

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 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!](#)

Telebriefing Recap

We focused on Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) updates and resources related to homeless services. We learned about Public Health and Behavioral Health Services (BHS) including updates on the San Diego Immunization Program and the County of San Diego's Test, Trace, and Treat (T3) website, as well as BHS new and augmented programs.

Last Week's Telebriefing Guest Speakers

Thank you so much to those who joined us last week in our discussion about Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) resources and updates. A special thanks to our speakers below:

Catherine L. Blaser, Epidemiology/Bioterrorism Public Health Nurse Supervisor,
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Melissa Thun, Public Health Nurse Manager, Melissa.Thun@sdcounty.ca.gov

Dr. Piedad Garcia, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services,
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Resources Shared by Last Week's Guest Speakers



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.

*If you are interested in hosting a vaccine event, please contact Melissa Thun at Melissa.thun@sdcounty.ca.gov as she will connect you with Champions for Health.

Flu Shot Information:

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

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE



Public Health Order Updates

[View the latest guidance for COVID-19 in the Public Health Order.](#) (Effective September 10, 2020)

- **Amended Section 3:**
 - A written, worksite-specific COVID-19 prevention plan as stated in their applicable state guidance may be used by schools and institutions of higher education in lieu of a Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol or Safe Reopening Plan.
- **Amended Section 7:**
 - Hospitals, healthcare providers, pharmacies and commercial testing laboratories shall report all **laboratory-confirmed** COVID-19 test results to the Public Health Officer immediately after such results are received.
- **Amended Section 10c:**
 - When the State of California has issued an industry guidance, or any subsequent amendments thereto, with mandatory or suggested restrictions and/or measures to be implemented by a particular sector of essential business, every essential business in that sector must comply with the guidance and shall include in its Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol (**prepared pursuant to section b**) I of the measures listed in the industry guidance. Any mandatory measures required by this Order must also be included in a Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol.
- **Amended Section 12 i:**
 - Promptly notify the County Department of Public Health that there is an employee **that is laboratory-confirmed** diagnosed with COVID-

19, together with the name, date of birth, and contact information of the employee.

- **Amended Section 15a iii:**
 - Operations at essential businesses as defined in section **10a** and reopened businesses as defined in **11a** and where the other requirements set forth in this Order are followed.



Reopening Webpage

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

COUNTY RISK LEVEL	NEW CASES <small>(Per 100,000 per 14 days)</small>	POSITIVE TESTS <small>(Positive rate)</small>
WIDESPREAD <small>Most non-essential outdoor businesses operations are closed.</small>	More than 7	More than 8%
SUBSTANTIAL <small>Some non-essential outdoor businesses operations are closed.</small>	4-7 5.8 <small>← San Diego →</small> 3.8	5-8%
MODERATE <small>Some non-essential operations are open with modifications.</small>	1 - 3.9	2 - 4.9%
LOW <small>Most business operations are open with modifications.</small>	Less than 1	Less than 2%

The 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. [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.

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 11, 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 - 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.



*New - Behavioral Health Resources

[Click here](#) for information from the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Resources (BHS) 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.



*New - FREE Mental Health First Aid Certification

The County of San Diego HHSA is partnering with Mental Health America to offer a free [8-hour certified public education program](#) that will help participants better understand mental illness and respond to psychiatric emergencies. [Click here](#) to view the September 2020 Training Schedule.



*New - 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 county 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](#)



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

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.



***New - Homelessness Webinars, Recordings, and Articles**

Request for Action:

The [California Health Care and Homelessness Learning Community Project](#), with support from the California HealthCare Foundation, aims to bring together stakeholders from across California to explore key policy areas to improve health care for people experiencing homelessness in high-priority areas throughout the state. CHCS recently released a Request for Applications (RFA) and welcomes your support in sharing this opportunity with organizations that may be interested in applying. Applications are due **September 25, 2020**.

Upcoming webinars:

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

- 9/24: [A Deep Dive: Homeless Services and Housing](#)
- 10/8: [College Students and Youth](#)
- 10/22: [The Affordable Housing Crisis](#)

View and download past recorded webinars:

9/3: [ESG Guidance from HUD](#)

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

Articles:

[Action Required for CDC Eviction Moratorium](#)

Service-Based Enumeration (shelters, soup kitchens, etc.) counts will take place between **September 22-24**

- If you have additional questions about the Census process for people experiencing homelessness, please email dcmd.group.quarters@census.gov

The Hardest Hit: Community Members Share COVID-19 Impact

- The Road to Recovery Coalition (RRC) created and distributed a survey to better understand the needs of communities most in need before the pandemic, and most in need as a result of the public health crisis.

Protect the Equal Access Rule: The best way to ensure these protections remain in place is to **submit a public comment by September 22nd, telling HUD that Equal Access Protections must stay.**

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](#)



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](#).



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.



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

