

## 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

**The next telebriefing will be held on December 11th.**

**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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## Telebriefing Recap

We focused on the new programs that are coming up around the County. We highlighted that in the San Diego homeless services arena things are progressing. We learned about ongoing efforts and programs from NAMI San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission.

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### Last Week's Telebriefing Guest Speakers

We would like to give a special thank you to those who joined our discussion about new program updates for people experiencing homelessness in San Diego County:

**Cara Chesney**, Lead Health Educator, NAMI San Diego, [carachesney@namisd.org](mailto:carachesney@namisd.org)

**Brian Gruters**, Associate Director, PATH, [BrianG@epath.org](mailto:BrianG@epath.org)

**Jonathan Herrera**, Senior Project & Policy Advisor, San Diego Housing Commission, [jonathanh@sdhc.org](mailto:jonathanh@sdhc.org)

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### Resources Shared by Last Week's Guest Speakers



#### NAMI San Diego

To access the NAMI San Diego Connection 2 Community Resource Interest Survey [click here](#).

[Click here](#) to view details about the Connection 2 Care program that offers individuals experiencing homelessness and mental illness opportunities for friendship, inclusion, and access to mental health resources in a single caring and safe environment.

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## San Diego Housing Commission

The [San Diego Housing Commission \(SDHC\)](#) has earned a national reputation as a model public housing agency, creating innovative programs that provide housing opportunities for low-income and homeless individuals and families in the City of San Diego.

To view the City of San Diego's Homeless Shelters and Services Programs [click here](#).

[SD Housing Commission Action Plan](#)

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## Last Week's Telebriefing Poll Question Results

**Question 1:** What is your role working with people experiencing homelessness?

**Question 2:** Do you use the Universal Screening Tool to screen customers for COVID-19 and other infectious disease?

**Question 3:** Has the Universal Screening Tool been helpful when screening customers for COVID-19 and other infectious disease?

**Question 4:** How do customers respond to the tool?

**Question 5:** What has been the most helpful aspect of this tool?

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## PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE



# Public Health Order Updates

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

(Effective November 14, 2020)

- Revisions to several items involving indoor operations.



## **\*New - Winter Holiday Guidance During COVID-19**

To minimize the spread of COVID-19 and ensure families stay safe during 2020 winter holiday celebrations, the County of San Diego offers [Winter Holiday Guidance](#) for the most common activities. These documents can serve as a guide about what holiday activities are recommended, not recommended, and not allowed.

The activities outlined in the guidance are categorized based on the level of risk of COVID-19 transmission and California Department of Public Health guidance. Ideas for safer alternatives during the holiday season are also shared on the [County website](#) and the below documents.

### **Local:**

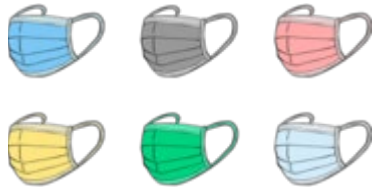
- [Thanksgiving Guidance](#)
- [Winter Holiday Guidance](#)
- [Holiday Charitable Feeding Guidance](#)

### **State:**

- [Travel Advisory for All Californians](#)
- [Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings](#)

### **Federal:**

- [CDC Holiday Celebrations Guidance](#)



## \*New - Face Covering Guidance

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated guidance mandating that a face covering is **required at all times** when outside of the home, with some exceptions. [Click here](#) to view the updated face covering guidance.

## 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 **November 13, 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.



## \*New - COVID-19 Case Rates by Zip Code

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

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## RESOURCES



### 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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## People Experiencing Homelessness - Guides in Multiple Languages

Resources related to Disaster preparedness for people experiencing homelessness:

- [Chinese](#)
- [English](#)
- [Filipino](#)
- [Hmong](#)
- [Korean](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)



## Zoning Ordinance Amendments Related to Shelter Facilities in Unincorporated Areas of the County

There are upcoming opportunities for public input on Zoning Ordinance Amendments to facilitate the development of a permanent ordinance which will continue the County's efforts to assist persons experiencing homelessness. This will lessen the effects of homelessness on County facilities, as well as users of these facilities in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County. **This is for the unincorporated areas of the County.** Please visit the [project website](#) or view the [flyer](#) for further project related information.

The two engagements will cover the same information. Please attend a date and time that works best for you. To participate in the engagement, click on the Microsoft Teams hyperlink, or use a phone to call in.

**TODAY, November 17, 2020, 5 pm to 7 pm**

- **Link:** [Microsoft Teams Hyperlink](#)
- **Phone:** [+1 619-343-2539,,433867061#](#) United States, San Diego
- Phone Conference ID: 433 867 061#

**December 2, 2020, 5 pm to 7 pm**

- **Link:** [Microsoft Teams Hyperlink](#)
- **Phone:** [+1 619-343-2539,,294169514#](#) United States, San Diego
- Phone Conference ID: 294 169 514#



## Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) Training Sessions

CSH is offering three sessions to help you better serve persons experiencing homelessness.

Please [click here](#) for more details.



## Homeless Shelters Planning for Winter

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has included a section on guidance for homeless shelters planning for the winter season.

[Homelessness and COVID-19 FAQs](#)



## Flu Shots in San Diego County

Still need a flu shot? Click the [QR code](#) to find out how to get one. To learn more please visit [our website](#) and the [Resources and Materials page](#).

[FAQ Sheet - English](#)



[FAQ Sheet - Spanish](#)

[Flu vs COVID-19 - English and Spanish](#)

Flyer from the CDC: [Who Needs a Flu Vaccine?](#)



## **\*New - Community Education Session: The COVID-19 Experience**

The San Diego Latino Health Coalition is holding Virtual Panel session to discuss COVID-19 and it's effects on our health, community, and mental health.

- The session will be held in **Spanish TODAY, November 17th** from 5 pm to 6 pm.
  - Please **register** for the Spanish session [here](#).
- The session will be held in **English** this **Thursday, November 19th** from 5 pm to 6 pm.
  - Please **register** for the English session [here](#).



## **Meal Distribution**

**FREE Meals** - The Ocean Discovery Institute is partnering with Feeding America San Diego to provide free meals to everyone, from 3 pm – 5 pm Monday-Friday until June 2021. Face masks are required. For more information, please click to view the flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



## COVID-19 Testing

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.



## Cash Grant of up to \$1,000 for Current and Former Foster Youth

Current and former youth in the foster care system are disproportionately being affected by COVID-19. Due to this, Jack Dorsey, CEO of Twitter, is giving away \$1 Billion in response to the pandemic through the nonprofit Think of Us.

For youth who meet the following criteria, an application can be completed, which is found [here](#).

Youth may be eligible for a **one-time micro cash grant of up to \$1000**, and Think of Us will also **email the youth resources related to their identified needs**. If this funding is depleted, the youth's needs, **not their personal information**, will be shared with additional donors, advocates, and stakeholders who can potentially take action to help.

### Additional details:

- **Eligibility:** Current and former youth from the foster care system, ages 14 through 29 who have spent at least one day in foster care after

their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are eligible to apply for the funding themselves.

- **Cash Use:** This grant is flexible; the program believes that youth know how best to use the funding to support their needs.
- **Getting the Funds:** The funds will be delivered via Western Union, Venmo, Cashapp, Zelle or a way that works best for the youth.
- **Deadline and Award: TOMOROW, November 18, 2020** is the deadline to apply. The Cash Grant will be awarded by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.



## 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. **The last virtual session is on November 20th.**



## Homelessness Webinars, Recordings, and Articles

**Federal Resources:**

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

[Winter Shelter Guidance](#)

[Mainstream Housing Choice Vouchers](#)

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

[Rehousing Out of Non-congregate Shelter: Maximizing Placements](#)

[Framework for Enhancing Safety in Your Homeless Response System](#)

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

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

**CDC:**

[HHS/CDC Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**FEMA:**

[Recovery Resource Roadmaps](#)

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

[COVID-19 Supplemental Resources](#)

**Date EXTENDED: File Stimulus Payments for People Experiencing Homelessness:**

The deadline to file for an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check) among people who don't file taxes has been extended to **November 21, 2020**. The resources below can aid in this filing process.

- [Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#)
- [A Step-by-Step Guide to Using the IRS Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here Tool to Get an Economic Impact Payment](#)

**Upcoming webinars:**

- **11/18: Understanding Human Trafficking**
  - Part III of Behind the Scenes of the Criminal Justice System Webinar Series

- Please **register** [here](#).
- **11/18: Stigma Hurts: Breaking Down Barriers in the Opioid Crisis**
  - Institute for Public Strategies Overdose Data to Action Project is hosting the above virtual education class.
  - Please **register** [here](#) and for more information [click here](#).
- **11/20: Know Your Rights**
  - Learn about Tenant Rights for Fair and Healthy Housing
  - Please **register** [here](#) and for more information [click here](#).

**View and download past recorded webinars:**

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

**Articles:**

**NEW:** [Response to the COVID-19 pandemic among people experiencing homelessness in congregant living settings in San Diego, CA](#)

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## EMPLOYER INFORMATION

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### **Employer Playbook for Safe Reopening**

Please click the link to view the [COVID-19 Employer Playbook for Safe Reopening](#) where businesses and organizations can learn about:

- How to open safely
- What to do if there is a case of COVID in the

- workplace
- Enforcement and Compliance
  - Worker Education



## COVID-19 Safety Training for Workplace Supervisors and Staff

The Employers course is designed for managers, supervisors, foremen, lead persons, and other people in charge of overseeing other workers or the health and safety of workers. The Workers course is designed for workers who do not fill any kind of supervisory or lead role. You can take these courses for **FREE** by [clicking here](#).

## GENERAL INFORMATION



### **\*New - Celebrate Green Friday - Safer Alternatives during the Holiday Shopping Season**

[Green Friday](#) is the day after Thanksgiving, on November 27th. Celebrate the [#UpsideofOutside](#) with family-friendly activities in parks and preserves across the region.



American Red Cross  
Southern California Region

### **\*New - End of 2020 Lunch and Learn Disaster Preparedness Presentations**

Join the American Red Cross and learn how to Be Red Cross Ready. Be Red Cross Ready is a one-hour seminar on how to prepare households for local hazards.

[Click here](#) to view more information such as the links to join the Zoom meetings and contact information.



## All Blood Donations are being Tested for COVID-19 Antibodies

The San Diego Blood Bank tests all blood donations for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies. You can make an appointment to donate blood at [sandiegobloodbank.org](http://sandiegobloodbank.org).



## 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.



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## 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.

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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)

