

## 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 on Friday, January 8, 2021.**

**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 regional coordination and updates in each respective region. We invited partners from other County of San Diego regions to talk about their efforts in coordinating activities in the homeless sector and convening partners on a regular basis.

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### Last Week's Telebriefing Guest Speakers

**Barbara Jiménez, MPH, Director,** COVID-19 Response Lead, County of San Diego, Health & Human Services Agency, [barbara.jimenez@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:barbara.jimenez@sdcounty.ca.gov)

**Anna Marie Piconi Snyder,** Consulting Project Director, East County Homeless Task Force, [ampsnyder@outlook.com](mailto:ampsnyder@outlook.com)

**Miranda Chavez, Bridge to Housing Committee Chair,** Community Resource Center, Alliance For Regional Solutions, [mchavez@crcncc.org](mailto:mchavez@crcncc.org)

**Susan Bower, MSW, MPH,** Local Government Liaison, Regional Task Force on The Homeless, [susan.bower@rtfhsd.org](mailto:susan.bower@rtfhsd.org)

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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.



### 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%.

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



### 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.

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## 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 on **December 11, 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



## 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.



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

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

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## **\*New - 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 **January 8, 2021** 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 - Serving Seniors**

Serving Seniors has recently launched its Senior Homelessness and Housing Initiative. You can learn more by visiting [their website](#).

This initiative is starting off with a needs assessment to better understand the experience of older adults who

are at-risk of homelessness, experiencing homelessness, or have lived experience. They are inviting homeless service providers to share their experience this month via a brief survey [linked here](#).



## **\*New - Holiday Assistance Programs**

Visit the [2-1-1 San Diego website](#) to learn more about community partners that help make the holidays possible for individuals and families that would otherwise not be able to celebrate. 2-1-1 San Diego helps connect you to holiday assistance program in your area such as Christmas meals, Holiday Gifts/Toy drives, Holiday Adoption Programs, and more.



## **County Libraries Move to Door-side Service**

With the state's new COVID-19 Stay Home order in effect, the [County of San Diego's 33 libraries have moved to door-side service](#) to help county residents practice social distancing and still enjoy all the library books, digital magazines, music, movies and other fare they love.



## **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 THIS 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](#).



## 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.

**Last session will be THIS THURSDAY, December 17, 2020 at 12:30pm.**

Please contact Gretchen Brickson at [Gretchen.Brickson@csh.org](mailto:Gretchen.Brickson@csh.org) for questions.





## 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

Get a **FREE** flu vaccine at the Tubman Chavez Community Center this **Sunday, December 20th**. [Click here](#) for more information in English and Spanish.

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.



## \*New - 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](#)



## **\*New - 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.



## 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](#)

### **View and download past recorded webinars:**

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

## [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

### 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



### **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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American Red Cross  
Southern California Region

## 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.

**The last seminar will be held tomorrow, December 16th.**

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



LIVE WELL  
SAN DIEGO

## 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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