

HOMELESSNESS DURING COVID-19 in San Diego County



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!](#)

TELEBRIEFING RECAP

Last Week's Panel Discussion

Thank you so much to those who joined us last week in our discussion about assisting older adults who are experiencing homelessness with accessing care and services.

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Resources Shared by the Panelists



Healthy San Diego

Healthy San Diego

Click on the links below to learn more about their programs and services.

[In-Home Support Services Program](#)

[Medi-Cal Transportation Benefit](#)

Healthy San Diego (Medi-Cal) [Health Plan Contact Card](#)



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](#).

Focus and Polling Question Responses

Thank you to those who responded to the focus and polling questions last week.

Focus of the Week: Assisting older adults who are experiencing homelessness with accessing care and services.

Polling Question 1: Do you or your organization work with seniors who are homeless (age of 60 and older)?

Polling Question 2: What strategies would be helpful in encouraging people who are older and experiencing homelessness to wear masks and follow social distancing?

Polling Question 3: What challenges do people who are older and experiencing homelessness face during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Polling Question 4: What is the greatest challenge you face when working with people who are older and experiencing homelessness during this pandemic?



HOMELESS SECTOR FEEDBACK

Thank you for completing the feedback form. [Click here](#) to view the results from the Homeless Sector Feedback Form!

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE



Public Health Officer Order Updates

[View the latest guidance for COVID-19 the order of the health officer and emergency regulations.](#) (Effective July 21, 2020)

- All public, charter, and private schools shall not hold classes on the school campus and shall conduct distance learning.
 - Colleges and Universities shall not hold classes or school activities where students gather on campus, except for research related activities and when necessary to train students who will serve as essential workers.
 - Places of Worship may conduct outdoor services and cultural ceremonial activities if all persons practice social distancing.
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Reopening Webpage

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



Hand Sanitizer Quiz

Test your knowledge on the appropriate use of hand sanitizer.

[Click here](#) to take the short quiz!



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.

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 24, 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



Homelessness Webinars and Recordings

View and download past recorded webinars:

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[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



CNA/LVN Positions

The County of San Diego is hiring [Certified Nurse Assistants](#) and [Licensed Vocational Nurses](#).



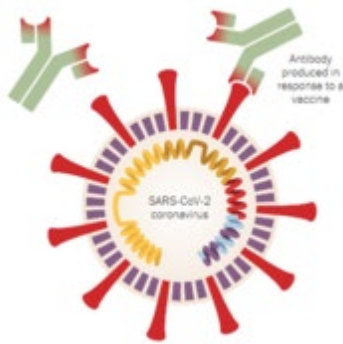
COVID Testing Updates

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](#).



Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker

[View the New York Times Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker](#)

"Researchers around the world are developing [more than 165 vaccines](#) against the coronavirus, and **27 vaccines** are in human trials. Vaccines typically require years of research and testing before reaching the clinic, but scientists are racing to produce a [safe and effective vaccine](#) by next year."



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.



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](#).



Free 24/7 Medi-Nurse Call Line

For those who are uninsured or have Medi-Cal, but don't have a regular doctor, The California Department of Health Care Services has launched an advice line that can connect you with a nurse, day or night, to talk about COVID-19 symptoms and help connect you with local resources in your area.

[Medi-Nurse Line: \(877\) 409-9052](tel:(877)409-9052)

Please note, the 211 Nurse Triage Line has been renamed to "Nurse Help Line".

EVENTS



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!**



Live Well Advance - Call for Sessions

Each year, the Live Well Advance conference brings together thousands of partners, stakeholders and collaborators to network and learn about new business tools and best practices.

This year, the Live Well Advance conference will be held virtually on **December 3, 2020**.

The Call for Sessions is your opportunity to submit a session proposal. [Click here to view suggested session topics.](#)

Session Proposals Deadline is July 31, 2020

[Please click here](#) for information on the proposals and how to submit the proposals online.



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

