

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

August telebriefings will be held August 14th & 28th

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 the order of the health officer and emergency regulations. \(Effective July 30, 2020\)](#)

- Employers are required to notify the Public Health Officer and their employees if an employee tests positive for COVID-19
 - **The County has created a hotline for employers to report positive cases to Public Health Services: (888) 950-9905.**
 - **Please have employee name, date of birth, and contact information ready.**
- Cooperate with the County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 response team to identify and provide contact information for any persons exposed by the employee at the workplace.
- When **three or more cases are identified at the workplace within a span of 14 days**, provide notice of the exposure to any employees, customers, or any other persons who may have been exposed to COVID-19 at the workplace.
 - A strong recommendation is made that employers also provide such notice when at least one employee is diagnosed with COVID-19 in the workplace.



Reopening Webpage

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



New CDC Guidance

[New CDC guidance](#) states that [employees who tested positive for COVID-19 no longer need to get tested again and have a negative test before they can return to work.](#)



California Department of Public Health

The CDPH has updated its [Q&A website](#) to reflect the new state public health order announced on July 30th.

To view guidance on closures of sectors in response to COVID-19, please [click here](#).

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 July 31, 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.



COVID-19 by Race and Ethnicity

The County of San Diego has developed a new [webpage](#) that displays statistics about race and ethnicity.

RESOURCES



Community Health Worker Communication and Outreach Services

The County of San Diego is accepting proposals from agencies interested in providing **Community Health Worker Communication and Outreach Services**.

The County intends to award four contracts total, one for each of the following service categories: Latino, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Refugee.

Organizations may only propose for one eligible service category as listed in [RFP 10448](#).

[Click here](#) to view this solicitation online.

Proposals Due: **TODAY - Tuesday, August 4, 2020, by 5:00 PM**



Homelessness Webinars and Recordings

Upcoming Webinar:

August 6th: [Addressing Challenges for Youth Experiencing Homelessness During COVID](#)

View and download past recorded webinars:

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

Past Webinar on 7/27: [Future Planning for the Homelessness Response System: Lessons Learned from Birmingham, Detroit, and New Orleans](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

[2020 Nationwide Town Hall on Ending Homelessness](#)

- [Watch the Town Hall on YouTube](#)
- [Watch the Town Hall on Facebook](#)



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



Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The City of San Diego's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program helps individuals and families with low income in the City of San Diego who experience financial hardship due to COVID-19.

Information on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

The deadline to apply is August 7, 2020.

To access the application, please [click here](#).



California COVID-19 Assessment Tool

Governor Newsom unveils [California COVID-19 Assessment Tool](#) that will allow scientists, researchers, and public to access the most current COVID-19 data and model future scenarios.

[Modeling COVID-19 to Inform State and Local Response.](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION



COVID-19 Outreach to Latino Communities

[Click here](#) for more information about how County has intensified COVID-19 outreach to Latino communities.



Plasma Donations for Recovered COVID-19 Patients are Needed

Local hospital requests for COVID-19 convalescent plasma (CCP) spiked in the last week and current inventory will not meet demand over the coming days.

Recovered COVID-19 patients are needed to meet demand. While COVID-19 has no proven treatment, plasma taken from those who have recovered may help patients currently fighting the virus because the plasma has developed antibodies against the virus.

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.



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.



COVID Testing Updates

As cases rise in San Diego County there is a higher demand for testing. There is also a global supply chain shortage with testing supplies. These factors are presenting delays in receiving testing results, so the County of San Diego is now focusing testing efforts on individuals who are

symptomatic or asymptomatic. The County of San Diego has identified the following high-risk groups who are prioritized for testing:

- Healthcare workers, first responders, other social service employees, and people in essential jobs
- Older adults
- People with chronic medical conditions
- People living in a residential or group setting, such as a long-term care facility or shelter
- People exposed to infected individuals in places where COVID-19 risk is high

For information on what to do after your COVID-19 test, please [click here](#).

To find a testing site by location or day, and to make an appointment online [click here](#).



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](#).

 San Diego County Credit Union



Live Well San Diego Fitness Challenge

Now more than ever, it is important to maintain a good exercise routine, manage stress and eat well, as these activities can help [boost your immune system](#) and maintain a defense against the coronavirus.

The [2020 Live Well San Diego 5K & Fitness Challenge](#) is going virtual, and it's **FREE!**

FREE [registration](#), **FREE** fitness events, **FREE** race swag (hat – while supplies last!)

A [5K Virtual Race](#) will be held on **August 16th!**



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

