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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Showdown at the Border; Supreme Court Keeps Trump-Era Policy]

MARY BRUCE: Showdown at the border. The Supreme Court ruling to keep that Trump era policy allowing migrants to be quickly expelled over COVID concerns in place for now. What's next? The political battle now raging.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Battle at the Border; Supreme Court Says Pandemic-Era Policy Will Stay in Place for Now]

GIO BENITEZ: We're going to turn now to the crisis at the border. The Supreme Court saying yesterday that Title 42, the pandemic-era border policy allowing officials to expel migrants over COVID-19 concerns, will stay in place as legal challenges play out, and ABC's Will Carr is at the border with the latest. Will, good morning.

WILL CARR: Good morning, Gio. This has been a contentious political issue and while it's been playing out through the courts, families have been coming here to the border this morning. We've seen mothers and kids sleeping on the sidewalks in an all-out downpour of rain and now unsure what to do next. This morning, in a blow to the migrants waiting across the southern border, Title 42 remains in place. A divided Supreme Court voting 5-4 Tuesday siding with 19 states that requested that it continue staying the Trump-era policy which allows officials to quickly expel migrants seeking asylum based on public health concerns until at least next year.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: In the meantime, we have to enforce it but I think it's overdue.

CARR: A sigh of relief for many governors including Greg Abbott of Texas, who sent busloads of migrants to the Vice President's home over the Christmas weekend. The Texas National Guard now building two miles of fences and barricades and DHS constructing a facility to hold and process a thousand immigrants. Meanwhile, states like California, which did not join the legal case, finding services overwhelmed at the border. As Title 42 remained in limbo for months, migrants scrambled to the U.S./Mexico border inundating cities and services on both sides. The Department of Homeland Security has predicted as many as 18,000 people could cross the border every day if the policy is lifted. Yesterday's extension of the policy has done little to stop the flow of migrants.

DEPUTY EL PASO, TEXAS CITY MANAGER MARIO D'AGOSTINO: Specific to Title 42,

expulsions yesterday was 214. [SCREEN WIPE] But we do know that there's a large number of people that are in Juarez waiting for title 42 to be lifted.

CARR: This morning, the White House is calling on Congress to deliver reform messages and also additional funding for border security. Gio.

BENITEZ: Just incredible stories from the border. Will Carr, thank you so much.