



Health Services Advisory Board Meeting Public Health Services Report

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Public Health Officer Update

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Respiratory Virus Surveillance

Highlights

San Diego County Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report

Prepared by Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch
www.sdepi.org

Beginning April 30, 2026, this report will be issued monthly on the second Thursday of the month. Weekly reporting will resume in October.

COVID-19

Hospitalizations
2,224

Deaths
88

Outbreaks*
110

6/29/2025 – 4/25/2026

Influenza

Hospitalizations
2,614

Deaths
69

Outbreaks*
32

6/29/2025 – 4/25/2026

RSV

Hospitalizations
736

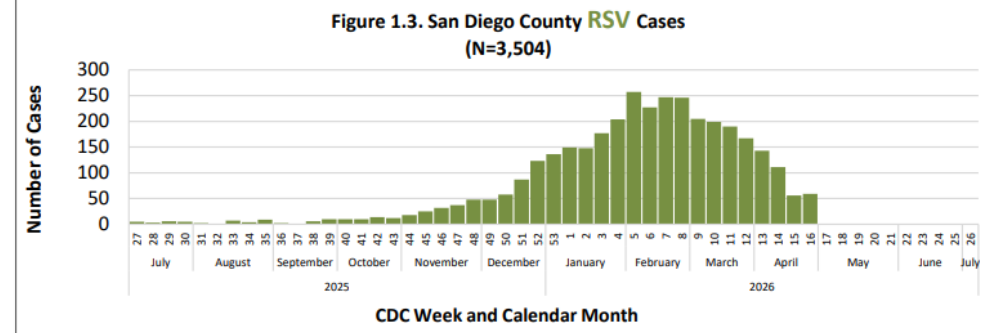
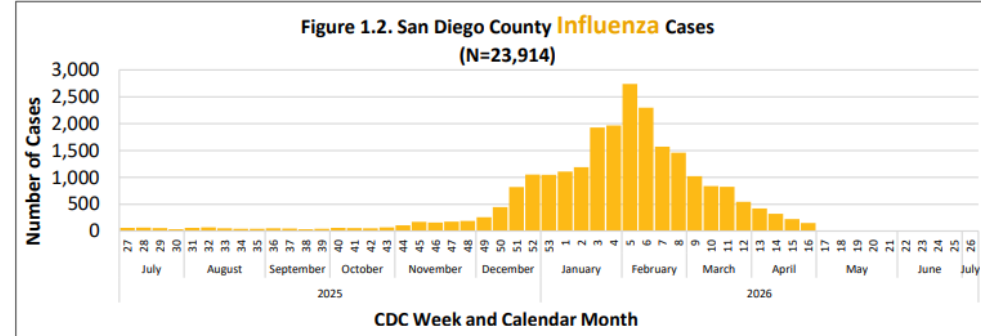
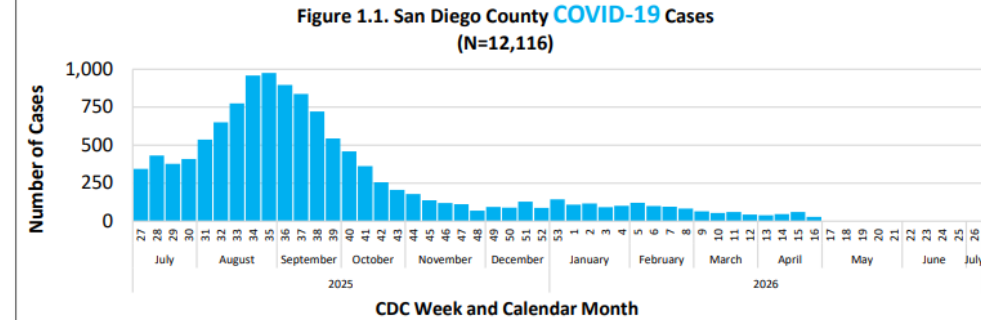
Deaths
12

Outbreaks*
7

6/29/2025 – 4/25/2026

*In residential congregate settings

COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Cases by CDC Episode Week, * 2025-26 Season-to-Date



*Episode date is the earliest available of symptom onset date, specimen collection date, date of death, date reported. Data for the most recent week may be incomplete.

Updated April 30, 2026. Data through April 25, 2026. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/respiratoryviruses/surveillance.html

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/SDC_Respiratory_Virus_Surveillance_Report.pdf

Hantavirus cluster linked to cruise ship travel, Multi-country

- On May 2, a cluster of [passengers with severe respiratory illness aboard a cruise ship](#) was reported. The ship was carrying 147 passengers and crew.
- There were two California residents aboard the ship. One has return, and is in contact with the LHD, and another remains of the ship. Anyone who was on the ship is considered a high risk contact.
- **The risk to the public in California is low.**
- The virus has been confirmed as the Andes virus species
 - Unlike the Sin Nombre virus (SNv), it can have limited person-to-person spread.
 - Presentation is like SNv:
 - Rapid progression from flu-like symptoms to severe respiratory failure and shock.
 - Initial 3- to 6-day prodrome of fever, severe muscle aches, headaches, and GI distress.
 - Sudden onset of pulmonary edema, hypotension, and potential cardiac failure.
 - Up to 50% mortality.



Hantavirus cluster linked to cruise ship travel, Multi-country

As per the [World Health Organization](#)

- Eight cases (three laboratory confirmed cases of hantavirus and five suspected cases) have been identified, including three deaths, one critically ill patient and three individuals reporting mild symptoms.
 - The first case had symptom onset on 6 April and died 11 April.
 - The assumption is that he was infected prior to boarding.
 - Likely human-to-human transmission on the boat.
 - All symptomatic passengers have been evacuated from the ship.

At the local level, Hantavirus has been detected in mice [earlier this year](#), and no human hantavirus cases have been detected since 2019 and 4 locally since 2004.

- For the latest data, see Public Health Services' [interactive page](#) with hantavirus data through 2024.
- Public Health Services continues to monitor the situation.

Hantavirus Timeline

| Date | Situation |
|----------|---|
| April 1 | Embarkation in Argentina |
| April 6 | Index case symptomatic |
| April 11 | Index case dies at sea |
| April 24 | Arrival at St. Helena, travel to Johannesburg |
| April 27 | US citizens back in the US <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single California resident |
| May 2 | Hanta cluster identified |

<https://www.who.int/news/item/07-05-2026-who-s-response-to-hantavirus-cases-linked-to-a-cruise-ship>

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/Monthly%20CD%20Report%20May2022.pdf>

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/epidemiology_data_and_reports.html

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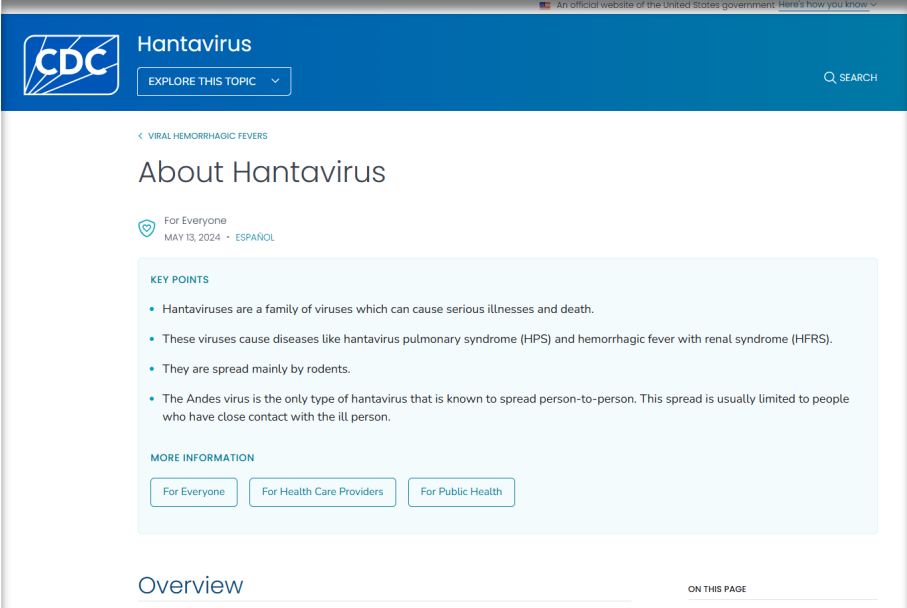
Current Federal and State Actions

- **CDC**
 - Activated Incident Management System
 - Working with other USG agencies to return US citizens still overseas
 - [Developed guidance for state and LHJs on monitoring, etc.](#)
- **CDPH**
 - [Issued press release on May 8](#)
 - Updated [Hantavirus Infection](#) page
 - Working with single LHJ to interview and monitor contact
 - Working with healthcare delivery to ensure contact has access to appropriate care
 - Lab testing

<https://www.cdc.gov/hantavirus/about/index.html>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR26-017.aspx>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/HantavirusPulmonarySyndrome.aspx>



The screenshot shows the CDC website page for Hantavirus. The page title is "Hantavirus" and it is categorized under "VIRAL HEMORRHAGIC FEVERS". The main heading is "About Hantavirus". Below the heading, it says "For Everyone" and "MAY 13, 2024 • ESPAÑOL". There is a "KEY POINTS" section with three bullet points: "Hantaviruses are a family of viruses which can cause serious illnesses and death.", "These viruses cause diseases like hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) and hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS).", and "They are spread mainly by rodents." The third bullet point also states: "The Andes virus is the only type of hantavirus that is known to spread person-to-person. This spread is usually limited to people who have close contact with the ill person." Below the key points is a "MORE INFORMATION" section with three buttons: "For Everyone", "For Health Care Providers", and "For Public Health". At the bottom of the page, there is an "Overview" section and a "ON THIS PAGE" section.



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ONDCP DRUG THREAT NOTICE:

Cychlorphine, a synthetic opioid involved in at least 55 deaths, has potential to spread across Nation

April 30, 2026

Pursuant to its authority to monitor evolving and emerging drug threats, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy has identified cychlorphine, a synthetic opioid, as a dangerous substance with the potential to spread across the Nation.

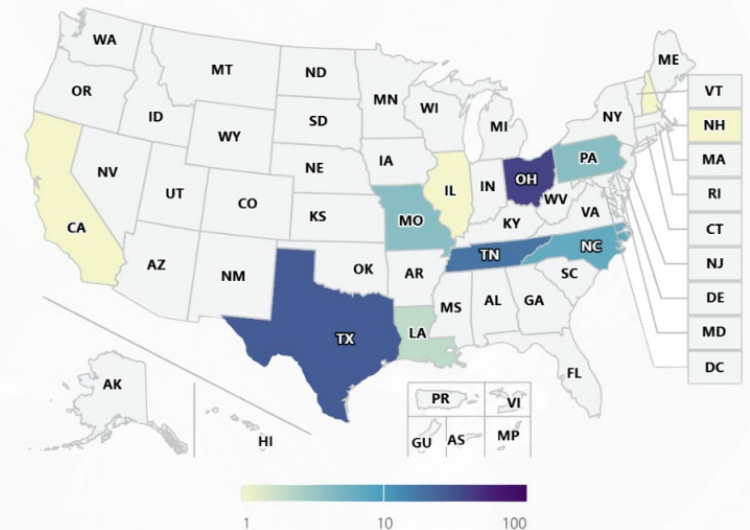
Key Information: Cychlorphine (N-Propionitrile Chlorphine) has been identified in the illicit drug supply in states covering all four U.S. Census regions, with the greatest prevalence in Ohio, Texas, and Tennessee. Cychlorphine is [up to ten times more potent than fentanyl](#) and an overdose may require multiple doses of naloxone. It can be found mixed in with fentanyl or drugs such as methamphetamine, bromazolam, cocaine, and others, and it has also been detected on its own. Cychlorphine belongs to a class of synthetic opioids called orphines, which includes brorphine, spirochlorphine, chlorphine, and others.

Cychlorphine is not detected by drug test strips or in routine hospital opioid urine screens.

What Can I Do? EMS, clinicians, law enforcement, and the general public should:

1. Be Aware of the prevalence of cychlorphine in the illicit drug supply.
2. Be Prepared to treat opioid overdoses with extra doses of naloxone.
3. Seek Immediate Medical Care for people who may be overdosing – **call 9-1-1.**

Prevalence of Cychlorphine in Reports Submitted to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System, 2025



States in Which Cychlorphine Has Been Detected, January 2025 – December 2025. Map courtesy of the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Forensic Laboratory Information System.

Tuberculosis Exposure Reported at Sunset Elementary School



By [Cassie N. Saunders](#), County of San Diego Communications Office
Apr. 29, 2026 | 3:59 PM

- County health officials are working with the San Ysidro Elementary School District to notify families and staff about a potential tuberculosis (TB) exposure at Sunset Elementary School between July 5, 2025, to Oct. 21, 2025.
- People at the highest risk of infection have already been contacted by the County and the school district.
- Free TB screening will be offered to students and staff who may have had increased risk of infection.
- TB cases in San Diego County have been increasing in recent years. Reported cases rose from 193 in 2020, to 265 in 2025.

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

Black Infant Health Program

About Black Infant Health (BIH)

- State-funded program addressing longstanding Black maternal and infant health disparities
- Services provided countywide, with program locations in Central and North County

Why This Work Matters

- Infants born to San Diego County African-American mothers are:
 - 60% more likely to be born preterm
 - 2x more likely to have low birth weight
 - 6x more likely to die before their first birthday



Black Infant Health Program



Eligibility

- African-American/Black
- 16 years of age or older
- Pregnant, or up to 6 months postpartum

Services

- Group sessions and one-on-one support services
- Pregnancy and postpartum education
- Stress management and emotional wellness support
- Case management and resource referrals



Black Infant Health Program



How to Refer

- Call BIH service locations
 - Central: 619-266-7566
 - North County: 760-231-1887
- Email Referrals
 - bih@neighborhoodhouse.org
- Download and Submit Referral Form
 - Referral form located at sdbih.org

Program Resources and Information

- San Diego County BIH Webpage: sdbih.org
- NHA BIH Webpage: <https://www.neighborhoodhouse.org/blackinfanthealth/>
- CDPH Webpage: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DMCAH/BIH/Pages/default.aspx>
- BIH Public Awareness Campaign Website: <https://blackinfanthealth.org/>

New Resource

- On April 8, PHS public the new [Vaccine Media Library](#) webpage.
- This page offers resources to encourage vaccinations, with flyers and social media available to help educate San Diegans.
- Share this information on social media platforms, websites, patient portals, emails, and other ways to reach your audience.
- The page is under the “Resources” section of the [What You Need to Know About Vaccines](#) webpage.

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/immunization_branch/What_You_Need_to_Know_About_Vaccines/vaccine-media-library.html

Vaccine Media Library



[Return to What You Need to Know About Vaccines webpage](#)

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The County of San Diego is committed to ensuring residents continue to have access to safe and effective vaccines that are based on credible, transparent, and science-based evidence. In alignment with the West Coast Health Alliance and other leading medical, health, and patient advocacy groups, we follow the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.

Vaccinations help our immune systems recognize and fight off contagious diseases. Getting vaccinated is one of the safest and most effective ways for you to protect your health and others.

Use the flyers and social media below to help educate San Diegans about the importance of staying up to date on vaccines. Share this information on social media platforms, websites, patient portals, emails, and other ways to reach your audience.

On this page:

- [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Influenza \(Flu\)](#)
- [Hepatitis A-B](#)
- [Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#)
- [Additional resources](#)
- [Measles, Mumps, and Rubella \(MMR\)](#)
- [Meningitis](#)
- [Rotavirus](#)
- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\)](#)

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Reasons to Get Your Child Vaccinated for COVID-19 Social Media](#)



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New Resource

- **HR-1 will change eligibility requirements for some recipients of CalFresh and Medicaid.**
- [This new form](#) is available for external partners who request a presentation to learn more about HR-1.
- Presentations are ~30 minutes and provide an overview of both CalFresh and Medi-Cal changes.
- At this time, presentations focus on the details of upcoming CalFresh changes.
- For information on changes to CalFresh and Medi-Cal, please visit: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/calfresh-medical-work-requirements.html>
- For resources to support the community you serve, please visit the Community Toolkit: <https://www.livewellsd.org/i-want-to/find-resources/calfresh-and-medi-cal-changes-community-toolkit>
- For additional questions about requesting a presentation, please email LWSD.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Request for CalFresh/Medi-Cal Presentation

HR-1, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, will change eligibility requirements for some recipients of CalFresh and Medicaid. Please fill out this form if you would like to request a presentation to learn more about HR-1. Presentations are ~30 minutes, and provide an overview of both CalFresh and Medi-Cal changes. At this time, presentations focus on the details of upcoming CalFresh changes.

For information on changes to CalFresh and Medi-Cal, please visit <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/calfresh-medical-work-requirements.html>

For resources to support the community you serve, please visit the Community Toolkit: <https://www.livewellsd.org/i-want-to/find-resources/calfresh-and-medi-cal-changes-community-toolkit>

For additional questions about requesting a presentation, please email LWSD.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

1. Contact Name *

Please provide your first and last name

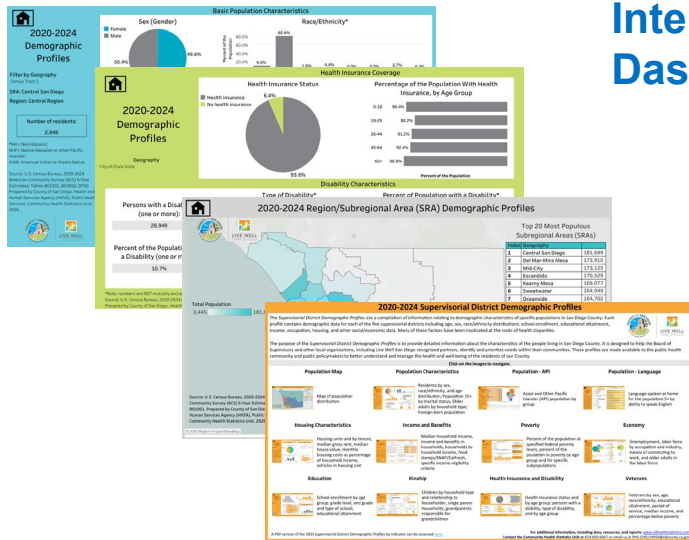


Demographic Profiles

- The **Demographic Profiles** include the latest demographic and economic data available for San Diego County by census tract, Health and Human Services (HHS) region, city, and supervisorial district.
 - Data on age, gender, race/ethnicity, school enrollment, educational attainment, income, occupation, housing, and other social determinants of health (SDOH).
- Designed to help HHS staff and other local organizations, including *Live Well San Diego* recognized partners, identify and prioritize needs within their communities.

Interactive Tableau Dashboards available for:

- Census Tracts
- Regions and Subregional Areas
- Supervisorial Districts
- Cities and the Unincorporated Area



Demographic Profiles available in PDF format:

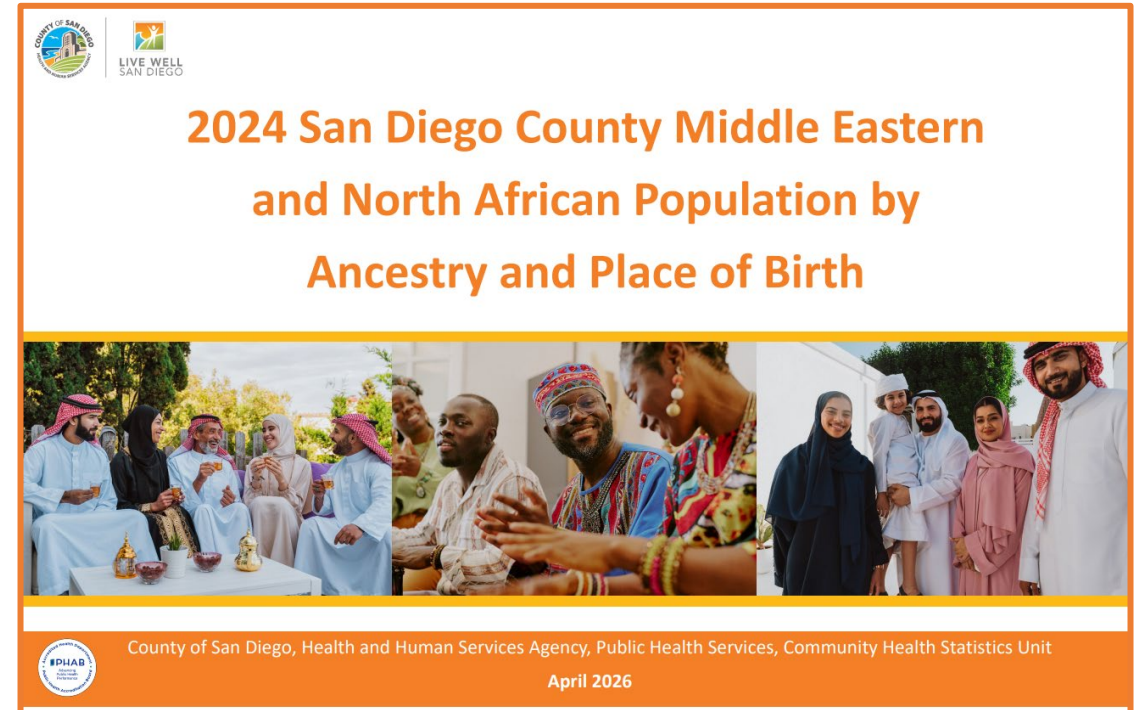
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San Diego County Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Population

The profiles for the **San Diego County Middle Eastern and North African Population by Ancestry and Place of Birth** examines the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) population through ancestry and place of birth in lieu of a direct method to estimate this population.



MENA Profiles:

[2024 San Diego County Middle Eastern and North African Population by Ancestry and Place of Birth](#)

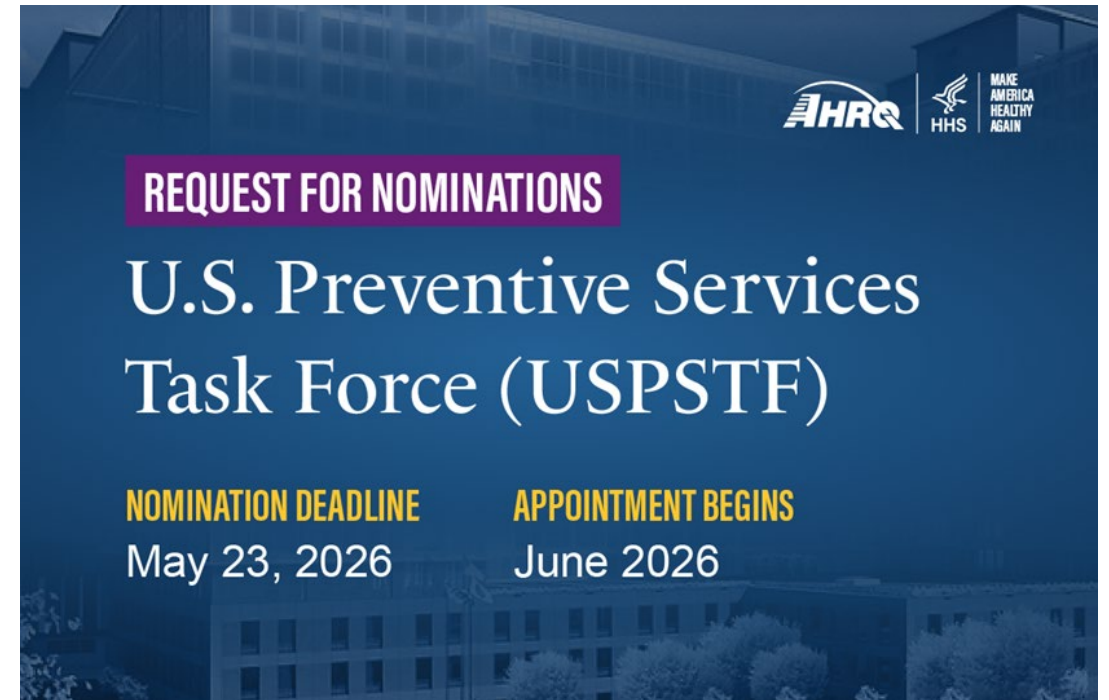


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AHRQ Seeks Nominations for U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

- AHRQ is inviting nominations of individuals qualified to serve as members of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).
- Convened and supported by AHRQ, the Task Force is an independent panel of national experts that develops evidence-based recommendations on clinical preventive services to improve the health of all Americans.
- Through its research, technical and administrative support, AHRQ enables the USPSTF to evaluate the latest scientific evidence and issue recommendations on screenings, counseling services and preventive medications used in primary care.
- These recommendations play a critical role in shaping clinical practice and advancing high-quality, evidence-based care nationwide.
- AHRQ is seeking nominations from clinicians and researchers with expertise in evidence-based medicine, clinical prevention and primary care. Individuals with backgrounds in cardiology, oncology, OB/GYN, pediatrics, family medicine, health economics and related fields are encouraged to apply. Self-nominations are welcome, and organizations may also nominate qualified candidates.
- **Nominations must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. ET, May 23, 2026.** Visit the AHRQ website to learn more about eligibility, the selection process and how to apply.

Nomination page for reference: <https://www.ahrq.gov/cpi/about/otherwebsites/uspstf/nominate.html>



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National Prevention Week (May 10-16, 2026) is a public education platform showcasing the work of communities and organizations across the country that are preventing substance use — and promoting well-being.

Visit [National Prevention Week | SAMHSA](#) to learn about:

- Upcoming webinars
- How to get involved
- Activities
- Planning and promotional toolkit
- #MyPreventionStory

<https://www.samhsa.gov/about/digital-toolkits/prevention-week>



988 HOTLINE LINKED TO FEWER YOUTH SUICIDE DEATHS



Suicide deaths among 15 – 23-year-olds decreased since the launch of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in 2022.

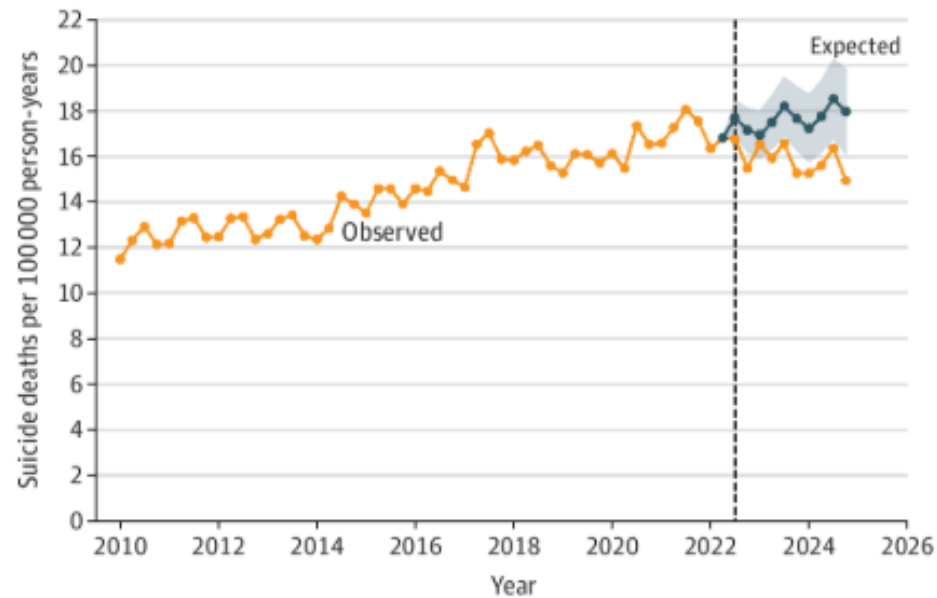
- Calls to the hotline doubled with the switch to the three-digit number.
- Suicide rate among young people in US dropped 11%.
- States with largest volume of 988 calls saw 18.2% reduction in suicides.
- States with lowest uptake saw 10.6% reduction.



988 HOTLINE LINKED TO FEWER YOUTH SUICIDE DEATHS



Figure 1. Graph of Suicide Deaths After Launch of the 988 Lifeline Among Adolescents and Young Adults



Quarterly suicide mortality rate for individuals 15 to 34 years of age in the US is shown as suicide deaths per 100 000 person-years. The vertical dashed line indicates the national launch of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in July 2022. Expected deaths were estimated using seasonal autoregressive integrated moving average models fit to data from January 1999 through June 2022. Shaded areas indicate 95% CIs around expected values.

- Results estimated 4,371 fewer suicides of adolescents and young adults ages 15 to 34 years old, than what had been projected.
- Reductions were greater in younger people than those over 65 years old.
- There were no reductions in mortality from other conditions, nor were similar reductions in suicide seen in England.

BRIGHTLIFE KIDS & SOLUNA



- The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) encourages families and youth ages 0–25 to access free behavioral health support through [BrightLife Kids](#) and [Soluna](#).
- BrightLife Kids and Soluna offer free coaching, peer communities, personalized goal-setting tools, and care navigation.
- Services are available online, in mobile app stores, in English and Spanish, and through telephone-based coaching available in 17 languages.

CalHOPE
BrightLife Kids
A CalHOPE program by Brightline

soluna
a CalHOPE Program by Kooth

No cost behavioral health support for all California kids, youth, teens, and young adults ages 0-25.

The graphic is a yellow-bordered box with decorative star and diamond shapes. It features the CalHOPE logo (a flower icon) and the text "CalHOPE" at the top. Below that is the "BrightLife Kids" logo in orange and blue, with a yellow banner that says "A CalHOPE program by Brightline". A horizontal line separates this from the "soluna" logo in blue, with "a CalHOPE Program by Kooth" in smaller text below it. At the bottom, a bold black text box states: "No cost behavioral health support for all California kids, youth, teens, and young adults ages 0-25."

Parent E-Bike Safety Webinar with Supervisor Lawson-Remer and Scripps Trauma Prevention


E-bikes are everywhere, and families deserve clear, practical safety information. This free webinar hosted by Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer features Scripps Trauma Prevention and Beth Black, an e-bike safety expert and founder of The Bellemont Project.

They will cover what is driving youth injuries, how families can reduce risk right away, and how our region can move from crisis response to a proactive safety approach.

Topics include:

- What doctors are seeing right now in emergency rooms
- Tips for parents on helmets, road rules, and expectations
- Legal e-bikes vs. higher-powered electric motorcycles sold as “e-bikes”
- What needs to change to keep kids safe on our streets Know a family navigating e-bikes with their kids?

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)




The graphic is a dark blue rectangular poster. At the top, it features the logos for Terra Lawson-Remer and Scripps. Below these is the main title 'E-BIKE SAFETY WEBINAR' in large, bold, white capital letters. The central image is a stylized bicycle wheel on the left and a gear mechanism on the right, with the text 'E-BIKE SAFETY WEBINAR' and 'PRACTICAL SAFETY INFORMATION' curved around the gear. At the bottom, a white box contains the date 'MAY 12 TUE', the time 'Time | 6:00 PM', the location 'Location | Virtual', and a QR code.

TERRA LAWSON-REMER | Scripps

E-BIKE SAFETY WEBINAR

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PRACTICAL SAFETY INFORMATION

MAY 12 TUE | Time | 6:00 PM
Location | Virtual



New Resource



- Published April 22, 2026
- The 5th annual [Edelman Trust Barometer Special Report: Trust and Health](#) reveals a fractured health landscape marked by division, declining trust, and widespread confusion.
- Across markets, most people believe at least one contested health claim, underscoring how uncertainty around health information has gone mainstream.
- Highlights include...

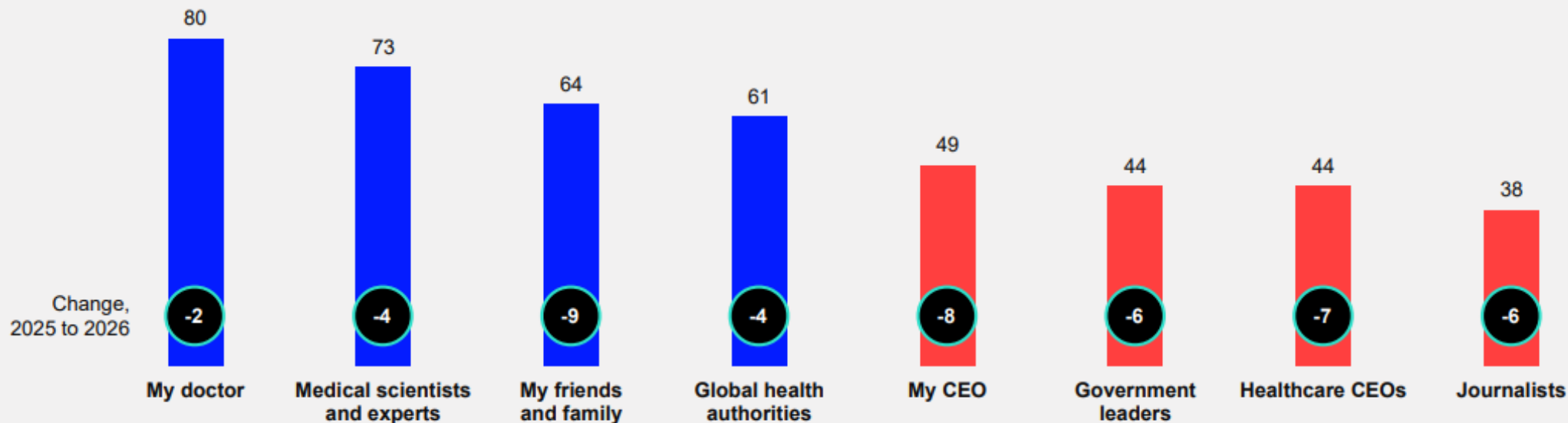
https://www.edelman.com/sites/g/files/aatuss191/files/2026-04/2026%20Edelman%20Trust%20Barometer%20Special%20Report%20Trust%20and%20Health_Final.pdf



Despite Declines Across Healthcare Ecosystem, My Doctor Remains Most Trusted

Percent trust to tell the truth about health issues and how to protect public health

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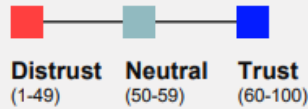
2026 Edelman Trust Barometer Special Report: Trust and Health. HEA_TRU_PEP. Below is a list of categories of people. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that group of people to tell you the truth about health issues and about how best to protect the health of the public. 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. General population, 16-mkt avg. Year-over-year changes were tested for significance using a t-test set at the 99%+ confidence level. "My CEO" only asked to those who are employees of an organization (Q43/1).



To Resonate Across Divisive Beliefs, Engage With a Broader Circle of Trust

Percent who say

GLOBAL 13 excl. China, Singapore, UAE



I trust each to tell me the truth about health issues:

Among those who say this number of divisive health claims are true:

| | None (0) | Some (1-2) | Many (3+) |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| My doctor | 79 | 82 | 78 |
| Medical scientists and experts | 72 | 73 | 73 |
| My friends and family | 54 | 62 | 71 |
| Patient advocacy organizations | 50 | 51 | 59 |
| My CEO | 32 | 41 | 63 |
| Creators <i>with</i> medical training | 29 | 36 | 52 |
| Creators <i>without</i> medical training | 12 | 19 | 44 |

My doctor most trusted voice regardless of divisive health beliefs

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Consumer AI Use Encroaches on Medical Expertise

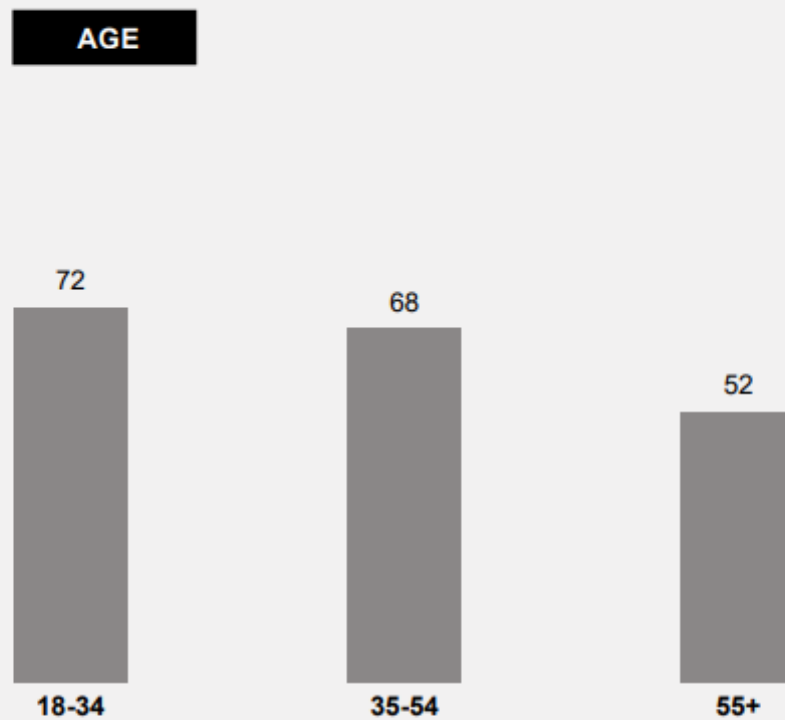
Percent who say

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Consumers fluent with AI can do at least one task as well as, or better than, a doctor

- Answer general medical and health questions (37%)
- Triage care (27%)
- Perform basic medical procedures (22%)
- Determine proper treatment or medication (21%)
- Diagnose illness or condition (17%)

64% (net)



Trust in Key Healthcare Institutions

Percent trust to do what is right

Significant change*

| | Global 16 | | Australia | | Brazil | | Canada | | China | | France | | Germany | | India | | Indonesia | | Japan | | Mexico | | Singapore | | S. Africa | | S. Korea | | UAE | | UK | | U.S. | |
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| <i>+/- 2025 to 2026</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local health authorities | 69 | +2 | 74 | +2 | 64 | +11* | 74 | +2 | 72 | -7 | 60 | 0 | 62 | +1 | 75 | +2 | 77 | -4 | 55 | -3 | 64 | +2 | 77 | -8* | 59 | +14* | 63 | +5 | 90 | +5 | 77 | +10* | 63 | +1 |
| National health authorities | 69 | 0 | 71 | +1 | 67 | +11* | 71 | +2 | 73 | -13* | 58 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 83 | +1 | 77 | -7* | 55 | -2 | 62 | +1 | 80 | -3 | 64 | +8* | 63 | 0 | 90 | +4 | 77 | +5 | 51 | -9* |
| The WHO | 68 | +1 | 64 | 0 | 69 | +9* | 66 | +1 | 72 | -8* | 60 | -1 | 58 | 0 | 83 | 0 | 77 | -5* | 46 | +1 | 70 | +1 | 72 | -1 | 68 | +5 | 64 | +1 | 85 | +5* | 69 | +6* | 59 | +1 |
| Healthcare companies | 63 | 0 | 58 | +1 | 66 | +8* | 61 | +6* | 67 | -5 | 59 | -1 | 51 | -5 | 76 | -2 | 78 | -6* | 41 | -8* | 71 | +1 | 68 | 0 | 68 | +6* | 48 | -4 | 85 | +7* | 61 | +5 | 46 | -4 |
| Government agencies that oversee and regulate drugs, vaccines, and medical devices | 63 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 64 | +10* | 69 | +9* | 73 | -4 | 54 | +1 | 49 | -3 | 75 | -2 | 67 | -9* | 50 | -1 | 61 | +1 | 74 | -3 | 56 | +12* | 60 | +1 | 85 | 0 | 64 | +3 | 41 | -11* |

2026 Edelman Trust Barometer Special Report: Trust and Health. TRU_INS. Below is a list of institutions. For each one, please indicate how much you trust that institution to do what is right. 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. General population, 16-mkt avg. Some attributes asked to half the sample. Year-over-year changes were tested for significance using a t-test set at the 99%+ confidence level.



Tijuana River Valley Sewage Crisis Updates



LIVE WELL
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South Bay Asthma Remediation Community Support Services

Asthma Remediation services offer air purifiers, air filters, and other supplies to help control severe/uncontrolled asthma.

No-cost support for eligible Medi-Cal members who:

- Have a Medi-Cal Health Plan,
- Has asthma symptoms that are hard to manage,
- Are impacted by the TJ River Valley sewage crisis,
- Completed home assessment through Asthma Preventative Services within the past 12 months.

Note: Patients must request air purifiers that have potassium permanganate to best trap gasses

For more information and languages visit [SanDiegoCounty.Gov/SDAIM](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/sdaim)



Community Supports Help with Asthma

No-cost support for eligible Medi-Cal members

- Do you have a Medi-Cal Health Plan?
- Do you have severe/uncontrolled asthma symptoms that are hard to manage?
- Are you affected by the Tijuana River Valley sewage crisis?
- ➔ If so, you may be able to get Asthma Remediation services, like air purifiers, air filters, and other supplies to help control your asthma.

- To qualify, you need a home assessment completed through the Asthma Preventative Services benefit within the past 12 months.
- To request a home assessment, ask your doctor or call your Medi-Cal Health Plan to see if you are eligible for Asthma Preventative Services.



Call your Medi-Cal Health Plan
See the other side for more information



Updated on 05-07-2026

sdapca.org/airfilters to learn more.

To learn more about the Tijuana River Valley sewage crisis, visit www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/south-region-health-concerns.html.

If you want more information or need help, call 2-1-1 or visit: 211sandiego.org/cal-aim/community-supports/.

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Public Health Director Update

Adrienne Yancey, M.P.H.
Interim Public Health Director
Public Health Services



Public Health Services



BOARD LETTER FORECAST

| Board Meeting Date | Subject |
|---------------------------|--|
| May 19, 2026 | Authorize acceptance of funding from California Department of Public Health for Future of Public Health Funding |
| August 18, 2026 | Authorize acceptance of funding from California Department of Public Health for the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program and the California Home Visiting Program Innovation 3.0 Funding Award |
| August 18, 2026 | Authorize acceptance of funding from California Department of Public Health for the Black Infant Health Program and the Perinatal Equity Initiative |
| August 18, 2026 | Authorize acceptance of funding from the CDC for Strengthening US Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce via the Public Health Infrastructure Grant |
| September 15, 2026 | Authorize Certification Statements for California Children’s Services Programs |

County Budget



| Date | Activity |
|------------------|---|
| January 27, 2026 | 3:00 PM-Budget Workshop at County Administration Center (CAC) 5:00 PM-Community input on budget priorities at CAC |
| May 18, 2026 | CAO releases the Recommended Budget to the public and comment period begins |
| June 1, 2026 | 12:00 PM-Public Budget Hearing on CAO Recommended Budget at CAC: The public can provide comments during a public BOS meeting. |
| June 11, 2026 | 5:00 PM-Last day for written testimony on budget to Clerk of the Board (COB): Including change letter, budget board letter, resolution(s) to adopt budget, and any referrals to budget filed with the COB. Budget hearings formally end. Online comments close. |
| June 12, 2026 | Revised Recommended budget available online |
| June 23, 2026 | 9:00 AM-Budget Deliberations and Adoption of CAO Recommended Budget at CAC: The BOS adopts a budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 and tentatively approves a budget for FY 2027-28. |

CA Governor's May Revision



**Proposed Budget Released
Friday, January 9**

**Expected Release
Thursday, May 14**

**Expected Signing
Monday, June 15**

Governor's Proposed Budget

(January)

The Budget proposed by the Governor

Summary »

Detail »

May Revision

(May)

Changes to the Governor's Proposed Budget based upon the latest economic forecasts

Enacted Budget

(Summer)

The Budget passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor

County, SDSU Partner to Inspire Future Health Professionals



By [Anita Lightfoot](#), County of San Diego Communications Office

Apr. 22, 2026 | 9:44 AM

- The County of San Diego and San Diego State University continue to work together to inspire the region's next generation of health and human services professionals.
- The second annual Health Careers Week held April 13–15 at SDSU, connected students and alumni with leaders from the County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), early career alumni, and SDSU faculty and staff.
- During the three-day event, participants attended workshops, explored career paths in public health, community services, behavioral health and other fields, and built connections with industry professionals.

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County Celebrates Local Leaders and 25 Years of Public Health Champions Awards



By [Anita Lightfoot](#), County of San Diego Communications Office
Apr. 14, 2026 | 2:49 PM

- The County Health and Human Services Agency honored thirteen individuals and organizations for their commitment to improving community health, advancing wellness and helping communities thrive.
- The [Live Well San Diego Public Health Champions awards ceremony](#), held April 10, marked a major milestone: 25 years of recognizing outstanding public health leadership.
- The annual ceremony takes place during [National Public Health Week](#), when communities across the country highlight the importance of building the foundation for healthier lives.
- Since the event began, the County has recognized 507 Public Health Champions whose work has helped shape a stronger, healthier region.

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

Theme

Encuentros
Leadership

Individual

Olivia Lafuente, B.S.;
Stefan A. Willging, M.D.

Organization

Foundation for the
Children of the Californias

HSA Director

Gloria E. Ciriza, Ed.D.;
IWC Primary Care

North Inland Region

Fallbrook Union
High School District

East Region

Majdal: Arab Community
Center of San Diego

South Region

Jovita Arellano

Central Region

Grandma Lulu's Kitchen

North Central Region

Promises2Kids

North Coastal Region

Nature Unplugged

Aging & Independence Services

Pualani Vazquez



Health Services Advisory Board Meeting



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.