



City of McAllen OEM Emergency Management Report

November 12, 2021

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 50 individuals awaiting travel out of the area.

Catholic Charities’ staff is currently reporting about 400 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.

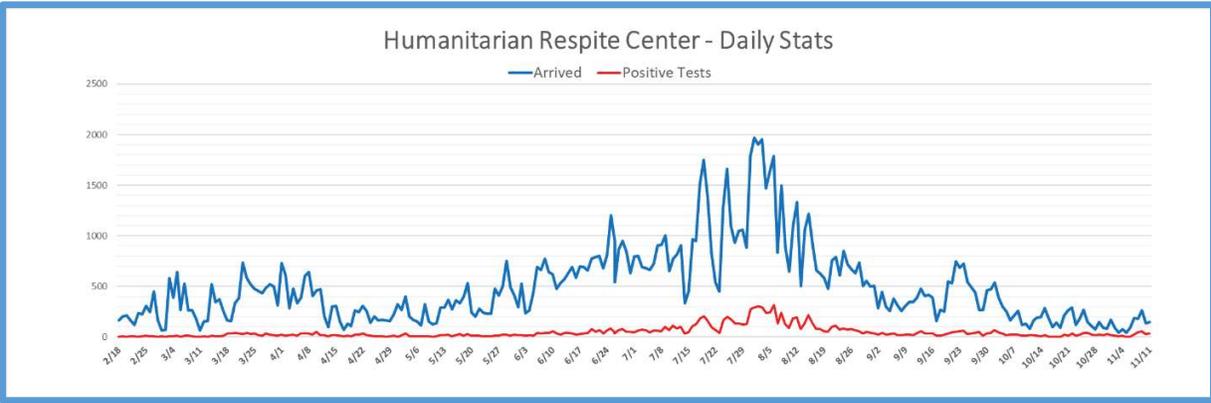
At present there are approximately 200 individuals being quarantined and cared for by Catholic Charities and AMR staff at Anzalduas Park, which has a current capacity of about 1,500.

Federal Agency Drop-Off Count – October 21 – October 27, 2021						
11/4/21	11/5/21	11/6/21	11/7/21	11/8/21	11/9/21	11/10/21
76	46	91	188	180	262	138

From November 4 – November 10, 2021 approximately 981 individuals were tested (up from 701 last week), with 186 positive tests (for a weekly positivity rate of about 19.0% - a slight decrease from last week’s 19.8%).

Since February 18, 2021 some 132,081 individuals have been dropped off by federal officials, with 12,541 of them testing positive for COVID-19 – an overall positivity rate of approximately 9.5%.

While Title 42 restrictions are expected to remain in place until at least January of 2022, Title 19 restrictions were lifted on Monday, November 8, 2021. This allows vaccinated “non-essential” travelers from Mexico to enter the US at ports of entry. DHS has also advised us that while MPP restrictions remain in effect, they are taking a two-fold approach to the issue, as they will be both working to reinstate MPP restrictions and working to block the implementation of MPP at the same time. Discussions with local, state, federal, and private entities continue in relation to items 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.

EXPENDITURES THROUGH 11/07/2021 PAID FROM CITY FUNDS	\$ 104,058.15
EXPENDITURES NOVEMBER 08,2021- NOVEMBER 14,2021	
NO EXPENDITURES TO REPORT	
TOTAL	\$ -
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EXPENDITURES THROUGH 11/07/2021 PAID FROM FEDERAL FUNDS	\$ 5,117,614.86
EXPENDITURES NOVEMBER 08,2021- NOVEMBER 14,2021	
SECURITY SERVICES PRELIM 10.18.21-10.31.21 adjustment	\$ (105.07)
TOTAL	\$ (105.07)
TOTAL	\$ 5,117,509.79