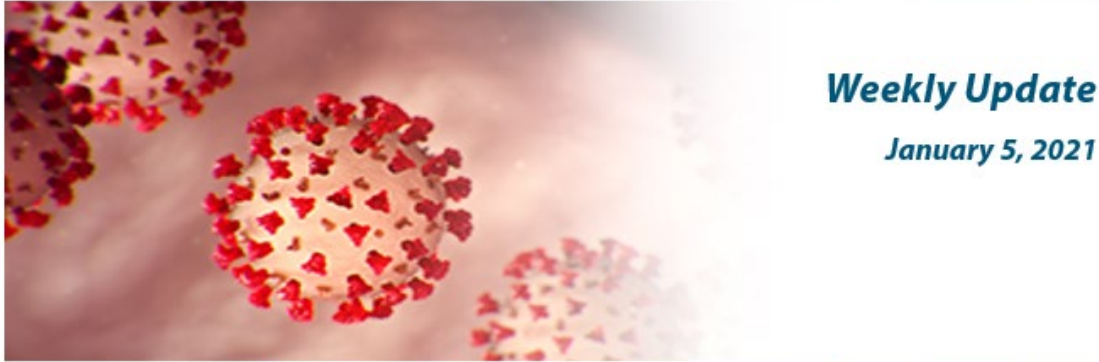


## HOMELESSNESS DURING COVID-19 in San Diego County



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Happy Tuesday!

Please see below for details on the telebriefing and important weekly updates. For more information regarding the Homeless Sector, [visit our website](#). We would also like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

## TELEBRIEFING INFORMATION

The next telebriefing will be held **THIS Friday, January 8th.**

**Time:** 11:30AM-12:30PM

**Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/698863520>

**Call:** 1 (669) 900-6833

**Meeting ID:** 698 863 520

[Click here to submit your questions 24 hours before the telebriefing!](#)

# Focus of the Week

We will be focusing on COVID-19 Vaccinations.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE

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### Public Health Order Updates

[View the latest guidance for COVID-19 in the Public Health Order.](#)

(Effective December 10, 2020)

- **Amended Section 13d:**
  - Businesses or entities operating pursuant to this section 13 shall comply with additional restrictions listed in [Section 2 \(g\) of the State Regional Stay At Home Order](#) and shall close all indoor facilities.



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### Regional Stay At Home Order

The State has posed the regional stay at home order which can be found [here](#).

Order effective beginning December 7, 2020. The order will last for at least three weeks or until the region's ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%.

On December 29, 2020, the Stay Home Order has been **extended** for San Diego County.

Click here to view the [County News Center article](#).

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## \*New - CA Notify

We can keep COVID-19 transmission down by using the [CA NOTIFY](#) tool on your phone. Spread the word in your community with our outreach toolkit, including a new video.

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## DATA



### Updated Data on People Experiencing Homelessness

On Fridays, the County provides statistics specifically related to people who are experiencing homelessness.

[Click here](#) to view the data shared on **January 1, 2020**.



### Coronavirus Triggers Dashboard

Please visit the [County of San Diego's Dashboard Website](#) to see the 13 trigger points for modifying the Public Health Order.

Data can be visualized and tracked in real time on the [interactive web-based dashboard](#).

The County of San Diego publishes a [Weekly Surveillance Report](#) on the [www.coronavirus-sd.com](http://www.coronavirus-sd.com) website called "COVID-19 Watch". [Click here](#) to register and receive the weekly Tuesday updates.



### COVID-19 Case Rates by Zip Code

The County of San Diego released a [COVID-19 dashboard](#) that allows you to view case rates in the region by zip code and municipality. This dashboard is updated every Thursday.

## RESOURCES

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### **Telehealth Provider to Access Temporary Lodging**

#### **High Risk Persons Experiencing Homelessness:**

The County of San Diego provides temporary lodging for persons experiencing homeless (PEH) who need to isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19. Additionally, within the context of COVID-19, high risk PEH may be placed in temporary lodging if they have conditions that put them at risk for complications in the event they contracted COVID-19; and they agree to shelter-in-place and working with a case manager for permanent placement and adhere to the hotel rules.

**More information is provided in the attached [flyer](#).**

If a team on the ground runs into someone displaying symptoms, they just need to call the Temporary Lodging Line **(858-715-2350)** and from there, they will be connected with the telehealth provider for an assessment.

For any questions, please reach out to Matt Heffernan at [Matt.Heffernan@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Matt.Heffernan@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Please [click here](#) for more information on the Temporary Lodging Program in English and Spanish.



### **CDC FAQ Document for COVID-19 Vaccination for People Experiencing Homelessness**

The CDC issued a new [FAQ document titled: COVID-19 Vaccination for People Experiencing Homelessness](#).



### **COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage**

The County of San Diego created a [webpage about the COVID-19 vaccine](#). Here you can learn more about:

how the vaccine works, the safety of the vaccine, the phases that the vaccine will be administered, and more.



## **\*New - San Diego Food Assistance**

[Super Pantry List January 2021.](#)

[Emergency Food Assistance Programs.](#)

[Neighborhood Food Distribution Program](#)

Super Pantries are food distribution hubs located across San Diego County that offer both contactless “drive-thru” and “walk-up” food distribution services. All Super Pantries are open for food distribution a minimum of 3 days per week.

Individuals and families in need of food assistance can [visit your nearest Super Pantry](#) during opening hours to receive emergency groceries and resources.



## **COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Programs**

Please [click here](#) to view the flyer regarding information about all of South Bay Community Services (SBCS) COVID-19 emergency assistance programs (rent, utility, food, and transportation).



## **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Available**

Do you run a non-profit organization which serves low and moderate-income people who've been impacted by the novel coronavirus pandemic?

If so, you may qualify for a share of about \$4 million from the County Housing and Community Development Services' Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

[Click here](#) for more information and to view the County News Center article. Applications are now open [online](#)

and will be available through **THIS Friday, January 8th at 5pm.**



## COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

### [County Rental Assistance Program Expanded to 10K Households](#)

The County of San Diego Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides grants of up to \$3,000 to cover a maximum of two months' rent for eligible households financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Application submission began December 1, 2020. The County will continue to take applications until funds are depleted.**



### **\*New - It's not too late to get a flu vaccine!**

The County is hosting flu vaccine events throughout January. It is possible to get the flu and COVID-19 at the same time, so it's more important than ever to get your yearly vaccine. Common symptoms of both the flu and COVID-19 are fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, body aches, runny nose, headache, and sore throat. Because multiple respiratory infections are circulating, it is important that if you experience any of these symptoms we recommend you seek medical care and get tested for COVID-19.

- **Tubman-Chavez:** Sundays, 9:30AM – 4:00PM | [Event Flyer](#)
- **Imperial Beach Sports Park Recreation:** Biweekly on Saturdays, 9:30AM – 4:00PM (began on 12/12) | [Event Flyer](#)
- **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church:** Biweekly on Tuesdays, 9:30AM-4:00PM (began on 12/15) | [Event Flyer](#)
- **Mexican Consulate:** Biweekly on Tuesdays, 8:30AM-1:30PM (began on 12/22) | [Event Flyer](#)

[Fight Flu Flyer - English](#)

[Fight Flu - English](#)

[Fight Flu - Spanish](#)



## Champions for Health - FREE Flu Shots on Site for Your Staff and Residents/Clients!

Champions for Health, the county's leading mass vaccination flu provider, is looking for senior nursing facilities, adult residential facilities, single living occupancies, and more to provide free flu shots on site. They bring all the materials, vaccine, and San Diego Immunization Registry staff to enter vaccination data in real time. They can also provide medical volunteers to support in case your med staff can't help with vaccinations. Clinics can be one - four hours (depending on your need), any day of the week (including weekends), anywhere in San Diego County. Preference will be given to locations in COVID-19 hot spots and if you serve a population that is high-risk for COVID-19.

If you have residents who haven't had a chance to go to provider to get a flu shot, are uninsured, or looking to provide an additional resource to your clients/staff, **please contact** [Andrew.Gonzalez@ChampionsFH.org](mailto:Andrew.Gonzalez@ChampionsFH.org) or text (213) 550-9429. [You can also complete our clinic interest form here.](#) We are also looking for food drives and toy drives to pair up if you know of any events happening in the community.

[Champions for Health free flu shot event dates and locations](#)



## COVID-19 Testing

[County drive-up COVID-19 testing sites will temporarily convert to appointment-only in response to long lines and safety concerns](#)

The [Testing Schedule](#) website now shows which sites do not require an appointment.

Click to view the [Testing Postcard](#), a tool for stakeholders to communicate when and how to get tested.

For information on COVID-19 testing, testing locations, and scheduling, please visit the [County of San Diego Testing Webpage](#).

For **FREE** COVID-19 testing, [click here](#) to scan the QR code to find available testing.



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## Homelessness Webinars, Recordings, and Articles

### **Federal Resources:**

#### **Housing and Urban Development (HUD) SNAPS:**

[Winter Shelter Guidance](#)

[COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Winter Planning Resources](#)

### **CDC:**

#### **COVID-19 Vaccines: New CDC Guidance Released for People Experiencing Homelessness**

- The CDC has recently published documents that can provide answers on vaccination processes for people experiencing homelessness and providers who serve them:
  - [COVID-19 Vaccination for People Experiencing Homelessness: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
  - [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#)
  - [Interim Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Healthcare Personnel and Long-Term Care Facility Residents](#)

### **Articles:**

[New Funds Available for Veteran Homelessness](#)



- Applications are due on February 5, 2021 by 4pm ET.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### **\*New - California Small Businesses Can Begin to Apply for \$500 Million COVID-19 Grant Program**

Grants will vary from \$5,000 to up to \$25,000 in the [state's Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program](#). Non-profit organizations will also be eligible for the program. The first round of applications will be available through **THIS Friday, January 8th**.

Anyone interested in applying for a grant can [begin their application process here](#). Those who would like help in filling it out can receive assistance from the [California Small Business Development Center](#).



### **Small Business Stimulus Grants for San Diego County**

#### **[Small Business Stimulus Grants for San Diego County – Application Now Open](#)**

The Small Business Stimulus Grant Program is funded by Board of Supervisors allocated by federal CARES Act funding. The grant funding provides economic assistance to help businesses and nonprofit entities impacted by COVID-19. Financial assistance will be allocated to eligible, qualified small businesses and nonprofit entities with final award recommendations made by individual district offices based on the availability of funds, program guidelines, and the submission of all required information and supporting documentation.



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**Text COSD COVID19 to 468-311 to get text alert updates.**

**For local up-to-date information, please visit:**

## [WWW.CORONAVIRUS-SD.COM](http://WWW.CORONAVIRUS-SD.COM)

Local monitoring information is updated daily around 4:00pm.

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[Click here](#) to view previous Homeless Sector Updates.

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Thank you all, and please let us know how we can support you. Feel free to submit questions through: [COVID-Homeless@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:COVID-Homeless@sdcounty.ca.gov)

