

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, please [visit our website](#).

Telebriefing Information

The next telebriefing will be on Friday, April 9, 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!](#)

Public Health Guidance



Public Health Order Updates

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

(Effective February 6, 2021)

- **Amended Section 11a:** With the exception of places of worship which in addition to the listed sector activities are allowed to operate indoor at 25% capacity with singing and chanting being prohibited during indoor services.

[View the latest guidance for Quarantine of Persons Exposed to COVID-19](#)

(Updated on February 12, 2021)

As of **March 23, 2021**, the County of San Diego is in the **Red (Substantial) Tier**.

To view the California Department of Public Health's Blueprint Refresher, [please click here](#). Here, you can also see the detailed reopening information by sector and tier in the [Activity and Business Tiers Chart](#). To view their website, visit the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).

COVID-19 Data



Weekly Updated Data on Persons Experiencing Homelessness

The County provides weekly statistics specifically related to people who are experiencing homelessness.

[Click here](#) to view the data shared on **March 17, 2021**.



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.



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.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information



FREE MTS and NCTD Rides to Vaccination Appointments

MTS & NCTD are offering **FREE** rides for everyone in the region who needs a lift to their vaccine appointment. Ride any bus, trolley, SPRINTER or COASTER for **FREE** with proof of vaccine appointment.

MTS has created a [transit trip planner](#) with vaccine sites to help residents get to their appointments.

For more information, visit the [MTS webpage](#).



Notice to Homeless Outreach Partners - Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccine 1a Category

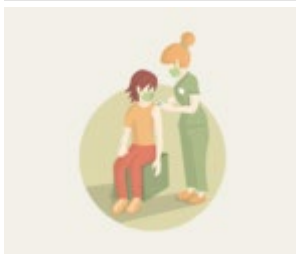
If your Agency has teams that are actively conducting street outreach to unsheltered individuals, utilizing Universal Screening Tool, and delivering Hygiene Kits they may be

eligible to receive COVID-19 Vaccine in 1a category (public health related work).

Please visit www.coronavirus-sd.com/vaccine and click Information for Healthcare Professionals. There is a link to register for appointments with instructions including photo ID + proof of profession which can be a letter from your organization/paycheck stub/profession license etc.

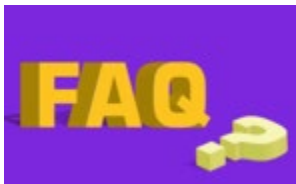
At the vaccination site you will need to answer “Yes” to a question if you are health care staff (per vaccine criteria you are classified under public/community health staff).

For additional information on vaccine phases, please see the [Vaccine Phase Flyer](#).



COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage

The County of San Diego created a [webpage about the COVID-19 vaccine](#). Here, you can learn more about vaccine safety, phases for administration, and more.



Common Questions About COVID-19 Vaccinations

[Click here](#) to see County Public Health Officer Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H. answer some of the most common questions about vaccines.



COVID-19 Vaccine Presentations

The *Live Well San Diego* Speaker's Bureau provides **FREE** presentations delivered by volunteer medical professionals, including doctors and nurses, who are subject matter experts. Fill out an [online interest form](#) on our *Live Well San Diego* website to request a presentation.



Know Your Phase for the COVID-19 Vaccine and Book Vaccine Appointment Through My Turn

Please click to view the [COVID-19 Vaccine Phases](#) website.

If you're eligible and vaccine appointments are available through [My Turn](#), you can schedule one. If it's not your turn yet or appointments are not available, you can register to be notified when you're eligible or when appointments open.

To view how Emergency Services (including emergency operations workers, fire and law enforcement) can make appointments, [please click here](#) to view the document.



Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers are Needed at Vaccination Super Stations

You can find more information about the volunteer roles that are available in the links below.

[Sharp Healthcare – South Bay Super Station](#)



CDC on COVID-19 Vaccination for People Experiencing Homelessness

On February 17, 2021, the CDC has updated their FAQ document [COVID-19 Vaccination for People Experiencing Homelessness](#).

COVID-19 Resources



*NEW - Assistance with Stimulus

Dreams for Change (DfC) has put a team together to assist persons experiencing homelessness with setting up to receive stimulus checks.

A tax preparer team will come out to meet individuals in the community. Clients will have options for direct deposit on a debit card that will be provided by DfC. For most people, if they have any income in 2020 to file, this would qualify them for the Golden State Stimulus of \$600.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Cierra Johnson at Cierra@dreamsforchange.org.



FEMA

***NEW - COVID-19 Funeral Assistance**

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. **FEMA will begin to implement COVID-19 funeral assistance in April.**

Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released to potential applicants and community partners as soon as possible. In the meantime, people who have COVID-19 funeral expenses are encouraged to keep and gather documentation.

For more information, [view the FEMA website here](#).



California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Toolkit

[This toolkit](#) serves as a one-stop-shop for partners to access materials available for download and sharing in support of outreach to communities and Californians in need of information.



Telehealth Provider to Access Temporary Lodging

The County of San Diego provides temporary lodging for persons experiencing homeless (PEH) who need to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. Within the context of COVID-19, high-risk persons experiencing homelessness may be placed in temporary lodging if they have conditions that put them at risk for complications in the event they contracted COVID-19.

More information is provided in the attached [flyer](#).

If anyone encounters someone displaying symptoms, they can call the Temporary Lodging Line **(858-715-2350)**.

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 Testing

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.



Monoclonal Antibody Treatment is Available

Monoclonal antibody treatment is available for persons with mild or moderate COVID-19 whose symptoms developed within the last 10 days and are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19.

The Monoclonal Antibody Regional Center (MARC) in Escondido is open 7 days a week to treat all persons for **FREE** who are [medically eligible](#), regardless of health insurance or immigration status.

If you are 65 years of age or older and think you qualify, call (619) 685-2500 . If you are younger than 65 years old, talk to your doctor to see if you are medically eligible for this treatment and to receive a referral.

For questions, please email:
COVIDtreatment@sdcounty.ca.gov



Get Us PPE

Get Us PPE | San Diego PPE Donation

Get Us PPE is the largest national organization getting personal protective equipment (PPE such as masks, gloves, and isolation gowns) to frontline workers who need it most. As a nonprofit, they obtain PPE via donations and makers, then deliver it to under-resourced facilities at no cost to them. Fair and equitable distribution is vital to their mission.

They have recently received a generous donation of KN95s and 3-ply masks totaling nearly one million pieces of PPE in the San Diego region! In order to allocate this PPE supply as quickly as possible, they ask that you complete our request form, [found here](#). Currently, they are distributing masks, but please complete the form based on all of your PPE needs so it can inform allocation of future donations.

Get Us PPE can't guarantee that they'll be able to fulfill every PPE request and very much wishes that they could, and their supply-demand matching team is working around the clock to address shortages wherever they can. Filling out the request form will get them one step closer to finding you a PPE match.



***NEW - Way To Go, County of San Diego!**

On March 11, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued new guidance on vaccine eligibility for individuals who live or work in congregate residential settings, such as homeless shelters, regardless of their age, as they transition into congregate shelters at such short notice.

Through dedication, collaboration, coordinated preparation, and processes of learning and iterating, San Diego County was able to coordinate targeted events to roll out efforts for vaccinating persons experiencing homelessness.

We would like to take this time to give a special thanks to all of our partners for all your hard work and dedication in helping our vulnerable population stay informed and safe during these unprecedented times.

To view the spotlight on San Diego County from the California Department of Housing and Urban Development, [please click here](#).



***NEW - Safe Transportation Practices During COVID-19**

Taking extra precautions when making necessary trips can help protect your health and the health of others. The "Safe Transportation Practices During COVID-19" video provides best practices when using public transportation, ride share services, and other transportation alternatives.

To view this video, [please click here](#).



***NEW - Regional Task Force on the Homeless Outreach Meetings**

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless is re-convening the Regional Homeless Outreach Meetings (R-HOM) on **Tuesday, March 30 from 10AM to 12PM** via Zoom. The R-HOM will feature Iain De'Jong from OrgCode, to discuss the finalized Outreach Standards, a Program Spotlight on the role of Outreach Workers in demobilizing the Convention Center, and an opportunity for regional breakout sessions?

If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact JennaMarie Glenna - Jennamarie.Glenna@rtfhsd.org.



Homelessness Webinars, Recordings, and Articles

HUD Exchange:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Update for Homeless Service Providers](#)
- [Building Vaccine Confidence](#)
- [HUD Seeking Feedback from Tribal Leaders](#)

FEMA:

- [California Creates "How-to" on FEMA Reimbursement for Non-Congregate Sheltering](#)

CDC:

The CDC has recently published documents that can provide answers to vaccinating people experiencing homelessness and providers who serve them:

- [COVID-19 Vaccination for People Experiencing Homelessness: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#)
- [Interim Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Healthcare Personnel and Long-Term Care Facility Residents](#)

***NEW - National Alliance to End Homelessness:**

- [Virtual Conference Plenaries are now available!](#)

Articles:

- [Oceanside Stages Homeless Outreach Event at Growing Encampment](#)
- [Moving Date Set for Homeless Shelter at Convention Center](#)

Rental Assistance



2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Accepting Applications Until March 31, 2021

San Diego County residents financially impacted by COVID-19 who need help paying their rent and utilities may qualify for assistance.

Applications for the County of San Diego's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) 2021 can now be submitted. The County's ERAP 2021 serves all areas of the San Diego region except for the cities of San Diego and Chula Vista.

For more information on the County's program, please visit www.sdhcd.org or call **(858) 694-4801** to speak to a housing representative.

If you are a resident of the cities of San Diego and Chula Vista, or if you are not sure which program serves your area, you can visit www.ERAPsandiego.org.

[Please click here](#) to see the Flyer (translated in Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Mandarin, and Arabic).



Housing Stability Assistance Program Applications Open

The City of San Diego and San Diego Housing Commission are working to create a program to support housing stability, including federal funds to help pay past-due and upcoming

rent and provide utility assistance. Applications are now available.

[Please click here](#) to apply.



Chula Vista Emergency Rental Assistance Program Applications Open

The online application for the Chula Vista Emergency Rental Assistance Program is available [on this page](#).

**Please note: This application is ONLY for Chula Vista residents.*



North County Rental Assistance

The Community Resource Center (CRC) has partnered with the cities of Encinitas, Carlsbad and Oceanside to provide rental assistance to help prevent eviction and homelessness.

Visit the [CRC website](#) for more information.



SB CS Rental and Utility Assistance Resources

Get the latest information on specific SB CS [programs and services](#) as well as efforts to support the wider community and additional resources as we monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts.

General Information



*NEW - Stop Asian Americans and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Hate

In response to the alarming escalation of hate crimes toward Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, [STOP AAPI HATE](#) offers resources to raise awareness of and combat anti-Asian racism.

BUYNET *NEW - Request for Proposals (RFP)

The County has released a Request For Proposal (RFP): 10818 for **COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM**. You may view the solicitation at: <https://buynet.sdcounty.ca.gov>.

**BuyNet is an e-procurement web site hosted by the County of San Diego.*



***NEW - San Diego Food Bank Resources**

[Click here](#) to view the most updated list of San Diego Food Bank Super Pantries.

Super Pantries are food distribution hubs located across San Diego County that offer both contactless “drive thru” and “walk-up” food distribution services.

To view more food programs that are operating during the COVID-19 crisis, please visit the [San Diego Food Bank website](#).



LIVE WELL
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Live Well San Diego How-To Technology Videos

How-To Technology Videos have been created to help the community stay connected and get the things you need using mobile applications and technology on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

There are new How-to videos on ordering food from restaurants, ordering groceries for delivery or pick-up, communicating virtually with others, and more.

You can watch these videos from the [Live Well @Home](#) webpage, or on the [Live Well San Diego YouTube Channel](#).



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

