

Memorandum



Date: March 5, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Update Regarding Curfew Order

This memorandum serves to inform the Board of the results of the 30-day analysis of medical data on positivity rates and health protocol enforcement conducted by Chief Public Safety Officer J.D. Patterson and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Peter Paige, in order to evaluate the continued countywide midnight curfew.

As you can see from the attached slides, our COVID 14-day positivity rate has been steadily trending in the right direction – currently 6.37% – along with other important metrics, including COVID patients admitted to hospitals and ICU bed capacity. Compliance activities have also continued as we work with the business community on safety protocols that we know are effective in preventing spread and protecting our residents. And while the current trend is very encouraging, we are now entering spring break season, which we anticipate will reach its peak during the month of March – a “high-impact” period bringing increased risk of the spread of the virus across our community.

Based on our review of the data and current public health context, and in consultation with my Chiefs, I have decided that if current trends continue and the 14-day average is at or below 5.5% by April 5, 2021, I will lift the curfew at that time. If at any point after lifting the curfew the 14-day positivity rate rises above 6 percent, I may reimpose the curfew in the interest of public safety and public health.

My top priority as Mayor is the lives and livelihoods of our nearly 3 million residents. We are now in the final stage of our fight against the coronavirus as we aggressively expand vaccination efforts with increased supply; this week, the Biden administration committed to supply enough vaccines for all U.S. adults by the end of May. We can't let our guard down when we are so close to the finish line. I am confident that by continuing to work together with our residents and businesses, we can drive down our positivity rate below the 5.5-percent mark needed to minimize community spread of COVID-19, as we accelerate vaccination to develop widespread immunity and truly put this pandemic behind us.

My Chiefs and I will continue to monitor the data and make recommendations to the Board regarding the protocols and policies needed to best safeguard our community during the final stretch of this unprecedented pandemic.

Attachment

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