

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 THIS FRIDAY, 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!](#)

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Susan Bower on her retirement! As this Friday is her last telebriefing with us, we thank her for all of her hard work with the COVID-19 Homeless Sector. She will be missed!

Moving forward, we are very fortunate to have Dijana Beck as the new lead for the County's COVID Homeless Sector!

This week we will be focusing on our own transition by taking a look back and evaluating the results we received from our Feedback Form and how we will move forward based off of those results. Thank you to everyone who provided us with valuable feedback!

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE



Public Health Order Updates

[View the latest guidance for COVID-19 the order of the Health Officer and emergency regulations. \(Effective August 22, 2020\)](#)

- **Amended Section 4:**
 - Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) may open, which includes Vocational and Tech schools, in accordance with the States Reopening Guidance for IHEs
- **Amended Section 16b:**
 - Require temperature screening of all employees and prohibit entry to the workplace of employees with a temperature of 100 degrees or more, employees exhibiting COVID19 symptoms as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or employees who have recently been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19

(either directly or through a breach of Personal Protective Equipment in the case of healthcare workers/first responders)



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 21, 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



New Telehealth Provider to Access Temporary Lodging

A new contracted telehealth service has been developed that will make it easier for Homeless Outreach Workers to place individuals in isolation/quarantine should they need it.

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. This is for instances when our Public Health Nurses are not immediately available to the team, but when they are working with a Homeless Outreach Team, they can still refer to the Temporary Lodging Line following their assessment.

For any questions, please reach out to Matt Heffernan at Matt.Heffernan@sdcounty.ca.gov.



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.



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

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](#)

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



Voting in San Diego County

Make sure you are ready to vote! [Check your voter registration status](#) anytime to make sure it is current, and you are eligible to vote in the next election.

You will need to [re-register to vote](#) if you've changed your name, just moved down the street, or are new to San Diego County.

If you are a first-time voter you will need to [register to vote](#) (it only takes about 2 minutes!)

For information about how to Vote Safer in San Diego, [please click here](#).



***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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