           | 607↑          | 5/18          | 7              | 709              | 20 (3/06)            |
| Burnet       | 42,502         | 4,204         | 4,211↑        | 5/18          | 65             | 4,642            | 65 (5/01)            |
| Gillespie    | 20,623         | 1,721         | 1,725↑        | 5/18          | 15             | 2,497            | 50 (4/16)            |
| Llano        | 13,571         | 1,189         | 1,192↑        | 5/18          | 29             | 1,598            | 51 (4/09)            |
| Mason        | 2,598          | 241           | 241           | 5/10          | 10             | 389              | 6 (2/22)             |
| San Saba     | 5,437          | 526           | 525           | 5/13          | 0              | 762              | 23 (2/26)            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 92,049         | <b>*8,486</b> | <b>*8,627</b> |               | <b>**126↓</b>  | <b>**10,597↑</b> | <b>215</b>           |

### First Doses the week of 5/17

The number of residents seeking first doses has **dropped significantly** in the last few weeks. We expect to see just 127 first dose seekers this week. There are over 700 residents scheduled for their second doses over the next two weeks.

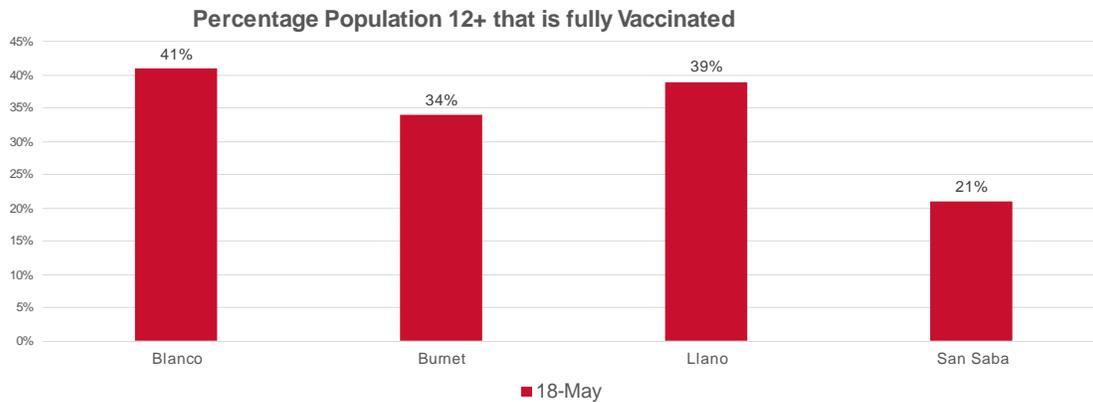
After School clinic is open at Marble Falls Hospital on Thursday for those in the 12-16 age group. That is an additional 4,000 residents of the four counties in this age category. Families can call the 1-844 BSW-VACC number to schedule.

The state has moved to an on-request system rather than Hub distribution system. There are enough doses for any registered provider to get vaccine.

## Vaccinations

Vaccination continues in our area at a slower pace. As of 5/18/2021, 36% of the 12+ population is fully vaccinated. To get to 80% of the population over age 12 vaccinated or recovered, we have **10,200 more** doses to go for Blanco, Burnet, Llano and San Saba Counties.

### Who's Vaccinated



## Vaccine Landscape

Johnson and Johnson vaccine is being redistributed again after significant scientific and regulatory review of cases with severe complications. It is available in various outlets in the Hill Country.

Pfizer was approved for 12-16 age group. BSWH and others are opening schedules for this cohort.

AstraZeneca (a fourth vaccine candidate) has been asked for a “significant amount” of additional data by the FDA, further delaying its application for an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

We anticipate quite a transition across the state of Texas in the weeks and months ahead. Vaccine will be readily available to residents. It will likely be distributed through physician offices and pharmacies.

## Marble Falls Hub

- 828 total doses of Pfizer will be given this week on Thursday only.
- Over 31,000 doses have been given since the Hub opened.
- Walk ins are welcome
- MFISD, Atkins Pharmacy, Highland Lakes Crisis Ministry, the Marble Falls EOC, and BSWH had a successful outreach vaccination clinic Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, for underrepresented populations. A second clinic is planned for May 29<sup>th</sup> for largely Spanish speakers.
- We can't emphasize caution in this transition time as we are still seeing a number COVID-19 inpatients.