

## 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

**October Telebriefings will be held THIS FRIDAY, October 9th and 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!](#)

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## Focus of the Week

HHS Regional Homeless Services Updates

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### This Week's Telebriefing Guest Speaker

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

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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 September 30, 2020)

- **Amended Section 13d:**
  - Outdoor playgrounds may operate in compliance with the State guidance Outdoor Playgrounds and other Outdoor Recreational Facilities, available [here](#).



### Safe Reopening Webpage

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

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| County Risk Level  | New Cases<br>7-Day Case Rate per 100k | Positive Tests<br>Positive Rate |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>WIDEOPEN</b><br>Most non-essential activities and businesses operations are closed.   | More than 7                           | More than 8%                    |
| <b>RESTRICTED</b><br>Some non-essential activities and businesses operations are closed. | 4-7<br>5.8                            | 5-8%<br>3.8                     |
| <b>MODERATE</b><br>Some business operations are open with modifications.                 | 1 - 3.9                               | 2 - 4.9%                        |
| <b>LOW</b><br>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 10/6/20, San Diego County remains in the red tier (2), with an adjusted case rate of 6.5 (down from 6.7 last week) and testing positivity of 3.5 (same as last week).

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

## 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 **October 2, 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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### County Emergency Rental Assistance Available to 8,000 Households

San Diego County residents who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 could qualify for one-time assistance of up to \$3,000 to pay for past-due or upcoming rent.

Applications for the [County of San Diego's Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) can be submitted until **October 8, 2020**.

For more information about the program, please visit [click here](#).



### 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.

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## Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH)

**General Membership Meeting** will be held **October 8th from 10:30am - 12:00pm**. [Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

**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 on **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).



## San Diego County and City of San Diego Library Openings

The San Diego County Library is now offering in-person service at most of its 33 county library sites. [Visit the San Diego County Library website](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to view the San Diego Union Tribune article.

**The City of San Diego has opened a limited number of libraries.** Please [click here](#) for more information on these in-person library services.

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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.



## 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](#)

- 10/8: [College Students and Youth](#)
- 10/22: [The Affordable Housing Crisis](#)

**View and download past recorded webinars:**

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

**Articles:**

[HEROES Act Update Proposes Additional Homelessness Funds](#)

[Action Required for CDC Eviction Moratorium](#)



## Check Your Mood

[Check Your Mood Day](#) is going **VIRTUAL** on **October 8, 2020** in conjunction with National Depression Screening Day! **Virtually** join organizations across San Diego to help promote FREE mental health resources, encourage individuals to take **the online Check Your Mood self- assessment (available NOW!)**, and participate in our social media campaign to raise awareness about mental health. To learn more visit the [Check Your Mood website](#).

Click on the links below for more information about Check Your Mood:

- [Information in English](#)
- [Information in Spanish](#)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## 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.



### Voter Registration Toolkit

Click here to view and download information



## Registrar of Voters Resources

During a previous Rural Communities telebriefing, guest speaker Michael Vu provided a special presentation on Registrar of Voters (ROV). [Click here to view the recorded presentation](#). 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:
  - 1. To view toolkit: Click on the first image and it will open a PDF document.
  - 2. 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.
  - 3. 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](#)



- If you are an active registered voter, you can now sign up to track the status of your mail ballot [here](#).

### **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.



### **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.

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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)

