



# City of McAllen OEM Emergency Management Report

February 4, 2022

## IMMIGRATION UPDATE

The City of McAllen continues to see a large number of non-COVID-19 tested individuals being released in the area by federal officials, with Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley (CCRGV) in McAllen continuing their key role of providing humanitarian aid and assistance at their McAllen Humanitarian Respite Center (HRC), as well as at Anzalduas Park.



Federal agencies typically drop off these family units directly at Anzalduas Park, where American Medical Response (AMR) staff conducts initial COVID-19 testing. Those testing positive remain on site in Anzalduas Park to meet quarantine requirements, while those testing negative are transported to the HRC in downtown McAllen where humanitarian relief, and assistance with making final travel arrangements is all provided by CCRGV. Currently, the HRC is hosting about 100 individuals awaiting travel out of the area.

Catholic Charities’ staff is currently reporting about 200 individuals in quarantine throughout the area (including at Anzalduas Park) awaiting medical clearance to depart. They are quick to note, however, that not all quarantined individuals are COVID-19 positive. Often, all members of a family unit where one or more individuals test positive are placed into quarantine, even if some of those individuals had tested negative.

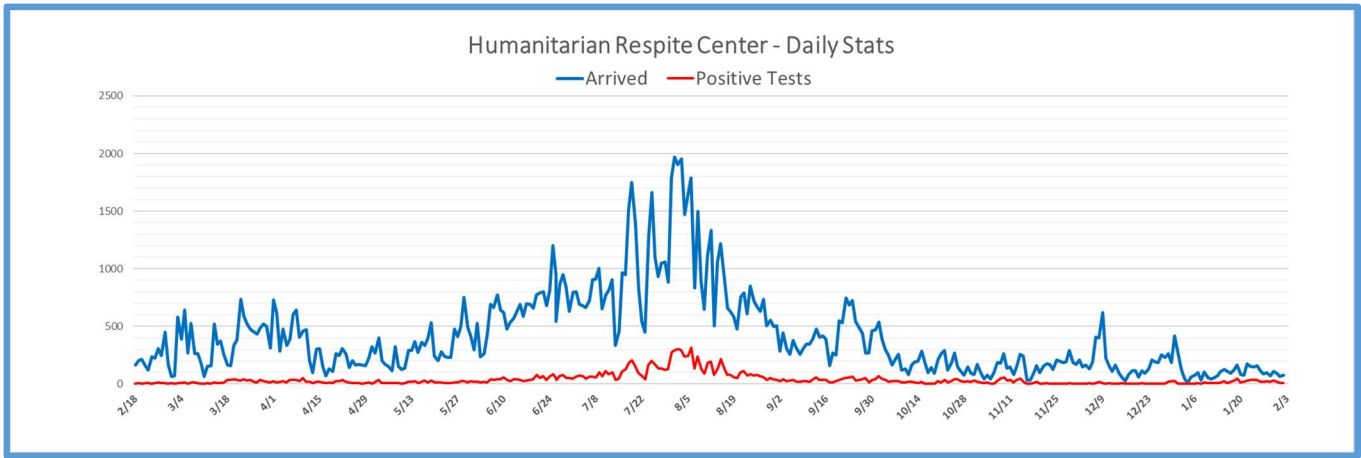
At present there are between 50 - 100 individuals being quarantined and cared for by Catholic Charities and AMR staff at Anzalduas Park, which has a current capacity of about 1,500. Staff is closely watching the weather expected this weekend and is prepared to adjust as needed.

Federal Agency Drop-Off Count – January 27 - February 2, 2022						
1/27/22	1/28/22	1/29/22	1/30/22	1/31/22	2/1/22	2/2/22
89	97	70	109	92	67	76

From January 27 - February 2, 2022 approximately 600 individuals were tested (as compared with 910 last week), with 125 positive tests (for a weekly positivity rate of about 20.8% - a slight increase from last week’s 20.0%).

Since February 18, 2021 some 144,281 individuals have been dropped off by federal officials, with 13,432 of them testing positive for COVID-19 – an overall positivity rate of approximately 9.3%.

Title 42 restrictions are expected to remain in place until at least January of 2022. DHS has advised us that while MPP protocols remain in effect, they are taking a two-fold approach to the issue, as they are both working to reinstate MPP and working to block its implementation at the same time. MPP operations have resumed in Brownsville with the first hearings scheduled February 14<sup>th</sup>. Immigrants will be given the option of staying in Monterrey rather than along the border and will be provided transportation to and from their hearing. Discussions with local, state, federal, and private entities continue in relation to factors which may cause increased drop-offs, and which could prompt the need for potential alternate sites to be used to house individuals awaiting northbound transportation, as well as on the potential for federal agencies to move some of these individuals to locations other than McAllen.



The City's expenses for last week are listed below, and continue to be compiled for potential federal reimbursement.

<b>EXPENDITURES THROUGH 1/30/2022 PAID FROM CITY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 104,058.15</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES January 31, 2022 - February 6, 2022</b>	
<b>NO EXPENDITURES TO REPORT</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 104,058.15</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES THROUGH 1/30/22 PAID FROM FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 18,053,431.67</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES January 31, 2022 - February 6, 2022</b>	
<b>NO EXPENDITURES TO REPORT</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,053,431.67</b>