Health Services Advisory Board Meeting
Public Health Services Report

July 21, 2026

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

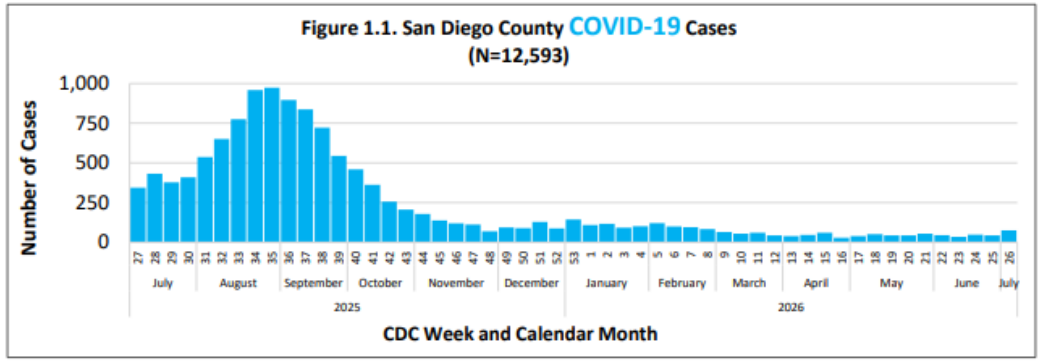
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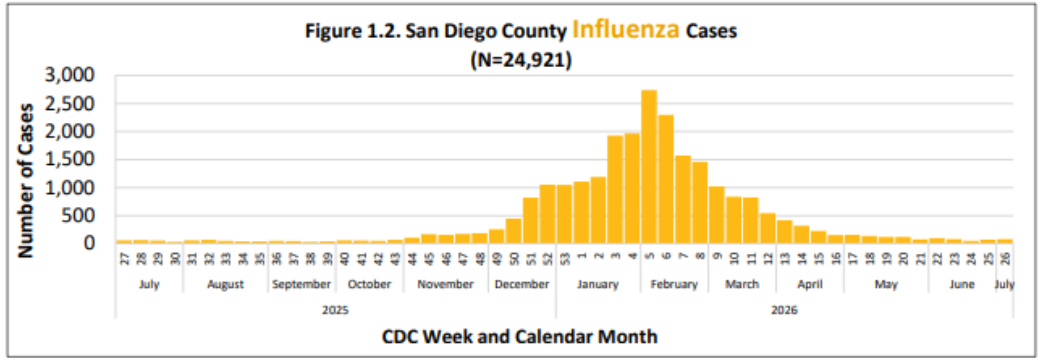
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Weekly reporting will resume in October.

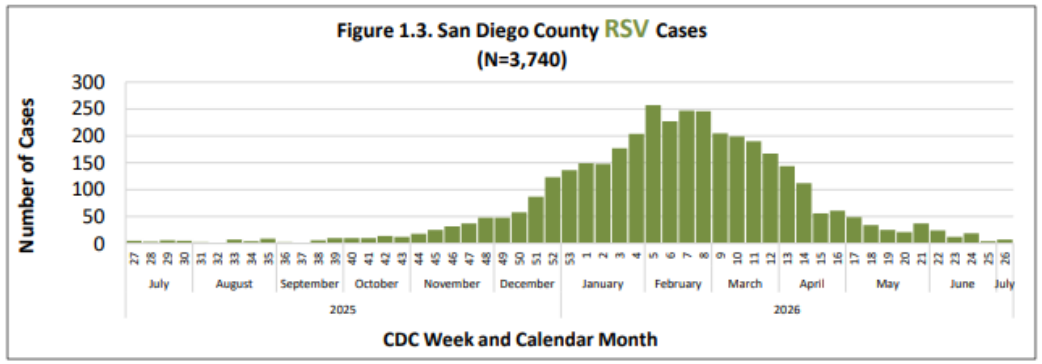
COVID-19	Influenza	RSV
Hospitalizations 2,318	Hospitalizations 2,733	Hospitalizations 793
Deaths 90	Deaths 76	Deaths 12
Outbreaks* 113	Outbreaks* 35	Outbreaks* 9
6/29/2025 – 7/4/2026	*6/29/2025 – 7/4/2026*	*6/29/2025 – 7/4/2026*

*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 July 9, 2026. Data through July 4, 2026. Data are preliminary and subject to change.
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/respiratoryviruses/surveillance.html
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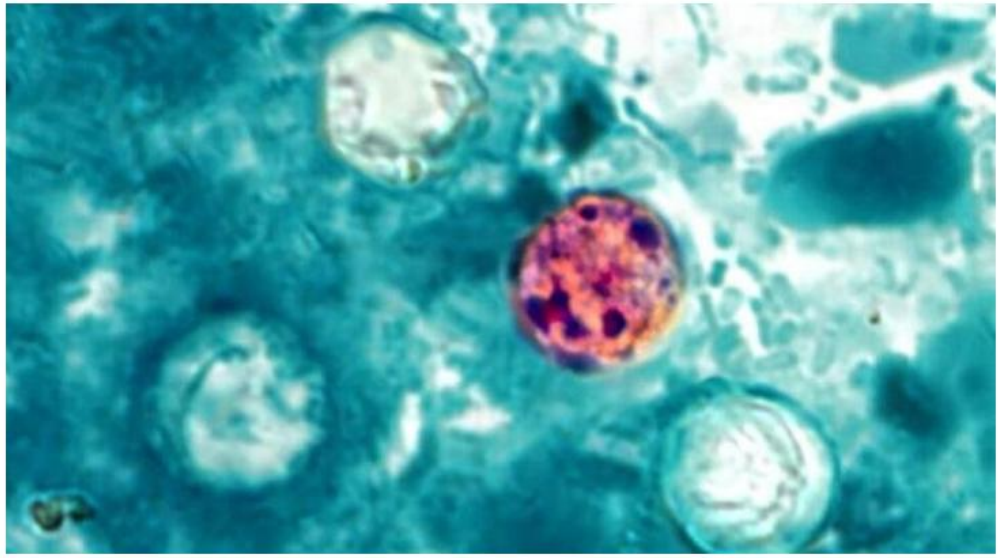
July 13 Health Alert: First Locally Acquired Chagas Case and Chronic Chagas Disease in San Diego County

Key Messages

- A case of locally acquired Chagas disease has been detected in a resident of San Diego County.
- Chagas disease is transmitted by the infected fecal matter of triatomine or “kissing” bugs, which are commonly found in the county.
- The case confirms that local triatomine bugs are a competent vector for the causative parasite, Trypanosoma cruzi, and underscores the need for public education and preventive measures.
- Locally acquired Chagas disease has occurred rarely in California; the risk of widespread transmission in the county remains low.
- Chagas was made locally reportable in San Diego County in 2024. Providers are required to report any cases with positive laboratory results indicating Chagas disease to the County Epidemiology Unit within 7 days.
- If Chagas disease is suspected, providers can consult the Epidemiology Unit by calling 619-692-8499 (Monday-Friday 8 AM-5 PM) or 858-565-5255 (after hours and holidays).

HEALTH

County Monitoring Shows No Local Cyclosporiasis Outbreaks, Food Safety Recommended



By Cassie N. Saunders, County of San Diego Communications Office
Jul. 16, 2026 | 2:25 PM

- The intestinal illness, cyclosporiasis, is in the news nationwide, but County monitoring reports no local increase in cases. State health officials have also not seen an increase.
- Nationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting 1,645 confirmed cases across 34 states, with more than 5,100 additional cases still under investigation. Data is as of July, 15, 2026.
- While there is not a local outbreak, the County has logged eight cases so far in 2026. The County sees 15 to 20 cyclosporiasis cases per year, most frequently are associated with international travel. County Public Health Services released a health alert to healthcare professionals this week.

[County Monitoring Shows No Local Cyclosporiasis Outbreaks, Food Safety Recommended | News | San Diego County News Center]

HEALTH

Wild Bat Found at Safari Park Tests Positive for Rabies



By Cassie N. Saunders, County of San Diego Communications Office
Jul. 15, 2026 | 5:36 PM

- County public health officials are asking anyone who may have come into contact with a bat found Saturday, July 11 at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park to contact them after the animal tested positive for rabies.
- The deceased bat was found at 12:10 p.m. that day at the Oasis on the Rocks restaurant and was collected by a trained park employee. No human contact with the bat has been reported.
- If you or someone in your family or group had direct contact with the bat, or you know of someone who may have touched the bat, County Public Health Services urges you to call (619) 692-8499 as soon as possible.
- This is the 19th bat to test positive for rabies in San Diego County this year. In 2025, 21 bats tested positive.

[Wild Bat Found at Safari Park Tests Positive for Rabies | News | San Diego County News Center]

HEALTH

Multi-Drug Resistant TB Exposure Reported at California State Universit San Marcos and Sprinter Train



Image Credit: CDC

By Fernanda Lopez Halvorson, County of San Diego Communications Office

Jul. 10, 2026 | 12:25 PM

- County health officials are working with California State University San Marcos to notify students and staff who may have been exposed to multidrug resistant tuberculosis (TB) between Dec. 15, 2025, and May 14, 2026.
- Officials say the exposure occurred on the CSU San Marcos main campus at 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road in San Marcos.
- Additional brief exposures were reported on the North County Transit District Sprinter, eastbound between the Melrose Drive and Civic Center – Vista stations at various times between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on May 18, 20, 26, and 27, 2026.
- The case is not linked to any previously announced multidrug-resistant TB exposures.

[Multi-Drug Resistant TB Exposure Reported at California State University San Marcos and Sprinter Train | News | San Diego County News Center]

HEALTH

County Health Officials Report First Locally Acquired Chagas Case



By Fernanda Lopez Halvorson, County of San Diego Communications Office

Jul. 6, 2026 | 1:34 PM

- County health officials have confirmed the region's first locally acquired case of Chagas disease, identified during routine blood donation screening in a donor without symptoms.
- Chagas is much more common in rural areas of Latin America, where the insect that spreads the infection, the kissing bug, hides in homes made of mud and straw.
- The bug species found in San Diego County typically lives in rodent nests, making camping and outdoor exposure potential risk factors.
- Health officials recommend travelers to areas where Chagas is endemic wear protective clothing and insect repellant, use insecticide-treated bed nets, sleep indoors, and avoid eating unpeeled or uncooked fruits and vegetables.
- People who have lived in Latin American should also consider being screened, especially pregnant women.

[County Health Officials Report First Locally Acquired Chagas Case | News | San Diego County News Center]

HEALTH

Mosquitoes Near San Carlos Test Positive for West Nile Virus, County Urges Prevention



By Donna Durckel, County of San Diego Communications Office

Jul. 2, 2026 | 3:14 PM

- Mosquitoes collected during routine monitoring near San Carlos have tested positive for West Nile virus, the first detection of the virus in San Diego County mosquitoes this year.
- For those spending time outdoors during the upcoming holiday, make sure to protect yourself against mosquito bites by following the County's "Prevent, Protect, Report" guidelines.
- Preventing mosquito bites is essential year-round in San Diego County.
- Visit the County's "Fight the Bite" website for more information on preventing West Nile virus.

Mosquitoes Near San Carlos Test Positive for West Nile Virus, County Urges Prevention | News | San Diego County News Center

HEALTH

Board Approves Food Distribution Program to Support Residents Facing CalFresh Reduction



By Fernanda Lopez Halvorson, County of San Diego Communications Office
Jun. 25, 2026 | 3:42 PM

- The County Board of Supervisors has approved a new food distribution program designed to help an estimated 93,500 people who may see their CalFresh benefits reduced or eliminated due to new federal work requirements.
- Under the plan, the County will partner with Feeding San Diego and the San Diego Food Bank to host regular food distribution events at County facilities across the 16 high impact ZIP codes where families face the greatest need.
- The program is expected to launch mid-summer. Event details will be posted on the County's website and shared by partner organizations.
- The $1 million program is funded through County reserves dedicated to safety-net services.

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HEALTH

County Celebrates Pride in Full Color with Free Health Services and Community Activities



By Cassie N. Saunders, County of San Diego Communications Office

Jul. 13, 2026 | 2:17 PM

- County of San Diego employees were back at San Diego Pride this year, marching in the parade and offering a variety of community services and activities throughout Pride Festival weekend.
- County Public Health Services staffed the colorful Live Well on Wheels mobile unit at Marston Point in Balboa Park from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and again on Sunday, July 19, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- PHS offered several free services including rapid HIV tests, Mpox vaccines, access to HIV pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP), Narcan, and more.

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HEALTH

Extreme Heat Forecasted, Here Are Tips to Stay Safe



By County News Center, County of San Diego Communications Office
Jul. 13, 2026 | 3:17 PM

- Extreme heat can cause body temperatures to soar. And that can cause heatstroke, exhaustion, dizziness, nausea, confusion, headache and even death. People who are particularly at risk are children, older adults, people with chronic medical conditions, someone who is pregnant, and outdoor workers.
- Cool Zones and Indoor Relief — Places to Stay Cool: The County's Cool Zones, including the County's 33 branch libraries, community centers and other locations, offer people safe, air-conditioned sanctuaries from the heat. Here is a complete list of County Cool Zone sites, their hours and locations.

To see more resources and tips, visit the County News Center:

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Receives Funding

On July 6, Governor Newsom announced $12.5 million in community emergency preparedness to help Californians get “Ready” for the next disaster

Grants expand disaster readiness for California’s most vulnerable communities as federal cuts threaten local programs. California’s nation-leading Ready California program has invested $100 million in community preparedness since 2019.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

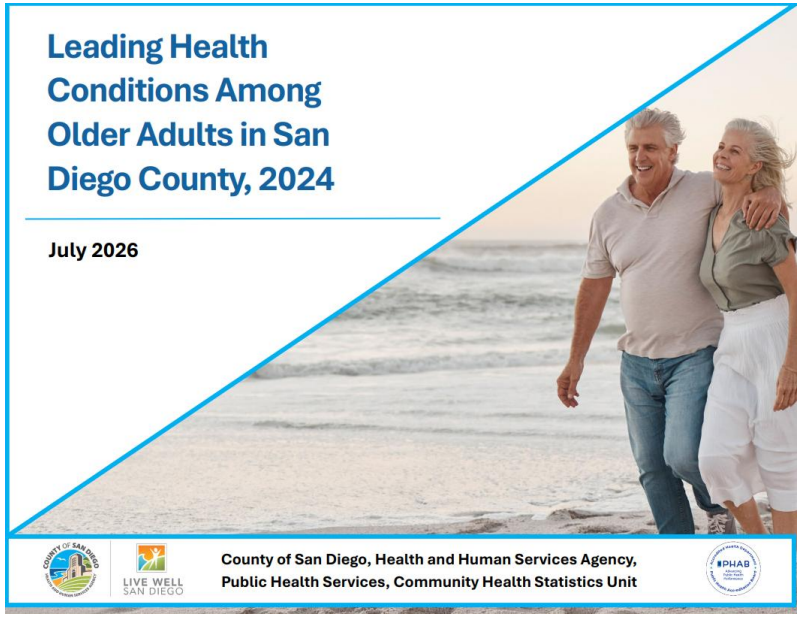
- Since becoming a grantee in 2022, the San Diego County CERT Program has strengthened disaster preparedness in rural communities through consistent, in-person outreach.
- Led by Program Coordinator Teresa Greenhalgh, the team delivers critical training in areas with limited connectivity, building trust through ongoing relationships.
- Through strong partnerships and interactive activities like go-bag drills and preparedness workshops, the program has expanded its reach and impact.
- Collaboration with tribal communities has further deepened engagement, growing from event outreach to dedicated trainings and regional sessions.

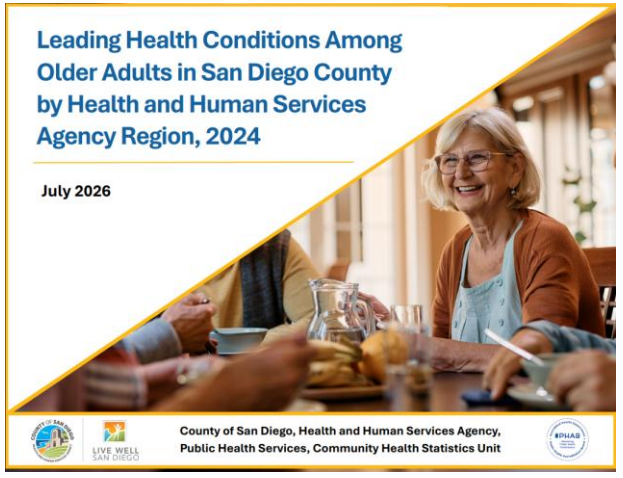
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Leading Health Conditions Among Older Adults Briefs

All briefs identify the leading health conditions impacting older adults aged 60+ by the various geographies, while the San Diego County brief explores additional age groups (60-69, 70-79, and 80+) in 2024.

- Leading Health Conditions Among Older Adults in San Diego County, 2024
- Leading Health Conditions Among Older Adults in San Diego County by Health and Human Services Agency Region, 2024
- Leading Health Conditions Among Older Adults in San Diego County by Supervisorial District, 2024







Upcoming E-Bike Safety Classes and Helmet Fittings

- In response to the rise in e-bike injuries, the Chair's office has registration pages open for 3-hour bike courses, on Saturdays, at 5 different YMCAs.
- The classes will provide in-person safety training for young riders and families.
- San Diego Bike Coalition certified instructors will be leading the courses and Scripps Trauma Prevention will be fitting free e-bike rated helmets for all participants.
- The courses will be for 40 youth ages 12-16 each.

DATES

~~Carlsbad: 6/27, 1PM-4PM~~
~~Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA~~
~~Gymnastics Center~~
~~2261 Cosmos Ct, Carlsbad, CA 92011~~

Rancho Penasquitos: 7/25, 1PM-4PM
Rancho Family YMCA
9410 Fairgrove Ln,
San Diego, CA 92129

Encinitas: 8/22, 1PM-4PM
Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA
200 Saxony Rd, Encinitas, CA 92024

Point Loma: 7/11, 1PM-4PM
T. Claude & Gladys B. Ryan YMCA
4390 Valeta St, San Diego, CA 92107

La Jolla: 8/8, 1PM-4PM
Dan McKinney Family YMCA
8355 Cliffridge Ave, La Jolla, CA 92037

*Due to limited space and high demand, registration is limited to **one child per family**.*

SAN DIEGO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Gun Safety Event - Encinitas

More than 100 weapons collected.

- This weekend, the San Diego County Sheriff's Office teamed up with its law enforcement partners to help get unwanted weapons off our streets through a Gun Safety Event in Encinitas.
- **A total of 105 unwanted firearms (45 handguns, 57 rifles/shotguns and three assault rifles) were turned in by the public during Saturday's event** at Encinitas City Hall, located at 505 South Vulcan Avenue.
- **Thanks to the generosity of our community partners, two firearm lock boxes and 56 gun cable locks were also given out for free.**
- The public can always turn in their unwanted weapons at any Sheriff's station or substation, as well as at any law enforcement agency. For your safety, keep the gun in the trunk of your car and await further instructions from a deputy. For a list of Sheriff's patrol stations, click here. You can also call the Sheriff's non-emergency line at (858) 868-3200.







Tijuana River Sewage Crisis Economic Impact Study

You should take a survey if you are someone who:

Reminder: Survey submissions continue to be accepted through August 2026!



Owns, operates, or manages a business in the affected area

Goal of this survey:
to understand how the pollution crisis is affecting business operations, demand, and revenue.

Business Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MR35RPS



Lives, works, or regularly spends time in the affected area

Goal of this survey:
to understand how the pollution crisis is affecting daily life, recreation, and household choices for people that live, work, or regularly spend time in the area.

Resident Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FW3ZJSK



Recently visited the affected area

Goal of this survey:
to understand how the pollution crisis is affecting visitor experiences and travel choices for people visiting from outside the area.

Visitor Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZFRGCB



Works for an organization that represents the community or businesses in the affected area

Goal of this survey:
to understand similar details captured in the other surveys, but as observed by organizations that represent the community or businesses in the area.

Organization Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSVKVHG

[Tijuana River Economic Impacts]

California Hospital Bed and EMS Data System (HBEDS)

HBEDS Launch Announcement

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is pleased to announce the official launch of the California Hospital Bed and EMS Data System (HBEDS), a statewide platform that provides real-time visibility into hospital bed availability.
- This modernized system will support everyday hospital operations, patient transfers, and coordinated emergency response across California.
- Participation in this system is free of charge to participating healthcare facilities, EMS, and local governmental agencies.

Next Steps

- In the coming months, CDPH and HASC will begin outreach to GACHs, RDMHC/S, MHOACs, local public health agencies, and local EMS agencies to share onboarding details and implementation timelines.
- In addition, CDPH will convene statewide and regional governance meetings with partners to develop guidance on the effective use of HBEDS.
- GACHs have been notified of the HBEDS launch by AFL 26-26, which was distributed on July 20.
- The CDPH HBEDS webpage has more information on the program and will continue to be updated with answers to FAQs.

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1919 APPLE STREET OCEANSIDE, CA

Everyone is welcome.

Together we can reduce stigma, support one another, and save lives.

matprogram@northcountycenter.org

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Free Narcan training and distribution
- Fentanyl test strips and overdose prevention supplies
- Community resources and support services
- Space to honor and remember loved ones



NORTH COUNTY LGBTQ RESOURCE CENTER

International Overdose Awareness Day

FOX NEWS HEALTH

American vaccines that transformed public health over 250 years: 'Outweighs harm'

17 vaccines that have dramatically cut disease and death rates

Before the first successful vaccine was developed in 1796, Americans had little protection against deadly infectious diseases like smallpox, measles and diphtheria.

Over the next 250 years, vaccines helped eliminate or dramatically reduce many vaccine-preventable infectious diseases, preventing millions of illnesses, infections and deaths.

1. **Smallpox**
2. **Rabies**
3. **Diphtheria**
4. **Tetanus**
5. **Influenza**
7. **Polio**
8. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**
9. **Hepatitis B**
10. **Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)**
11. **Chickenpox/varicella**
12. **Hepatitis A**
13. **Pneumococcal**
14. **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**
15. **Rotavirus**
16. **Shingles**
17. **COVID-19**

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1. **Smallpox**: The first vaccine against smallpox eradicated a disease that killed 5-10% of all humans who had ever lived for almost all human history.
2. **Rabies**: Once symptoms begin, rabies is almost always fatal. Although there is no cure, vaccination immediately after exposure can prevent the disease. It can also be given before exposure for people at high risk.
3. **Diphtheria**: Before the vaccine's introduction in the 1920s, diphtheria was one of the leading causes of illness and death among youth in the U.S. During that decade, there were 100,000 to 200,000 cases and 13,000 to 15,000 deaths recorded each year, mostly affecting children. Diphtheria is now extremely rare in the U.S. due to widespread vaccinations.
4. **Tetanus**: Before vaccination, tetanus was often fatal because severe muscle spasms could make it impossible to swallow or breathe. Although the disease is not spread from person to person, hundreds of Americans died from tetanus each year. Tetanus vaccination remains part of the routine childhood immunization schedule
5. **Pertussis**: Before widespread vaccination, the U.S. recorded more than 200,000 pertussis cases and thousands of youth hospitalizations each year. After widespread vaccination, cases fell by more than 90% and deaths from the disease became uncommon.
6. **Influenza**: During the 1918 influenza pandemic ("Spanish flu"), an estimated one-third of the world's population was infected and at least 50 million people died worldwide, including about 675,000 Americans. Widespread vaccination has significantly reduced the risk of flu illness, hospitalization and death. The vaccine is updated annually to target changing strains.

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7. **Polio**: During the early 1950s, more than 15,000 cases of paralytic polio were reported each year in the U.S. In 1979, the U.S. was declared free of wild poliovirus, according to the World Health Organization.

8. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**: In 1971, the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine became available, protecting against all three contagious viral diseases in a single shot.
    - Prior to the measles vaccine, nearly all American children contracted the highly contagious viral disease by age 15, according to the NIH. About 400 to 500 Americans died of measles each year, while about 1,000 experienced brain swelling and 48,000 were hospitalized.
    - Before the first mumps vaccine, about 186,000 cases were reported in the U.S. each year, and the disease was a common cause of children's meningitis.
    - Rubella epidemics also regularly occurred in the U.S. before vaccination. Between 1964 and 1965, about 12.5 million Americans were infected, resulting in approximately 2,100 newborn deaths and 20,000 babies born with congenital rubella syndrome, causing blindness, deafness, heart defects and developmental disabilities.

9. **Hepatitis B**: Before vaccination, hepatitis B was a major public health threat in the U.S. In the early 1980s, an estimated 200,000 to 300,000 Americans contracted the infection each year, the NIH states. Infants infected at birth were at particularly high risk, with about 90% developing chronic infection. Since then, acute hepatitis B cases have declined by more than 80% in the U.S., and infections among children and adolescents have fallen by more than 95%.

10. **Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)**: Hib was once the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in young children in the U.S., with around 20,000 serious infections and 1,000 deaths reported each year in those 5 and younger.

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11. **Chickenpox/varicella**: Before the first chickenpox vaccine became available in the U.S. in 1995, about four million Americans were infected each year, with around 100 to 150 deaths and up to 13,000 hospitalizations. Since routine two-dose childhood vaccination began, hospitalizations and deaths have declined by more than 90%, and severe complications have become rare.
12. **Hepatitis A**: Before vaccination, outbreaks led to as many as 30,000 infections each year. Since routine childhood vaccination began, infection rates have dropped by more than 95%.
13. **Pneumococcal**: Before vaccination, pneumococcal disease caused thousands of cases of meningitis and bloodstream infections and hundreds of deaths among young children. Older adults also faced a high risk of hospitalization from bacterial pneumonia. Routine childhood vaccination has dramatically reduced disease rates, and newer vaccines have been developed to protect against emerging bacterial strains.
14. **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**: The most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S., the human papillomavirus (HPV) can cause cervical, anal, penile, vaginal, vulvar and oropharyngeal cancers. Since the vaccine became available, HPV infections, precancers and genital warts have declined significantly.
15. **Rotavirus**: Before the vaccine became available in 2006, nearly every child contracted the virus by age 5, often leading to severe dehydrating diarrhea, the CDC states. Up to 70,000 children were hospitalized and 20 to 60 died each year in the U.S. Since routine rotavirus vaccination began, hospitalizations, emergency room visits and severe illness have declined significantly.

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16. **Shingles**: Before the vaccine was available, about one million Americans developed shingles each year, with adults over age 50 at highest risk. The first shingles vaccine was licensed in 2006, and the more effective Shingrix vaccine was introduced in 2017, greatly reducing the risk of shingles and long-term nerve pain.
17. **COVID-19**: In the U.S., the contagious virus caused millions of hospitalizations and more than 1.2 million deaths. The first COVID-19 vaccines received emergency authorization in December 2020. Multiple studies have shown that the vaccines significantly reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death, particularly among high-risk groups. COVID vaccines saved millions of lives around the world during the COVID pandemic.

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Community Reinvestment Funds
Brief Overview to Health Services Advisory Board



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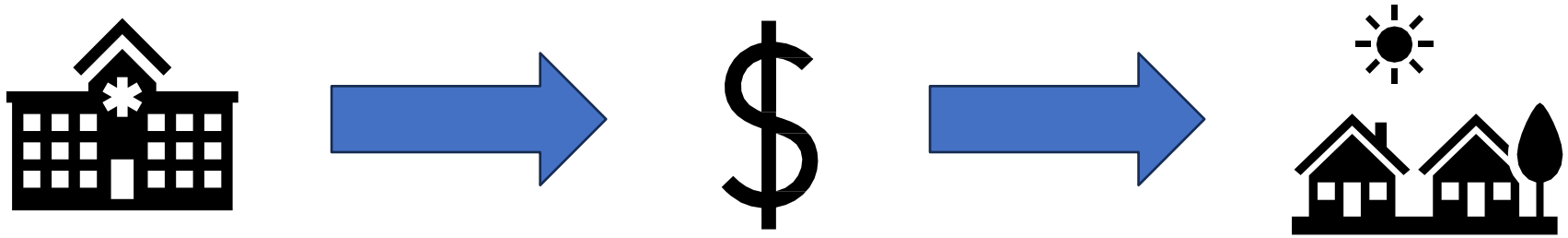
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All Plan Letter (APL 25-004)

Base Community Reinvestment

"Base Community Reinvestment"

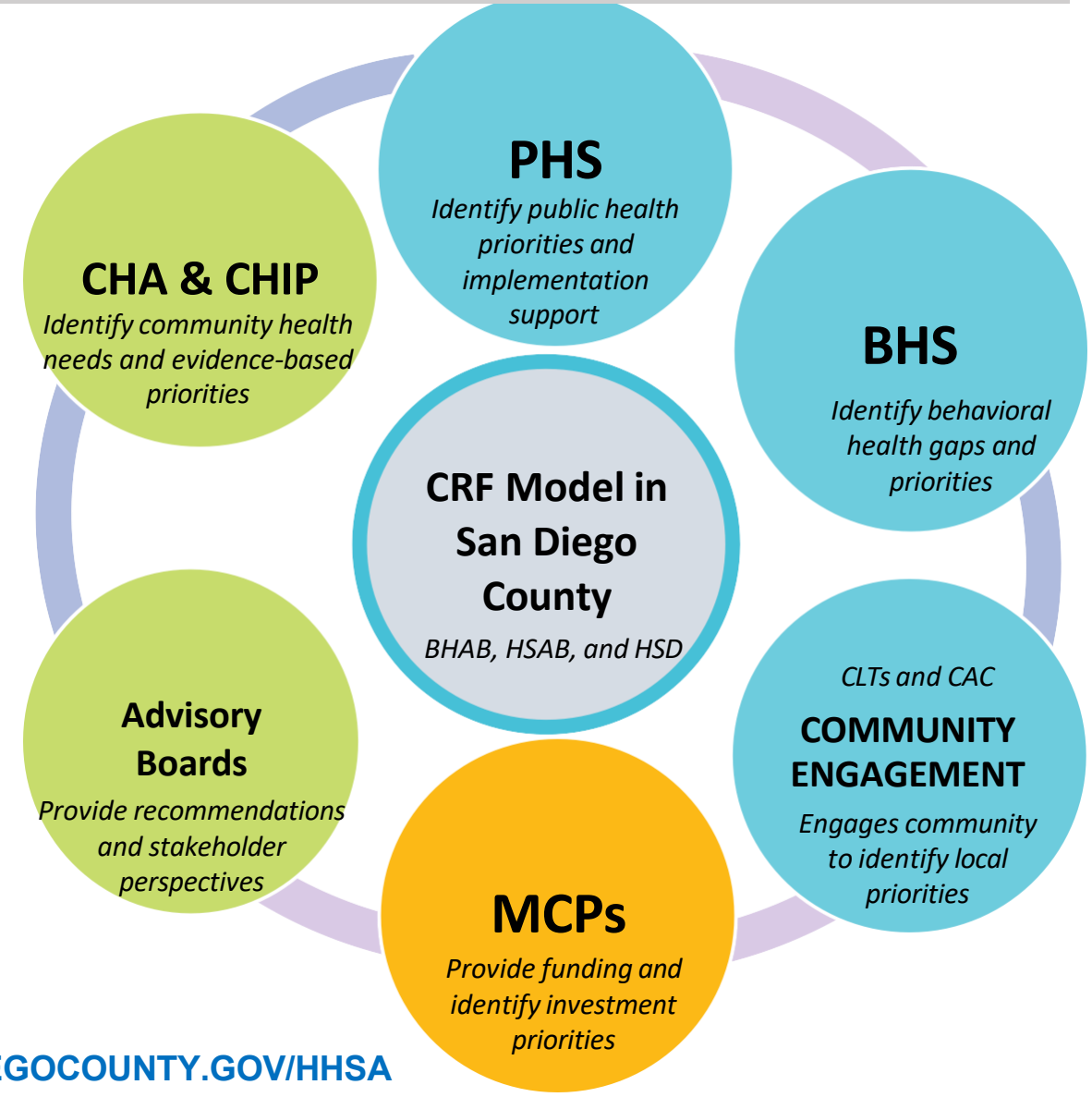
- **Definition:** The minimum level of net income that an MCP with ***positive net income*** is required to invest ***into the community***.
- **Requirement:** MCP and/or qualifying subcontractor had a positive net income for the year.
- **Obligation amount:** 5% of annual net income that is less than or equal to 7.5% of Medi-Cal Contract Revenues for the year, and 7.5% of annual net income that is greater than 7.5% of Medi-Cal Contract Revenues for the year. **There is an additional "Quality Achievement Community Reinvestment"** that requires an additional 7.5% of annual net income that is greater than 7.5% of Medi-Cal Contract Revenues **for MCPs that do not meet minimum quality measure performance thresholds**.
- Community Reinvestment Plans must be submitted to DHCS for approval by September 1, 2026.



APL 25-004 Community Reinvestment-Technical Change

Model for CRF Collaboration

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT FUNDS (CRF)



Color Key	
County Department or Community Partner	PHS: Public Health Services BHS: Behavioraal Health Services CLT: Community Leadership Team CAC: Community Advisory Committee
Funding Source	MCPs: Managed Care Plans
Planning Guidance	CHA: Community Health Assessment CHIP: Community Health Improvement Plan **Both incorporate data and priorities from BHS* *BHAB: Behavioral Health Advisory Board* *HSAB: Health Services Advisory Board* *HSD: Healthy San Diego*

Overview of DHCS Categories with County of San Diego Suggestions

Aligned to CHA, CHIP, and BHS Assessment/Plan

+ indicates new suggestions from 2026; **«** indicates suggestions from 2025 | ***** indicates similar topics from 2025, but expanded

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Neighborhoods and Built Environment	Health Care Workforce	Well-Being for Priority Population	Local Communities	Improved Health
+ Food/Nutrition Hub (construction) + Behavioral Health Wellness Center + (*) Increase housing infrastructure via Section 8 Training (trainings for landlords) « Build a complex of homes to support multiple populations (sponsored by each MCP) + Increase/improve emergency shelter infrastructure (Mountain Empire HS) + Tijuana River Valley (TJRV) Prevention efforts for Water (increase enrichment activities and resources)	+ (*) Strengthen rural healthcare workforce (train youth, pay licensing costs, pay background checks/equipment fees for volunteer and student workers, transportation support/gas assistance, fund facilitation of programs or no-cost CHW trainings (similar to RLA), tuition reimbursement « Increase nursing preceptors and training opportunities	+ Food/Nutrition Hub (support) + (*) Increased transportation support (used for medical appointments, training opportunities; could be ride share/app model) « Provide linkages to wrap-around services including long-term housing support and caregiver assistance for at-risk populations « Promote employment opportunities like TA and mentoring « Funding for AC and air purifiers « Relocation assistance during local emergencies « Food assistance for those displaced during local emergency	+ Efforts to increase access to benefits (Enhanced Care Management (ECM) enrollment/utilization, accessing transitional rent and food/nutrition + Initiatives to address social isolation (community recreation/exploration programs and events) + Mental Health Initiatives	+ E-Bike Safety Projects (safety trainings, helmet distribution, increased data collection) + Opioid Overdose Prevention (Narcan training and distribution, prescription drug take-back events, methadone treatment « Foster system resources for families at risk of entering « Expand health screenings « Have staff training to navigate and screen ED substance use disorders and mental health disorders « Support school-based dental services via mobile dental bus « Partner with tribal nations to provide upstream services

Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) Proposal Timeline - 2026

September 2025

Initial CRF proposal shared with Managed Care Plans (MCPs), presented at Healthy San Diego (HSD)

July 2026

- HSD meeting on July 9th – Public Health Services (PHS) to share updates

-PHS meets with MCP contacts and/or their Chief Health Equity Officers (July 16th)

- ***PHS & BHS hold individual meetings (July 23rd Blue Shield & July 31st Community Health Group)***

- ***Assess PHS, BHS, or other County programs or community partners support CRF proposal (led by PHS)***

September 1, 2026

MCPs submit CRF to Department of Health Care Services

June 2026

Revisit 2025 proposal to align with current trends (lead by PHS):

- Community Health Assessment (CHA)

- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

- Behavioral Health Services (BHS) assessment/plan

August 2026

- **PHS and MCPs to finalize input by 2nd week of August (8/14/26)**
- **PHS to host Population Health Coalition meeting (discuss final updates for CRF)**
- **MCPs review proposal with Community Advisory Committee**
- **If time permits, review proposal with CHIP partners (PHS to lead with Community Engagement Team)**
- **County leadership signs attestation form (Directors from PHS and BHS)**

NOTE: Bold indicates not complete

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Public Health Director Update

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BOARD LETTER FORECAST	
Board Meeting Date	**Subject**
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

Confidential: Subject to the deliberative process.

2026 San Diego Pride: Thank you!













2026 NACo Awardees

Congratulations Epidemiology & Immunization Services (EISB)!

Environmental Health Dashboard for Tijuana River Valley Collaboration with UCSD Resilient Shield

- To help South Bay residents, visitors and the public at large see near real-time information about the ongoing Tijuana River Valley sewage crisis, the County created the “Tijuana River Valley Sewage Crisis Environmental Dashboard.”
- This tool improves transparency and helps people make informed decisions about recreation, work and daily activities.

Overdose Surveillance and Response Program

- An integrated, near real-time surveillance and response system designed to detect emerging drug overdose clusters and rapidly deploy targeted public health interventions.
- Outcomes include rapid identification and investigation of overdose anomalies, distribution of naloxone and drug-checking supplies, improved access to treatment and supportive services, and greater transparency through a public dashboard, all contributing to reduced overdose harm and improved health equity.

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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.