HOMELESSNESS DURING
COVID-19 in San Diego County

Weekly Update

May 19, 2020

Happy Tuesday!

Please see below for details on the telebriefings and important weekly updates. For more information regarding the Homeless Sector, **visit our website**.

TELEBRIEFING

UPDATE: Wednesday and Friday Telebriefings have been combined. Please see below for updated telebriefing information:

When: Every Friday

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!

Weekly Focus Question

What are best practices in linking people to a health care provider who have been previously disconnected?

PHOTO CHALLENGE

PHOTO CHALLENGE! Send us your images of how your community is supporting those who are homeless and practicing proper safety measures in the field!

WEEKLY UPDATES

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ORDER UPDATES

View the latest Public Health Officer Order here.

UNIVERSAL SCREENING TOOL

The Universal Screening Tool and Guide have been uploaded to the website. Please click on the links to view the latest versions.

FACT TRANSPORTATION

FACT is offering free transportation for San Diego County residents, as well as homeless individuals, for any essential needs until the stay at home order is lifted. Please contact FACT at (888) 924-3228 between 8am-3pm M-F. Please note that a facial covering is required during transportation.

MEAL DISTRIBUTION

San Diego County Office of Education has a robust list of school districts/schools participating in school meal distribution, available here.

The following food distribution Q&A graphics were created by Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP) and the Farm to Table Institute to help give a better understanding of School Meal Distribution.

Can I get COVID-19 school meals if I don't qualify for free & reduced price meals?

Can I pick up COVID-19 school meals at other sites if my child does not attend those schools?

Will I have to pay money to pick up COVID-19 School Meals?

Will I be taking COVID-19 school meals away from others who have greater need?

There are Spanish versions available here.

HEALTH PLAN CONTACT CARD

Health Plans administer care coordination programs for people who are at high-risk. People who are homeless should be encouraged to contact their Health Plan to see if they are eligible for services.

Click here to view the various Health San Diego (Medi-Cal) Health Plans and corresponding service phone numbers.

ONLINE LEARNING SERIES

The National Alliance to End Homelessness and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council have developed the COVID-19 Online Learning Series. This online course curriculum is designed to provide training and materials to aid in community responses to COVID-19 among people experiencing homelessness, and can support broader CoC homeless response.

COVID-19 TESTING SITES

Current State Testing Sites are available in El Cajon, Chula Vista, Escondido, and San Diego.
- Appointment Required: Call (888) 634-1123 or visit https://lhi.care/covidtesting

County of San Diego Mobile and Drive-Up Testing
- Appointment Required: Call 2-1-1

If you do not have a healthcare provider or are uninsured, call 2-1-1 for assistance or to be referred to a County of San Diego testing site.

No medical referral needed.

REIMBURSEMENT AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES

For info regarding the State and FEMA reimbursement processes and program guidelines on emergency protective measures, please visit Cal OES or the CA Department of Social Services FEMA Guidance. Additionally, the County Recovery Coordinator, Dustin Ivers, is a resource for questions on Project Roomkey and FEMA's Non-Congregate Sheltering Program. Click here to contact him.

Project Roomkey Information

Non-Congregate Sheltering Information

UPDATE ON HOTEL ROOMS:

As discussed during the May 15 telebriefing by Dr. Foster, the County is managing 30 hotel rooms for individuals who are asymptomatic, but are at high-risk, as defined as people who are over 65 or who have underlying health conditions (such as respiratory illness, compromised immunities, chronic disease), and who require a non-congregate setting as a physical distancing measure. This was put in place to supplement the rooms currently managed by RTFH. The priority are individuals moving from isolation or quarantine or a congregate setting. Referrals must be made by a medical provider, who has assessed the individual as healthy and stable enough to stay in this environment, and can be accessed by calling (858) 715-2350 between 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., 7 days a week. People staying in the rooms must understand they are expected to shelter in place at all times.

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.

For general questions about COVID-19 or information about community resources, please call 2-1-1.

Thank you all, and please let us know how we can support you. Feel free to submit questions through: COVID-Homeless@sdcounty.ca.gov