

## 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](#).

## TELEBRIEFING INFORMATION

**When:** 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month

**The next October telebriefing will be held on October 23rd.**

**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!](#)

## Recap from Last Week's Telebriefing

We received Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Regional Homeless Services updates which included information about folks who are boots on the ground, partnered with HOT teams and other community agencies. We had a special guest speaker from Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH), Susan Bower, who told us about her new role at RTFH.

[Click here](#) to view the HHS Homeless Services presentation.

For **HHS Homeless Services Referrals**, please call: **619-980-4168**.

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### Last Week's Telebriefing Guest Speaker

We would like to give a special thanks to our guest speaker who joined our discussion last week about Regional Homeless Service Updates:

**Susan Bower**, MSW, MPH, Local Government Liaison, RTFH

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## Focus Groups



### Focus Groups Among People Experiencing Homelessness

We will begin conducting focus groups in November to get feedback from the resources provided by our Homeless Sector. **If your organization is interested in conducting a focus group within your region, please email [COVID-Homeless@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:COVID-Homeless@sdcounty.ca.gov).**

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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 October 10, 2020)

- **Amended Section 2:**
  - All “gatherings,” as defined in section 15 below, **that do not comply with the requirements of the California Department of Public Health Guidance for Private Gatherings found [here](#)**, are prohibited.



### Safe Reopening Webpage

Please visit the County of San Diego's [Safe Reopening Webpage](#) for information regarding businesses and activities.

COUNTY RISK LEVEL	NEW CASES (100 per 100,000)	POSITIVE TESTS (Positive %)
<b>WIDESPREAD</b> Most non-essential outdoor business operations are closed	More than 7	More than 8%
<b>SUBSTANTIAL</b> Some non-essential outdoor business operations are closed	4-7 5.8 ← Last Week → 3.8	5-8% 3.8
<b>MODERATE</b> Some outdoor operations are open with modifications	1 - 3.9	2 - 4.9%
<b>LOW</b> Most business operations are open with modifications	Less than 1	Less than 2%

### Blueprint for a Safer Economy

[The Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) replaces the State Monitoring list for reducing COVID-19 in the state with revised criteria for loosening & tightening restrictions on activities. The focus will now be on case rates and positive tests, and all data and tier assignments will be updated weekly every Tuesday.

**Latest CDPH COVID Update:** As of 10/13/20, San Diego County remains in the red tier (2), with an adjusted case rate of 6.5 (same as last week) and testing positivity of 3.5 (same as last week).

View County specific information for the status of activities [here](#).

## DATA

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### 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 **October 9, 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.

## RESOURCES

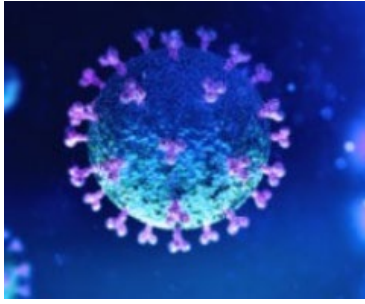
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### \*New - FREE Flu Shots in San Diego County

The influenza vaccine is now available at doctors' offices and pharmacies throughout San Diego County and is covered by medical insurance. People who do not have healthcare coverage can get vaccinated at one of the County's six Public Health Centers or a local community clinic. The County is hosting **FREE** flu shot events from **October 22nd through November 3rd**. To learn more please visit [our website](#).

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## \*New - COVID-19 Positive Recovery Stipend Program

Through the COVID-19 Positive Recovery Stipend Program, the County will provide a stipend of \$1,000, in the form of a paper check, for employed individuals who are confirmed COVID-19 positive and not otherwise eligible for paid time-off or State unemployment benefits. To learn more please visit [the website](#).



## Telehealth Provider to Access Temporary Lodging

A new contracted telehealth service has been developed that will make it easier for Homeless Outreach Workers to place individuals in isolation/quarantine should they need it.

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. This is for instances when our Public Health Nurses are not immediately available to the team, but when they are working with a Homeless Outreach Team, they can still refer to the Temporary Lodging Line following their 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.



## Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH)

**Shared Housing Forum:** The Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) would like to extend an invitation to community partners to participate in a virtual San Diego Shared Housing Forum **THIS Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - 12:00pm**.

Shared Housing is increasingly being discussed at the national level as a promising practice for addressing

homelessness, especially in high-cost rental markets like San Diego.

Building on a toolkit and series of trainings supported by Funders Together to End Homelessness San Diego, the Shared Housing Forum will provide an opportunity for community partners to learn from national experts and homeless services providers operating shared housing programs in other communities, dialogue with peers, and continue growing our regional capacity to implement effective Shared Housing programs. The forum will include interactive breakout sessions focused on: Veterans, Youth, and Single Adults/Landlord Engagement.

Please use [this link to register](#) for the forum. It is limited to 100 participants. We ask that you limit your organization to five attendees. We will send a calendar invite with Zoom details to those registered as we get closer to the date.

For any questions regarding the forum, please contact Kris Kuntz at [kris.kuntz@rtfhdsd.org](mailto:kris.kuntz@rtfhdsd.org).



## **\*New - 11th Annual Primary Care & Behavioral Health Virtual Integration Summit**

Health Center Partners of Southern California is hosting a Virtual Integration Summit for their 11th Annual Primary Care & Behavioral Health Summit. Please [click here](#) for more information and to register. (Each day requires separate registration.)



## **\*New - San Diego Oasis: Free Tablet and Technology Training Program**

[This FREE program is now available for adults ages 60 years and older.](#) The City of San Diego Parks and Recreation AgeWell Services (AWS) is partnering with the San Diego Oasis Technology Program to offer new tablets for low income older adults in need (60 and above).

For more information, please call Age Well Services at (619) 525-8247. You may also email [thescroll@sandiego.gov](mailto:thescroll@sandiego.gov).



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## COVID-19 Testing

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:**

[Rapid Rehousing Ramp-Up](#) - Includes considerations based on subpopulation

[Remote Supervision Tips for Homeless Service Providers](#)

#### **FEMA:**

[Recovery Resource Roadmaps](#)

[COVID-19 Housing Resource Roadmap](#) - Includes flowcharts for consideration of use of funds in four topic areas:

- Nonpayment of Rent or Mortgage
- Housing and Service Needs of Homeless Populations
- Housing and Service Needs of Vulnerable Populations
- Reduced Temporary Housing and Shelter Capacity

### Upcoming webinars:

[Researching an End to Homelessness: Election Year Policy Ideas Webinar Series](#)

- **10/22:** [The Affordable Housing Crisis](#)

**Alzheimer's Association® and the County of San Diego Department of Health and Human Services Agency:**

- **10/22:** The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's & COVID-19 Scams: How to Protect Yourself
  - Join the Alzheimer's Association San Diego/ Imperial Chapter to recognize the warning signs of Alzheimer's and the importance of early detection. Then learn about how to protect yourself from new scams related to Covid-19.
  - Please [click here](#) or call (800) 272-3900 to **pre-register**.

**CDSS Housing and Homelessness Branch:**

- **10/23:** [Housing Authority and Homeless Response System Partnerships: Creating Housing Opportunities for People Experiencing Homelessness](#)
  - During this webinar, local housing authorities and homeless response system representatives will share ways to partner together to end homelessness including pairing homeless response system referrals and services with housing authority rental assistance funds, housing authority homeless preferences and special housing vouchers including the new round of Mainstream Vouchers.

**Lawyers Club's Human Trafficking Collaborative:**

- **10/26:** Labor Trafficking 101
  - Join Lawyers Club's Human Trafficking Collaborative for an introductory presentation on labor trafficking and the impact of COVID-19



- Please [click here](#) to **register by October 21, 2020**.

**View and download past recorded webinars:**

[Community Alliance for Healthy Minds \(CAHM\):](#)

- 10/10: [14th Annual Forum for Healthy Minds](#)

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

**Articles:**

[Action Required for CDC Eviction Moratorium](#)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION



### **\*New - Updated Halloween Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

To minimize the spread of COVID-19 and ensure children have a fun, safe Halloween, the County of San Diego offers [guidance](#) for the most common activities to protect you and your loved ones. View the County [webpage](#) and this [presentation](#) for more information.



**Voter Registration Toolkit**

Click here to view and download information



### **\*New - Voting During COVID-19**

Voting by mail is simple, safer, and secure! As mail ballots start showing up in mailboxes around San Diego County, the Registrar of Voters office is reminding voters that it's safer to mark your ballot at home to avoid the risk of contracting COVID-19. You can learn how to vote from home at [www.sdvote.com](http://www.sdvote.com).

#### **Registrar of Voters Resources:**

During the faith-based telebriefing, guest speaker Michael Vu provided a special [presentation](#) on Registrar of Voters (ROV). Below are additional resources you can share with all interested parties:

- [Media Toolkits](#) – Includes images that can be utilized on social media, newsletters, websites, and more. Instructions:
- To view toolkit: Click on the first image and it will open a PDF document.
- To download images: Click on an image and it will open in a new browser tab. Right-click on the image and select Save As.
- Use the #SDVOTE and #VoteSaferSD hashtags.
- [Election Information webpage](#) – List of polling locations and mail ballot drop off locations.
- [Where's My Ballot?](#) – Sign up to receive notifications when your ballot is mailed, received by our office after you've mailed back and when it is processed.
- [A safe & hassle-free voting experience: A practical guide](#)
- [Know-The-Facts](#)
- [Vote Safer San Diego webpage](#)
- [Check your registration status](#)

### **Every One Votes Campaign**

- The Alliance's new [Every One Votes](#) campaign is an initiative to promote voter registration and turnout among people who are experiencing homelessness. **The Every One Votes toolkit offers guidance and resources on how providers can register their clients to vote - and support voter turnout among people experiencing homelessness - in a nonpartisan manner.**



## **Live Well Advance - Save the Date!**

The [Fifth Annual Live Well Advance Stronger Together, Now More Than Ever](#) is going virtual! Join us on **Thursday, December 3, 2020** to learn and grow with more than 35 virtual Breakout Sessions including: Equity and Social Justice, Climate Change, Workplace

Wellness, Personal Wellness, COVID-19 Topics, Public Health Equity, and many more.

Registration will be available beginning mid-October.



## Cool Zones

**A select number of County-operated Cool Zones are open to help residents beat the heat.** For a list of [locations](#) (and to view the safety measures in place at each location to protect the health of Cool Zone visitors and staff during COVID-19), [please click here](#).



## We Want to Hear From You!

Be a part of our upcoming [10th Anniversary Edition of the Live Well San Diego Annual Impact Report!](#) Submit success stories and testimonials that demonstrate the impact your organization has made towards a healthy, safe and thriving region using the link in the chat.



**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.

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

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)



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