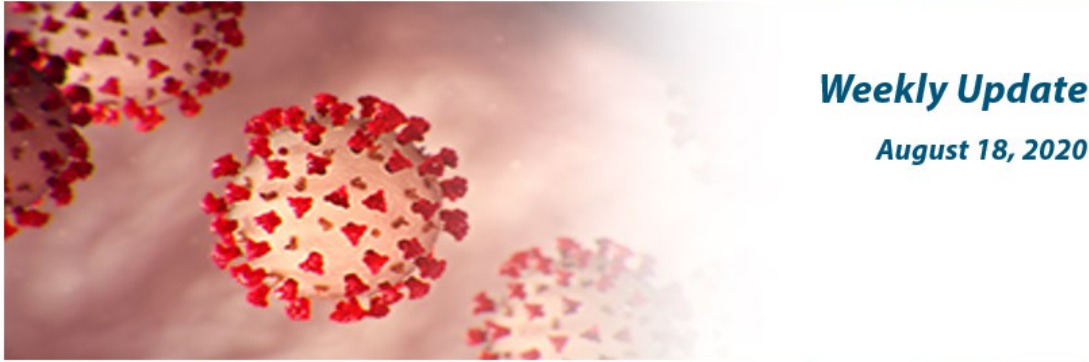


HOMELESSNESS DURING COVID-19 in San Diego County



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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

When: 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month

Next Telebriefing is AUGUST 28th

September Telebriefings will be on September 11th and September 25th.

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!](#)

TELEBRIEFING RECAP

We focused on accessing food for people who are homeless during the pandemic. Assisting people who are homeless access basic needs, such as food, is an ongoing challenge for outreach workers. This week's panelists described how their organization assists in providing food to people who are experiencing homelessness. Our panelists also shared best practices that have been working well, what needs they are seeing, and how their organizations are leveraging community partnerships and resources to assist meeting the needs during COVID.

Last Week's Panel Discussion

Thank you so much to those who joined us last week in our discussion about food access for people experiencing homelessness. A special thanks to our speakers below:

Drew Moser, Executive Director, Lucky Duck Foundation,
drewm@luckyduckfoundation.org

Vanessa Ruiz-Moore, VP of Operations, San Diego Food Bank,
vmoore@sandiegofoodbank.org

Rosa Vasquez, Executive Director, Community Through Hope,
rosy@communitythroughhope.org

Resources Shared by Last Week's Panelists



Lucky Duck
Foundation

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[Click here](#) to find out more information about the Lucky Duck Foundation and the informational meeting on August 18th for homeless outreach organizations to partner on food delivery.



San Diego Food Bank

Take a look at the [Food Programs](#) currently operating during the Coronavirus crisis.

The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank and our North County Food Bank chapter are continuing our food distribution programs during the COVID-19 crisis. [Click here](#) for more information such as volunteering, donating, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).



Community Through Hope

[Click here](#) for more information about how Project Nutrition is addressing food insecurity during COVID-19.

Polling Question Responses

[Polling Question 1:](#) What is your role in the homeless system?

[Polling Question 2:](#) Does your organization provide or deliver food to people who are homeless?

[Polling Question 3:](#) Have you expanded your role in food provision/delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic?

[Polling Question 4:](#) What is the greatest challenge in accessing food during the pandemic?

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE



Public Health Order Updates

[View the latest guidance for COVID-19 the order of the Health Officer and emergency regulations. \(Effective August 8, 2020\)](#)

- The most recent update made changes to **Section 16ciii for Employers:**
 - Provide notice of the exposure to any employees, and contractors (who regularly work at the

workplace), who may have been exposed to COVID19, as stated in the State's COVID-19 Employer Playbook for a Safe Reopening, available at

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/employerplaybook-for-safe-reopening--en.pdf>.

- The **County of San Diego has a Healthy Compliance Call Center** where community members can call **(858) 694-2900** 24 hours/day to report violations to the Health Officer Order.
- The Health Officer Order **requires employers to notify the County of San Diego of employees with COVID-19**. Employers can call **(888) 950-9905**.



Reopening Webpage

Please visit the County of San Diego's [Safe Reopening Webpage](#) for information regarding businesses and activities.

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 **August 14, 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 Officer 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.

RESOURCES



Temporary Lodging Program

The County of San Diego has a Temporary Lodging Program for individuals affected by COVID-19 who do not have a place to safely quarantine or isolate.

Individuals may qualify for the program if they:

- Need to isolate - have been confirmed or are suspected of having COVID-19, **OR**
- Need to quarantine - have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19;
- **AND** are able to function independently

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



RTFH Survey

Please take some time to fill out the Addressing Homelessness Among Black San Diegans: Initial Input and Committee Survey <https://www.rtfhsd.org/>.

The survey will close on August 20th.



KN95 Face Mask

If you are a Homeless Outreach Worker and interested in a KN95 mask, please email COVID-Homeless@sdcounty.ca.gov.



Portable Power Banks

If you work with the unsheltered population and wish to assist in distributing power banks to the customers, please submit a request to us at COVID-Homeless@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Please note that supplies are limited and we will work with your individual agency to determine best allocation and prevent duplication of efforts



National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness month. Public Health Centers offer immunizations to people who are uninsured. **They always ask that the person makes sure to call before going to make sure they qualify to get vaccines there and that the health center has the vaccines the person needs. It is also recommended for people to ask about any special instructions for visiting the clinic during the pandemic.**

[Click here](#) to view Immunization Clinic schedules and contact information for County of San Diego Public Health Centers.

Community Clinics may be able to provide immunizations to homeless persons. They supply low-cost health care to persons in need. To find out what is available, please contact one or both of the following organizations:

- [Health Center Partners of Southern California](#)
 - (619) 542-4300
- [Family Health Centers of San Diego](#)
 - (619) 515-2300



*New COVID-19 Testing Sites

Two new COVID-19 Testing Sites started operating this week. **Neither site requires appointments.**

- **San Ysidro Port of Entry PedEast crossing**

- *New Hours: Open Monday - Friday from 6:30am - 12:00pm

- **Cal State University San Marcos**

- Open every day from 8:30am - 5:00pm

Please visit [211 San Diego](#) for more information about COVID-19 testing and testing sites.

YOUTH EMERGENCY READINESS AMBASSADOR!

Youth Emergency Readiness Ambassadors

County of San Diego's Youth Emergency Readiness Ambassadors are producing educational materials for a county-wide outreach initiative to prepare San Diego youth for natural disasters, health crises like COVID-19, and more.

If your organization serves youth, and would like to disseminate youth-focused materials about COVID-19 and emergency preparedness, please fill out [this form](#).



Homelessness Webinars and Recordings

View and download past recorded webinars:

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)



Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans cover transportation to all Medi-Cal covered services including Specialty Mental Health, Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, Denti-Cal, and to the temporary isolation hotels.

The Plans are also able to provide other resources to their members. The Plans transportation numbers and general numbers to access available assistance can be found on the [Healthy San Diego Plan Contact Card](#).

EMPLOYER INFORMATION



Employer Playbook for Safe Reopening

The State has developed the [COVID-19 Employer Playbook for Safe Reopening](#) where businesses and organizations can learn about:

- How to open safely
- What to do if there is a case of COVID in the workplace
- Enforcement and Compliance
- Worker Education

[New CDC guidance](#) has determined that it is no longer recommended that employers require employees who tested positive for COVID-19 to be tested again before they can return to work.



Resources for Responding to COVID-19 in the Workplace

Please [click here](#) to view COVID-19 resources for employers and community sectors.

[Click here](#) to view information and resources from the California Department of Public Health for responding to COVID-19 in the Workplace.



What If an employee tests positive for COVID-19?

For information on what to do if an employee tests positive for COVID-19, please view this [flowchart](#).

[Click here](#) for more information and resources on guidance.

GENERAL INFORMATION



***New Information - Plasma Donations for Recovered COVID-19 Patients are Still Needed**

Please [click here](#) to view more information on plasma donations (available in English and Spanish).

Individuals can donate convalescent plasma if they have a confirmed positive laboratory test and no symptoms for the last 28 days. People who test positive with a COVID-19 antibody test can also donate.

[Click here](#) to view the form that San Diego Blood Bank has created where people can submit their contact information to be qualified for convalescent plasma donation.

Please [click here to view FAQs](#) about donating plasma to the San Diego Blood Bank (in English and Spanish).



Cool Zones

A select number of County-operated Cool Zones are open to help residents beat the heat. For a list of [locations](#) (and to view the safety measures in place at each location to protect the health of Cool Zone visitors and staff during COVID-19), [please click here](#).



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



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