



Health Services Advisory Board Meeting

Public Health Services Report

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Public Health Officer Update

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Public Health Services



County Health Status Profiles 2025

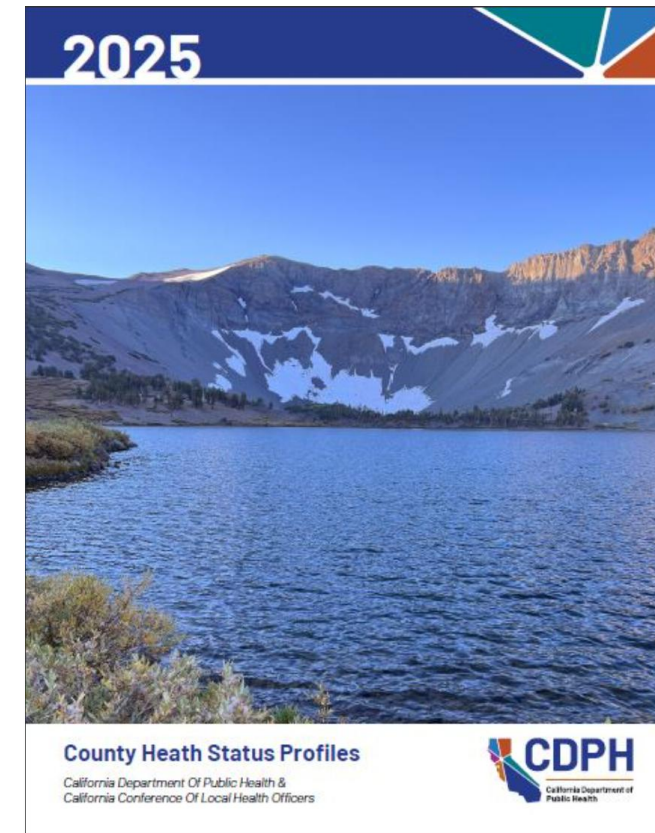


San Diego ranked among the top 20% (lowest average), of 58 counties, for the following County Health Status Profiles:*

- Deaths Due to Influenza and Pneumonia
- Deaths Due to Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis
- Deaths Due to Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes

San Diego's reported average was lower than CA for the following County Health Status Profiles:*

- Deaths Due to All Causes
- Deaths Due to Colorectal Cancer
- Deaths Due to Female Breast Cancer
- Deaths Due to Diabetes
- Deaths Due to Alzheimer's Disease
- Deaths Due to Coronary Heart Disease
- Deaths Due to Influenza and Pneumonia
- Deaths Due to Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease
- Deaths Due to Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis
- Deaths Due to Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes
- Deaths Due to Homicide
- Firearm Related Deaths



<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/County-Health-Status-Profiles.aspx>
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**Ranked by three-year age-adjusted death rates, 2021-2023*

County Health Status Profiles 2025

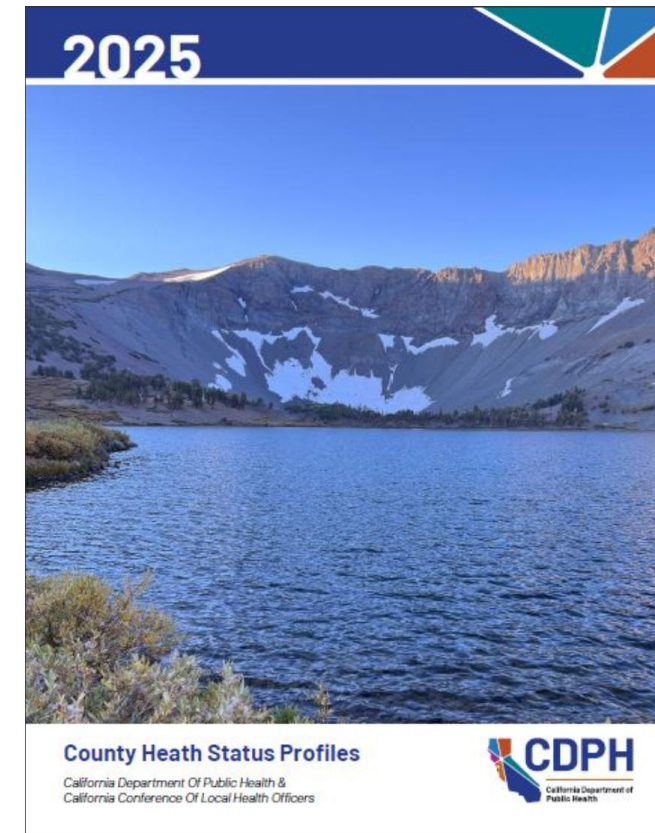


San Diego's reported average was **higher** than CA for the following County Health Status Profiles:*

- Deaths Due to All Cancers
- Deaths Due to Lung Cancer
- Deaths Due to Prostate Cancer
- Deaths Due to Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)
- Deaths Due to Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)
- Deaths Due to Suicide
- Drug Overdose Deaths

San Diego ranked among the bottom 20% (**highest avg.**) for the following County Health Status Profiles:**

- Reported Prevalence of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS among Ages 13 Years and Older (2020-2022)
- Reported Incidence of Chlamydia (2021-2023)
- Reported Incidence of Gonorrhea among Males 15 to 44 Years Old (2021-2023)
- Reported Incidence of Tuberculosis (2021-2023)



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**Ranked by three-year average crude case rate

County Health Status Profiles 2025



San Diego's reported average was **lower** than CA for the following County Health Status Profiles:

RANKED BY THREE-YEAR AVERAGE BIRTH COHORT INFANT DEATH RATE (2020-2022)

- Infant Mortality, All Race/Ethnic Groups
- Hispanic Infant Mortality
- White Infant Mortality

RANKED BY THREE-YEAR AVERAGE LOW BIRTHWEIGHT PERCENTAGE (2021-2023)

- Low Birthweight Infants

RANKED BY THREE-YEAR AVERAGE AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATE (2021-2023)

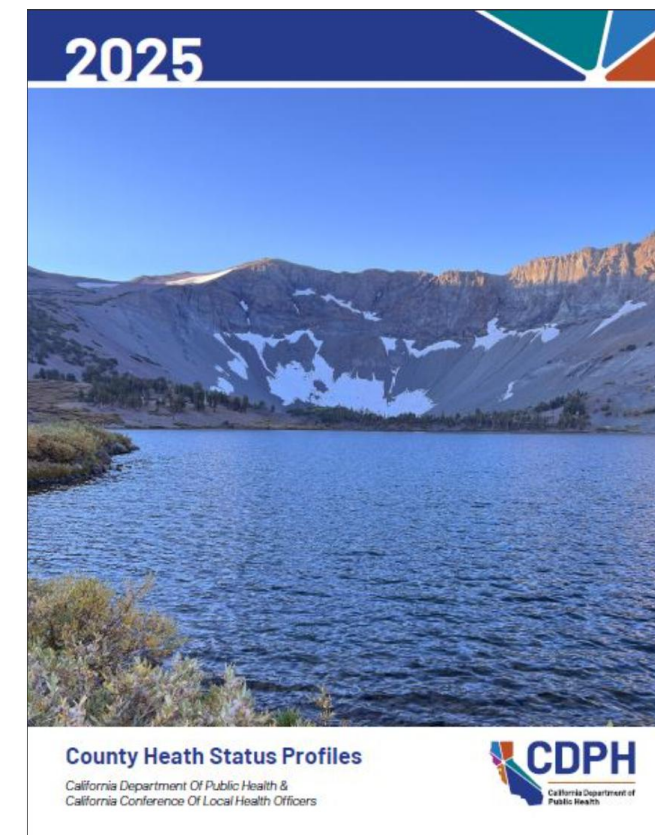
- Births to Adolescent Mothers, 15 to 19 Years Old

RANKED BY PERCENTAGE OF THREE-YEAR AVERAGE FIRST TRIMESTER PRENATAL CARE (2021-2023)

- Adequate/Adequate Plus Prenatal Care (Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization Index)

RANKED BY PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION UNDER 18 YEARS OLD IN POVERTY (2022)

- Persons under 18 Years Old in Poverty



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Wild Bat Found Outside in Oceanside Tests Positive for Rabies



By [Fernanda Lopez Halvorson](#), County of San Diego Communications Office
Jul. 22, 2025 | 5:38 PM

- County public health officials are looking for people who may have come in contact with a bat found on a sidewalk in Oceanside on July 18, 2025, that later tested positive for rabies.
- So far in 2025, the County has detected seven rabid bats in the county.
- Find more information about bats and rabies on the [County's website](#).

[Wild Bat Found Outside in Oceanside Tests Positive for Rabies | News | San Diego County News Center](#)

Tuberculosis Exposure Reported at Southwest High School



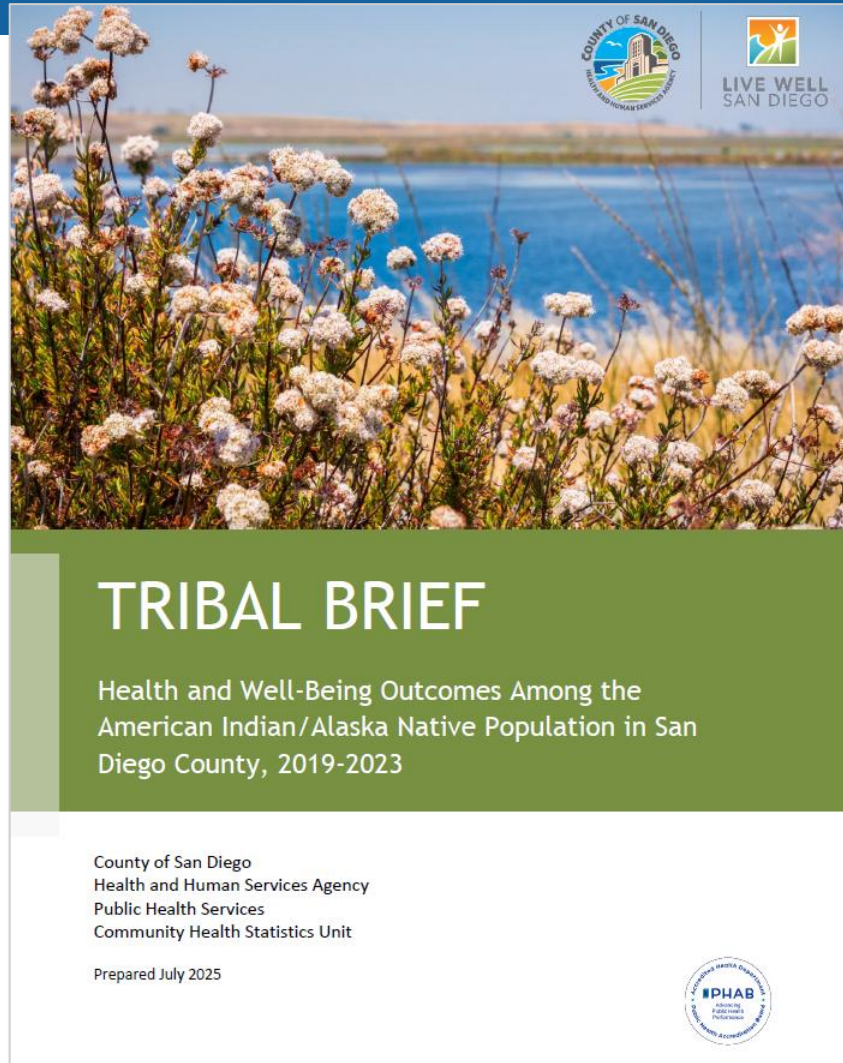
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- TBPCB, in collaboration with Sweetwater Union School District (SUHSD), are working to notify students and staff who were potentially exposed to tuberculosis (TB) at Southwest High School from Feb. 1, 2025, to May 22, 2025.
- The school district and County have notified individuals at highest risk of infection.
- No-cost TB screening is being arranged for students and staff who are at increased risk of infection.

[Tuberculosis Exposure Reported at Southwest High School | News | San Diego County News Center](#)

Data



- The Tribal Health and Well-Being Brief and Dashboard present information about the health and well-being of American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) residents living in San Diego County.
- The information presented includes demographics, social determinants of health, health status, and health behaviors aggregated for 2019-2023 from the California Health Interview Survey.
- Medical encounter and death rates, select maternal and child health indicators, and incidence of communicable diseases are also visualized.

[Tribal Health and Well-Being](#)



Highlights

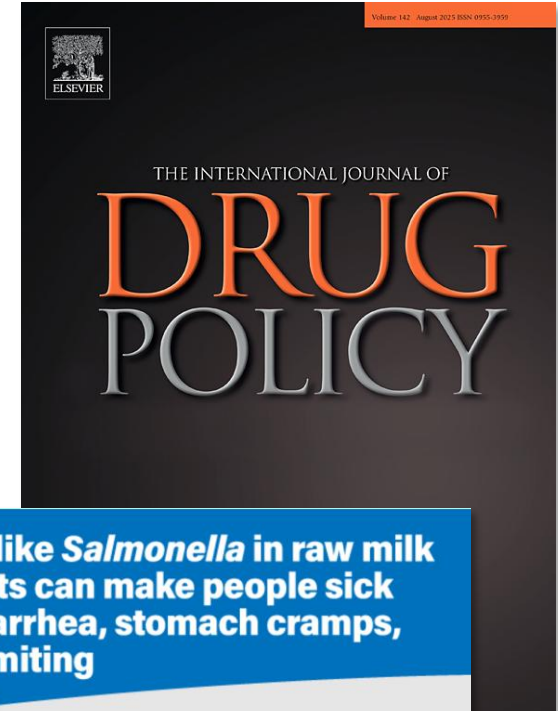


Drs. Tweeten and Tilghman are recognized as contributors/authors in the latest publication highlighting the collaborative work on Hepatitis C in our region.

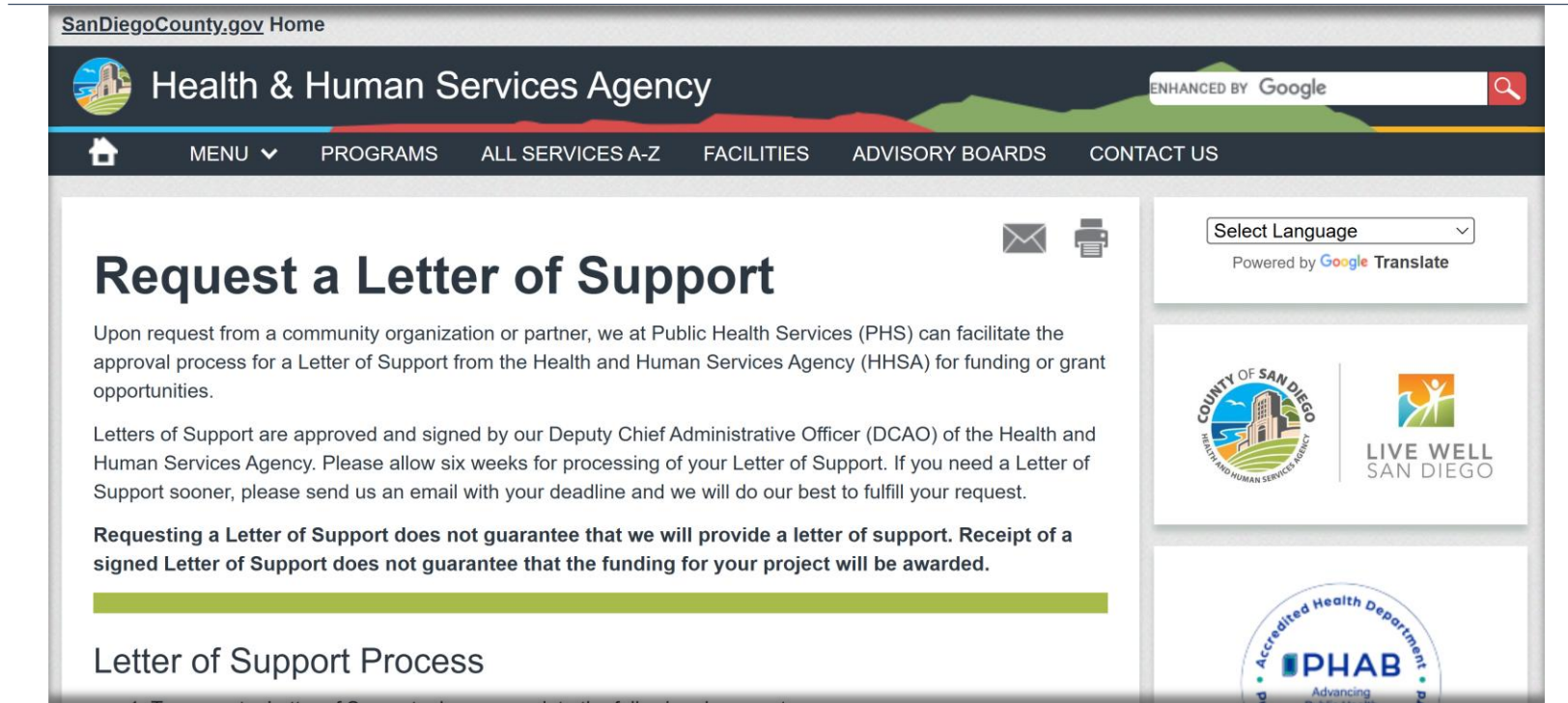
Publication: [*Linkage to hepatitis C virus care in a binational cohort study of People who inject drugs on the U.S.-Mexico border in the International Journal of Drug Policy.*](#)

Drs. Shah and Beatty supported CDPH and CDC colleagues in the July 24, 2025, CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). Last week's report highlighted the risks of consumption and distribution of unpasteurized (raw) milk and the link to foodborne illness outbreaks.

Publication: [*Outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium Infections Linked to Commercially Distributed Raw Milk — California and Four Other States, September 2023–March 2024*](#)



Request a Letter of Support Page Goes Live



PHS now has a webpage to help community organizations or partners to request for a Letter of Support, from HHSA, for funding or grant opportunities.*

**Requesting a Letter of Support does not guarantee that we will provide a letter of support. Receipt of a signed Letter of Support does not guarantee that the funding for your project will be awarded.*

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/request-letter-of-support.html>



Public Health Services

BOARD LETTER FORECAST	
Board Meeting Date	Subject
September 9, 2025	Accept FY 25-26 Funding for TB Program
September 30, 2025	Authorize Acceptance of Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Allocation Including the Perinatal Equity Initiative Allocation from the California Department of Public Health



Media/Community Events



Targeted Date and Time	Description & Location of Event
November 2023 and ongoing	Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) radio ads run on local radio stations, Z90 and Magic 92.5. Digital banners pop up on high-traffic websites. Both the radio and digital ads are played for the target audience and will redirect listeners and viewers to the Black Legacy Now website.
June 2024 and ongoing	PEI creatives (brochures, door hangars, and postcards) are being distributed in the community to promote educating African-American mothers on the importance of advocating for equitable and dignified maternity health treatment for themselves and their babies.
September 10, 2025 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM 5520 Overland Ave, Chambers	21st Annual San Diego Immunization Coalition Kick the Flu+2 Summit will kick off in-person at the County Operations Center, or virtually via Microsoft Teams. Discover the latest flu, COVID-19, and RSV vaccine updates, data trends, and strategies to protect our communities. Downloadable Flyer (PDF) Learn more at https://www.sdizcoalition.org/s-projects-basic/summits
September – October 2025	The Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Immunization Media Campaign , in partnership with iHeart Media, Inc., aims to increase vaccination coverage for COVID-19 and other vaccine preventable diseases to reduce health inequities among racial and ethnic populations with the lowest vaccination rates. <div data-bbox="2007 1190 2415 1325"> </div>

2025 CHEAC Annual Meeting

THEME: Standing Strong for All: Resilience and Innovation in Public Health

LOCATION: The Renaissance Palm Springs, Riverside County

DATE: October 1-3, 2025



CHEAC's Annual Meeting will provide local health department leadership and staff with networking and learning opportunities. The Annual Meeting will include keynote sessions with guest speakers, as well as a myriad of workshops intended to stimulate best practice sharing and discussions around shared issues in the field.

This year, PHS was selected to present on three areas:

1. Workforce and Training Strategy
2. Creating a culture of MAA/TCM funding
3. Opioid Surveillance Dashboard



Highlights

Congratulations Jose Mallari, Admin Analyst III, who has been elected to serve as Director for the Asian Pacific Alliance of County Employees (APACE)!

SUMMARY

- Back in **2013**, Jose was the one that had the initiative and the drive to turn an idea into reality.
- Inspired by a Philippine Independence Day Celebration, he took the first steps that ultimately led to the creation of the APACE.
- The culmination of these efforts happened in May **2014**, when the APACE had its official induction ceremony.
- Fast forward to **2025** (when his kids are grown up) Jose is ready to continue the important work he started years ago and is inviting everyone to join and/or attend their events.



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Thank you!



The Public Health Services department, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, has maintained national public health accreditation, since May 17, 2016, and was re-accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board on August 21, 2023.



Public Health Director Update

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