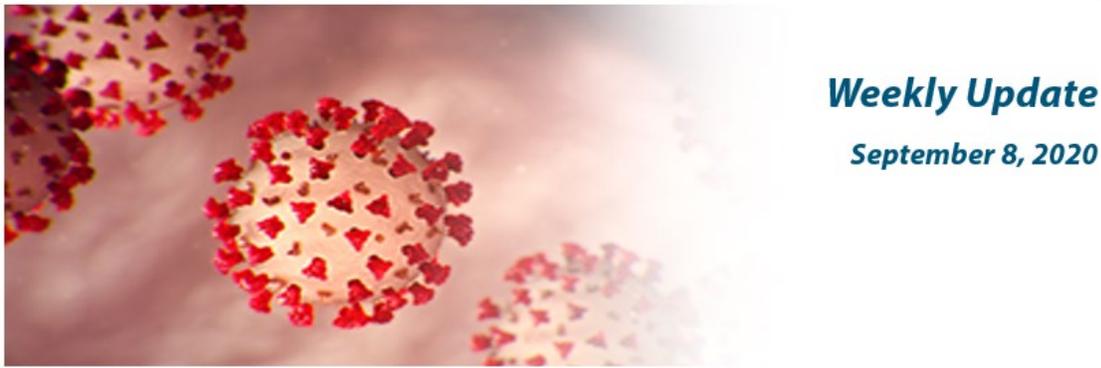


HOMELESSNESS DURING COVID-19 in San Diego County



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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

TELEBRIEFING THIS FRIDAY 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

We will receive information and updates on Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) programs and resources.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE



Public Health Order Updates

[View the latest guidance for COVID-19 in the Public Health Order.](#) (Effective September 1, 2020)

- **Amended Section 8:**
 - Updated requirements for face coverings as described and required in California Department of Public Health [Face Covering Guidance](#).
- **Amended Section 11:**
 - **11a:** Updated guidance for reopened businesses in compliance with [Statewide Public Health Officer Order](#).
 - **11b:** The State of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy establishes a four tier system for reopening business sectors. Those business sectors listed in the "Substantial/Tier2" column of the [Activities and Business Tiers chart](#) are allowed to reopen under the conditions set forth in the chart.
 - **11g:** Updated guidance for all restaurants, bars, wineries, distilleries and breweries which are allowed to provide indoor service pursuant to the State of California Dine-in Restaurant Guidance.

- **Amended Section 15a:** “Gathering” is any event or convening that brings together more than one person in a single room or single indoor or outdoor space at the same time. A gathering does not include:
 - **15 iv:** A religious service or cultural ceremony including a wedding ceremony which is allowed provided the [State Guidance on Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies](#) is followed. However a wedding reception is a gathering and is not allowed.
 - **15 v:** Outdoor protests in which participants maintain social distancing and wear face coverings at all times.



Reopening Webpage

On August 28th, the County of San Diego COVID-19 media briefing announced, per the governor of California, effective August 31, 2020: The following Businesses may operate with modifications & updated [Safe Reopening Plan](#).

- **Indoors with modifications, max of 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less:**
 - Restaurants - dine in
 - Places of worship
 - Movie theaters
 - Museums
- **Indoors with modifications, max 10% capacity:**
 - Gyms and fitness centers
- **Indoors with modifications:**
 - Hair salons and barbershops
 - Nail salons

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

New Risk Level		
COUNTY RISK LEVEL	NEW CASES Per 100,000 per week	POSITIVE TESTS Positive rate
WIDE SPREAD Most non-essential outdoor business operations are closed.	More than 7	More than 8%
MODERATE Some non-essential outdoor business operations are closed.	4-7 5.8	5-8% 3.8
MINOR Some 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%

The Blueprint for a Safer Economy

On August 28th, the Governor announced [The Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).

The blueprint 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. [County of San Diego is currently in Tier 2 \(Substantial\)](#).

[Click here](#) for additional information on this new blueprint & for the status of activities in our county effective August 31st.

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 4, 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



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.



*New - San Diego County Library Openings

San Diego County Library is offering walk-up door-side service at all branches. No appointment needed.

Branches are accepting returned materials and due dates for SDCL items have been extended to December 31, 2020.

[Click here](#) for more information.



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.



Homelessness Webinars, Recordings, and Articles

View and download past recorded webinars:

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

Articles:

[CARES Act Guidance Just Released from HUD](#)

[New Community Survey Findings: CoC-Level Responses to COVID-19](#)

[Protect the Equal Access Rule](#)

[The Framework for an Equitable COVID-19 Homelessness Response](#)

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.



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.



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.

GENERAL INFORMATION



Voter Registration Toolkit

Click here to view and download information



*New - Registrar of Voters Resources

During a previous Faith-Based telebriefing, guest speaker Michael Vu provided a special presentation on Registrar of Voters (ROV). Below are the ROV presentation slides and 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](#)



*New - 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.



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

