

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 **THIS FRIDAY, 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!](#)

Focus of the Week

We will be focusing on regional coordination and updates in each respective region.

This Week's Telebriefing Guest Speakers

Barbara Jiménez, MPH, Director, COVID-19 Response Lead, County of San Diego, Health & Human Services Agency

Anna Marie Piconi Snyder, Consulting Project Director, East County Homeless Task Force

Miranda Chavez, Bridge to Housing Committee Chair, Community Resource Center, Alliance For Regional Solutions

Susan Bower, MSW, MPH, Local Government Liaison, Regional Task Force on The Homeless

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE



Public Health Order Updates

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

(Effective December 6, 2020)

- **Amended Sections:**
 - **1, 2, 9, 11, 12, 13d, 19, and 21**



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.

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 **December 4, 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 [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



***New - 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.

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



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 - 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 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](#).



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.



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 on December 17, 2020 at 12:30pm.

Please contact Gretchen Brickson at 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

National Influenza Vaccination Week is December 6th through 12th:

The holiday season is also flu season, and many traditional holiday activities can increase the risk of catching the flu. Now is a great time to get a flu vaccine if you have not gotten vaccinated yet.

It is also possible to get the flu and COVID-19 at the same time. Common symptoms of both the flu and COVID-19 are fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, body aches, runny nose, headache, and sore throat. Because multiple respiratory infections are circulating, it is important that if you experience any of these symptoms, we recommend you seek medical care and get tested for COVID-19.

Learn more and where to get a flu vaccine at our [County's webpage](#).

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.



*New - 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.

2 NEW County testing sites have opened:

- Oceanside Unified School District offices, 2111 Mission Ave., 92058 and
- North Gate Market, 5403 University Ave., 92105



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Ridesharing Toolkit

The CDPH [Ridesharing Toolkit](#) is available to assist partners in communicating how to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 while ridesharing in a private vehicle. This toolkit includes a handout, social media and information for community champions to share.



Homelessness Webinars, Recordings, and Articles

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

- **Applications are due THIS FRIDAY, December 11, 2020 at 5pm**
- [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:

THIS THURSDAY, 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.

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.



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 next seminars will be held on December 11th and December 16th.

[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.



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

