

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

October Telebriefings will be held October 9th and October 23rd.

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 received information and updates on the City of San Diego homelessness efforts that are happening currently and moving forward. These included updates from the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) as well as the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) with the San Diego Police Department Neighborhood Policing Division.

Last Week's Telebriefing Panelists

Keely Halsey, Chief of Homelessness Strategies & Housing Liaison, City of San Diego, khalsey@sandiego.gov

Lisa Jones, Senior Vice President, San Diego Housing Commission, lisaj@sdhc.org

Lieutenant Brian Avera, San Diego Police Department, Homeless Outreach Team, bavera@pd.sandiego.gov

Polling Question Responses

Polling Question 1: Do you use the Universal Screening Tool to screen customers for COVID-19 and other infectious disease?

Polling Question 2: Universal Screening Tool has been useful when screening customers for COVID-19 and other infectious disease?

Polling Question 3: How do customers respond to the tool?

Polling Question 4: What has been the most helpful aspect of this tool?

Find the Universal Screening Tool and Guide below:

[Universal Screening Tool](#)

[Universal Screening Tool Guide](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE



Public Health Order Updates

[View the latest guidance for COVID-19 in the Public Health Order.](#) (Effective September 25, 2020)

- **Amended Section 7:**
 - Hospitals, healthcare providers, pharmacies, and commercial testing laboratories shall report all **polymerase chain reaction (PCR)** laboratory-confirmed **positive and negative** COVID-19 test results **and all other positive and negative COVID-19 test results (i.e., antigen and serology)** to the Public Health Officer immediately after such results are received.
- **Amended Section 13c:**
 - **Recreational boating may occur in compliance with applicable State guidance:** <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds.pdf>.



Safe Reopening Webpage

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

County Risk Level	New Cases (Per 100,000 per Week)	Positive Tests (Per 100,000)
Widespread Most non-essential outdoor businesses operations are closed.	More than 7	More than 8%
Substantial Most non-essential outdoor businesses operations are closed.	4-7 5.8 ← San Diego → 3.8	5-8%
Moderate Essential business operations are open with modifications.	1 - 3.9	2 - 4.9%
Low Most business operations are open with modifications.	Less than 1	Less than 2%

Blueprint for a Safer Economy

[The Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) replaces the State Monitoring list for reducing COVID-19 in the state with revised criteria for loosening & tightening restrictions on activities. The focus will now be on case rates and positive tests, and all data and tier assignments will be updated weekly every Tuesday.

View County specific information for the status of activities [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 **September 25, 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 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



County Emergency Rental Assistance Available to 8,000 Households

San Diego County residents who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 could qualify for one-time assistance of up to \$3,000 to pay for past-due or upcoming rent. For more information, please visit the [County News Center](#) website to view the article.



Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH)

General Membership Meeting will be held **October 8th from 10:30am - 12:00pm**. [Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

Shared Housing Forum: The Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) would like to extend an invitation to community partners to participate in a virtual San Diego Shared Housing Forum on **Thursday, October 15th from 9:00am - 12:00pm**.

Shared Housing is increasingly being discussed at the national level as a promising practice for addressing homelessness, especially in high-cost rental markets like San Diego.

Building on a toolkit and series of trainings supported by Funders Together to End Homelessness San Diego, the Shared Housing Forum will provide an opportunity for community partners to learn from national experts and homeless services providers operating shared housing programs in other communities, dialogue with peers, and continue growing our regional capacity to implement effective Shared Housing programs. The forum will include interactive breakout sessions focused on: Veterans, Youth, and Single Adults/Landlord Engagement.

Please use [this link to register](#) for the forum. It is limited to 100 participants. We ask that you limit your organization to five attendees. We will send a calendar invite with Zoom details to those registered as we get closer to the date.

For any questions regarding the forum, please contact Kris Kuntz at kris.kuntz@rtfhdsd.org.



San Diego Immunization Program

For Regional Public Health Center clinics and links to other community clinics please visit this [County of San Diego webpage](#). This webpage also shows information on County mass vaccination events open to the public.

Schedule a Free Mobile Flu Clinic for Your Community! Champions for Health is looking for organizations who would be interested in hosting a drive-thru/walk up clinic – large outside space is required. There is no cost to host and there is no charge to receive a flu shot. Proof of insurance is not required. Vaccinations are available to youth 4 years and older as well. Scheduled clinics are filling up fast so reach out soon! Special consideration is given to

organizations that support Limited-English-Proficient (LEP) communities. **If interested or for more information**, please contact their Community Wellness Manager: Andrew.Gonzalez@ChampionsFH.org.

Flu Shot Information:

[Click here](#) for information on the County webpage, Flu Update Summer 2020.



San Diego County Library Openings

The San Diego Union Tribune article: [County libraries returning to in-person service](#). Key points listed below:

- The San Diego County Library is now offering in-person service at most of its 33 county library sites.
- In-person service will be available from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The midday closure will allow for a thorough cleaning of public spaces. Patrons will be required to wear a facial covering. Social distancing will be maintained.
- Entrance to libraries will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Available services include browsing and checking out materials, using printers, making copies, and using study furniture. Access to public-use computers will be available, access to free high-speed Wi-Fi, and access to the library's collection of over 1 million items.

[Visit the San Diego County Library website](#) for more information.



COVID-19 Testing

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.



Behavioral Health Resources

[Click here](#) for the County of San Diego Behavioral Health (BHS) Resources including San Diego Access & Crisis Line (ACL), It's Up to Us San Diego, and many more!

Additionally, [postcards](#) are available for information about Behavioral Health Services that are available during COVID-19.

If interested in printed copies of either of the BHS flyers linked above, please email a request to COVID-Homeless@sdcounty.ca.gov.



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.

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



Homelessness Webinars, Recordings, and Articles

Federal Resources:

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) SNAPS:

[Rapid Rehousing Ramp-Up](#) - Includes considerations based on subpopulation

[Remote Supervision Tips for Homeless Service Providers](#)

FEMA:

[COVID-19 Housing Resource Roadmap](#) - Includes flowcharts for consideration of use of funds in four topic areas:

- Nonpayment of Rent or Mortgage
- Housing and Service Needs of Homeless Populations
- Housing and Service Needs of Vulnerable Populations
- Reduced Temporary Housing and Shelter Capacity

Upcoming webinars:

Monday, 10/5 from 3:00pm - 4:00pm ET: [CDC Webinar Wear It, Don't Share It – The Art and Science of Cloth Masks](#)

- CDC Speakers:
 - **Dr. Cliff McDonald**, Acting Chief Medical Officer for the CDC COVID-19 Emergency Response
 - **Dr. Nancy Burton**, Industrial Hygienist, NIOSH Division of Field Studies and Engineering
 - **LCDR Samantha Morgan**, Deputy for Partnerships and Risk Management, CDC COVID-19 Emergency Response (*Moderator*)

[Researching an End to Homelessness: Election Year Policy Ideas Webinar Series](#)

- 10/8: [College Students and Youth](#)
- 10/22: [The Affordable Housing Crisis](#)

View and download past recorded webinars:

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

Articles:

[Action Required for CDC Eviction Moratorium](#)



Check Your Mood

[Check Your Mood Day](#) is going **VIRTUAL** on October 8, 2020 in conjunction with National Depression Screening Day! **Virtually** join organizations across San Diego to help promote FREE mental health resources, encourage individuals to take **the online Check Your Mood self- assessment (available NOW!)**, and participate in our social media campaign to raise awareness about mental health. To learn more visit the [Check Your Mood website](#).

Click on the links below for more information about Check Your Mood:

- [Information in English](#)
- [Information in Spanish](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION



***New - Halloween Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

To minimize the spread of COVID-19 and ensure children have a fun, safe Halloween, the County of San Diego offers [guidance](#) for the most common activities to protect you and your loved ones.



***New - Live Well Advance - Save the Date!**

The [Fifth annual Live Well Advance Stronger Together, Now More Than Ever](#) is going virtual! Join us on **Thursday, December 3, 2020** to learn and grow with more than 35 virtual Breakout Sessions including: Equity and Social Justice, Climate Change, Workplace Wellness, Personal Wellness, COVID-19 Topics, Public Health Equity, and many more.

Registration will be available beginning mid-October.



Registrar of Voters Resources

During a previous Rural Communities telebriefing, guest speaker Michael Vu provided a special presentation on Registrar of Voters (ROV). [Click here to view the recorded presentation.](#) Below are additional resources you can share with all interested parties:

- [Media Toolkits](#) – Includes images that can be utilized on social media, newsletters, websites, and more. Instructions:
 - 1. To view toolkit: Click on the first image and it will open a PDF document.
 - 2. To download images: Click on an image and it will open in a new browser tab. Right-click on the image and select Save As.
 - 3. Use the #SDVOTE and #VoteSaferSD hashtags.
- [Election Information webpage](#) – List of polling locations and mail ballot drop off locations.
- [Where's My Ballot?](#) – Sign up to receive notifications when your ballot is mailed, received by our office after you've mailed back and when it is processed.
- [A safe & hassle-free voting experience: A practical guide](#)
- [Know-The-Facts](#)
- [Vote Safer San Diego webpage](#)
- [Check your registration status](#)
- If you are an active registered voter, you can now sign up to track the status of your mail ballot [here](#).

[Every One Votes](#) Campaign

- The Alliance's new [Every One Votes](#) campaign is an initiative to promote voter registration and turnout among people who are experiencing homelessness. **The Every One Votes toolkit**

offers guidance and resources on how providers can register their clients to vote - and support voter turnout among people experiencing homelessness - in a nonpartisan manner.



We Want to Hear From You!

Be a part of our upcoming [10th Anniversary Edition of the Live Well San Diego Annual Impact Report!](#) Submit success stories and testimonials that demonstrate the impact your organization has made towards a healthy, safe and thriving region using the link in the chat.



San Diego County Emergency Site

For information and updates about emergencies and disasters, such as fires, please visit the [San Diego County Emergency Site](#).

To plan, prepare, and respond to an emergency the [SD Emergency App](#) contains disaster preparedness information, interactive checklists to help you to create your emergency plan, build an emergency supplies kit, and when disaster strikes; the SD Emergency App will keep you and your family informed with emergency updates, interactive emergency maps, and shelter locations.



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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