

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!](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE



Public Health Order Updates

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

(Effective November 21, 2020)

- **Amended Section 2:**
 - All “gatherings,” as defined in the California Department of Public Health Guidance for Private Gatherings found [here](#), shall comply with both said guidance, and the Limited Stay at Home Order issued by the California Health Officer on November 19, 2020 found [here](#). Gatherings not in compliance are prohibited.

- **Amended Section 8:**
 - Face coverings shall be worn as described and required in California Department of Public Health Face Covering Guidance issued on November 16, 2020, (available [here](#)).

- **Amended Section 11f:**
 - All restaurants, bars, wineries, distilleries and breweries shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. every day except for delivery, take-out, and drive-thru.



Winter Holiday Guidance

[Winter Holiday and Charitable Meals Guidance](#) is available in [eight languages!](#)

These documents can serve as a guide to all sectors 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 document.

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 27, 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 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 [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.

RESOURCES



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.

Applications can be submitted starting December 1, 2020. The County will continue to take applications until funds are depleted.



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.

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



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

There is an upcoming opportunity 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.

To participate in the engagement, click on the Microsoft Teams hyperlink, or use a phone to call in.

TOMORROW, December 2nd from 5 pm to 7 pm

- **Link:** [Microsoft Teams Hyperlink](#)
 - **Phone:** [+1 619-343-2539](tel:+16193432539), [294169514#](tel:+1619294169514) United States, San Diego
 - Phone Conference ID: 294 169 514#
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***New - City of El Cajon Community Development Block Grant Program**

FY 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant Program

Two separate CDBG applications are available: 1) Public Facilities/Capital Improvement projects (approx. \$845,000 available); or 2) Public Services projects and programs (approx. \$195,000 available). Non-profit organizations, City departments, neighborhood organizations, schools and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for this funding for proposed projects. Please note that the City of El Cajon does not directly fund individuals through this program.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020 in order to be considered for FY 2021-2022 CDBG funding.

For additional information on the City's CDBG program, please contact El Cajon's Housing staff at (619) 441-1710 or [visit the City's website](#).



***New - La Mesa Launches HOME Program**

This innovative approach to address homelessness connects a vulnerable population with trained professionals who utilize de-escalation and trauma intervention techniques to help solve non-emergency issues. This restructuring of the La Mesa Police Department's response to non-emergency calls for homeless services allows for the reallocation of sworn officers and PD resources to other aspects of public safety, such as community policing, DUI enforcement, and criminal investigation. [Click here](#) to learn more.



***New - Notification of Lab-Confirmed Cases**

[Notifying the County of San Diego of a Lab-confirmed Case of COVID-19](#)

If school administrators or employers need to notify the County of San Diego Department of Public Health Services about a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 at their site please use the [online form](#), instead of the call-in number. This form allows the County to gather more and better data on cases.



***New - San Diego Food Banks**

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.



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](#)



*New - 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](#).

Flu Guidance for High Risk Groups:

The flu shot is recommended for people 6 months and older, and is especially important for people at high risk for complications and their caregivers. We all play a role in protecting each other. There are [guidelines](#) from the County of San Diego for the following high risk populations: pregnant women, children, people 65 and older, people with underlying medical conditions, first responders, health professionals, caregivers, and racial and ethnic minority groups.



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.



***New - Homelessness Webinars, Recordings, and Articles**

Resident Leadership Academy COVID-19 Relief Project Stipends Request for Applications FY 2020-2021:

- [Click here](#) for more information and to view the application.

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](#)

View and download past recorded webinars:

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

Upcoming Webinars:

12/1: Behavioral Health Service Provider Virtual Community Listening Session

- [Click here](#) to **register** and for more information.

12/10: Virtual Caregiver Workshop - "Improving mental health during COVID-19 and the holidays"

- [Click here](#) to **register** and for more information.

Articles:

[New Funds Available for Veteran Homelessness](#)

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

[Deadline Approaching for Mainstream Housing Vouchers](#)

- **Application deadline is December 31, 2020.**
 - HUD has made [\\$86.85 million available to public housing agencies \(PHAs\) in the form of Mainstream funding vouchers](#) to assist non-elderly populations with disabilities impacted by COVID-19.
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GENERAL INFORMATION



***New - Small Business Stimulus Grants for San Diego County**

Small Business Stimulus Grants for San Diego County – Application 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.



Directing Change

Directing Change is an evaluated program that engages youth to learn about mental health, suicide prevention and other critical health and social justice topics through film and art.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer for more information.

To view full contest rules and other ways to get involved, please visit the [Directing Change website](#).



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.



Live Well Advance - Save the Date!

The [Fifth Annual Live Well Advance Stronger Together, Now More Than Ever](#) is going virtual! Join us on **THIS Thursday, December 3rd** 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.

[Please click here](#) to register.



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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

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

