



**Health and Human Services Agency  
Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)**

**March 3, 2020, \*3PM–5PM \* 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA**

**Public Health Officer's Report**

**I. Communicable Disease Issues**

**A. Infectious Disease Issues**

**1. Influenza**

- Overall reported influenza cases declined in San Diego County, however elevated activity may be expected at least for several more weeks.
- As of 2/26/2020, there have been 17,935 reported cases of Influenza since July 1, 2019
- As of 2/26/2020, there have been 74 reported Influenza associated deaths since July 1, 2019
- A new milestone has been reached related to influenza vaccinations. For the first time ever as of 1/26/2020, we have achieved over 1 million flu vaccinations registered in the San Diego Immunization Registry (SDIR). As of 2/26/2020, there have been 1,162,083 flu vaccinations registered into SDIR since 7/1/2019. These reflect vaccinations administered and reported by many types of providers, hospitals, pharmacies, and County staff.

**2. Measles**

- No new cases reported in recent months.
- For calendar year 2019 to date, there have been two reported confirmed measles cases.

**3. Mumps**

- Mumps is circulating within San Diego County
- In 2020 so far, there have been 10 cases of mumps identified in San Diego County.
- An outbreak of mumps was identified among students at San Diego State University (SDSU). As of 2/26/2020, four confirmed cases and 2 probable cases of mumps have been identified. ON 2/26/2020, a San Diego CAHAN alert was issued about this situation.
- In 2019, a total of 66 San Diego County residents were reported with confirmed or probable mumps, the greatest number in over 25 years. Cases ranged in age from 9 months to 79 years (median 28 years) and 40 (61%) were male. Of the 6 cases in 2019, 8 have been associated with an outbreak at the Otay Mesa detention facility.
- From January 1 to December 6, 2019, there have been 3,252 mumps infections reported to the CDC.
- There have been 229 cases reported in California in 2019 so far.
- Note: The incidence of mumps in Baja, California Mexico has seen significant increases in 2018 and 2019.

**4. 2019 Novel Coronavirus**

- Since early December 2019, a new strain of coronavirus was identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China. This virus is now known as Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Confirmed cases of this virus have now been identified in many places in China and in the world. Currently, it's unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people.
- There have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 identified in San Diego. The County of San Diego is on high alert for the identification of a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) case here in San Diego County.
- The goal is to rapidly detect a case of this virus and prevent the spread of this virus within San Diego County
- The County of San Diego has developed a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emerging Disease Response Plan (Plan) to address the County of San Diego's response to the current potential of a COVID-19 case or outbreak within San Diego County.
- The key features of the Plan will be: 1) public health surveillance and investigation; 2) public health laboratory specimen collection, transport, and testing; 3) guidance to healthcare community; 4)

communication to the public; 5) planning, preparedness, and response; and 6) collaboration with state health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As of March 2, 2020:

- The current number of cases in the U.S. is 105, which is 42 more than last Friday, including 6 deaths in Washington state.
- The 105 total cases across 12 states include:
  - 14 U.S. travel-associated cases
  - 43 U.S. people who became sick from another person in the US (including some who do not know the source)
  - 48 cases among repatriated individuals
    - 3 people were repatriated from Wuhan,
    - 45 people were repatriated from the Diamond Princess, which includes 2 new cases.
    - Latest cases and deaths are in Washington state:
    - 18 cases, including 6 deaths
- California Cases
  - The current number of cases in CA is now 20.
  - This is 20 out of the 57 U.S. non-patriated cases (35% of all U.S. cases)
- San Diego Cases
  - San Diego County residents – 0
  - Cases among persons repatriated to the United States via Miramar federal quarantine are included the group of 47 cases above and not attributed to San Diego – 2

## II. Board Actions

- A. **Hepatitis C Elimination Initiative:** November 20, 2018. **BOS approved the initiative with authority to return in November 19, 2019 with nine recommendations. A presentation to the HSAB took place on November 5, 2019.**
- B. **Tuberculosis Elimination Initiative:** July 23, 2019. **BOS approved the initiative, with authority for TB Control to return to the BOS with recommendations in 12 months. The Planning Committee is in place and meeting. The Medical Advisory Meeting is on January 16, 2020.**
- C. **BHS and PHS Opioid Response Plan:** July 23, 2019. BHS strategic plan approved. BOS authorized quarterly updates and an annual report.

## III. Public Health Issues

- A. December 1 to 7, 2019 was National Influenza Vaccination Week
- B. December 1 to 7, 2019 was National Handwashing Awareness Week

## IV. Grants

### A. New Applications

- i. CDC Opioid “Data to Action” Public Health Grant
  - a. HHS submitted a grant application titled “Data to Action: A San Diego Model for Opioid Overdose Surveillance and Prevention” on May 2, 2019.
  - b. Award notification was given on August 13, 2019.
    - i. If successful, the project will begin at the beginning of the federal fiscal year on October 1, 2019. The full project term will run from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022.
    - ii. The funding amount requested was \$2,185,228 per year for up to three years.
    - iii. **The total amount requested over the full project term is \$6,555,684 and was approved by the BOS on 9/24/19.**
- 1. **Kresge Emerging Leaders in Public Health Grant:**
  - a. Drs. Wooten and Hernandez met with the leadership of the City of Encinitas (February 4, 2020), City of Lemon Grove (February 10, 2020), the City of Del Mar (February 19, 2020), **and the City of La Mesa (February 28, 2020).**
  - b. **They are planning to meet with the City of Chula Vista (March 6, 2020), City of San Marcos (March 17, 2020), City of Vista (March 18, 2020), City of Oceanside (March 19, 2020), and the City of Carlsbad (March 23, 2020). The last of the 3 city municipality meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 2020.**
  - c. Ongoing training workshops have been conducted as part of the leadership development component of the

initiative. An Implicit Bias training was conducted at the 2020 PHS All Staff event on January 30, 2020.

## **B. Funding**

### **1. Local Oral Health Program (LOHP):**

- The Board of Supervisors letter to authorize amendment changes to the LOHP contract with CDPH was approved on November 19, 2019.
- **The 2020 Give Kids a Smile event was held February 22, 2020 from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Seven locations throughout the County offered free dental screenings and sealants and fluoride varnish placement.**

### **2. Tobacco Control Resource Program (TCRP):**

- FY 2019-20 Budget and Work Plan open revision period ended on 10/31/19. Updates are being included in the revision to including an additional \$308,000 in funds that will be provided to the program by the CDPH-CTCP. Revisions to objectives and activities will reflect modifications due to the 10/15/19 Board of Supervisor directive to ban flavored tobacco products, establish a 1-year moratorium on electronic smoking devices, establish a smoke free outdoor dining ordinance, prohibit smoking on County parking lots, establish a tobacco retailer licensing program, and carry out a vaping public awareness campaign. The directive is in response to the E-cigarette and Vaping Lung Injuries (EVALI) nationwide outbreak and the youth vaping epidemic. A Board Letter and ordinances will be returned to the Board on 1/14/20 for the flavor ban, moratorium, and smoke free outdoor dining policy.
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- **A Board Letter and recommendations for ordinances banning flavored smoking products, establishing one-year moratorium on electronic smoking devices, and prohibiting smoking in outdoor dining areas were approved on 1/14/20 (1<sup>st</sup> reading) and 1/28/20 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading).**
- **A Board Letter and recommendations for a Tobacco Retail Licensing program will be returned on 4/7/20, along with an amendment to the flavored smoking product ban to include smokeless tobacco products and a hookah exemption review.**
- **On direction of the Board, TCRP staff are coordinating with HHS and County communications to promote a vaping public awareness campaign.**
- **Contract amendments with three TCRP regional contractors (Vista Community Clinic, CASA, and SAY San Diego) will fund data collection for the Young Adult Tobacco Purchase Survey in the unincorporated area.**
- **A single source contract with the University of California, San Diego will fund expanded data collection for the California School Tobacco Survey in 2019-20.**

### **3. STD Funding:**

- The CDPH STD Control Branch (STDCB) received a \$5 million one-time increase in funding spendable in FY16-17, FY17-18, and FY18-19. HSHB received \$427,649 of that amount.
- San Diego received notice of funding award for STD services in the amount of \$1,045,125 for the period of July 1, 2019-July 30, 2024. This represents an annual decrease of \$228,024 per year. CDPH has directed the majority of the funding to health jurisdictions experiencing high rates of congenital syphilis and syphilis among women of childbearing age.
- HSHB is receiving \$1,618,445 (revised and reflects an additional \$573,320) in STD funding from CDPH for the time period 7/1/2019-6/30/2024 for sexually transmitted disease prevention and control activities. BOS authorized acceptance of these funds on 12/10/2019.
- HSHB is receiving \$775,254 in STD funding from CDPH State Local Assistance Funds for the time period of 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2022 for STD prevention and control activities. Fifty percent of the funding will be contracted out to local community providers.

### **4. CalFresh Healthy Living (Formerly known as NEOP or Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention, through the**

SNAP-ED Program):

- RFP 9320 Healthy Food Access Services posted to BuyNet on 8/26/19, the Pre-Proposal Conference will take place on 9/9/19 and the application close date is 9/23/19.
  - Notice of Intent to Award RFP 9320 Healthy Food Access Services to the University of California, San Diego, Center for Community Health was posted to BuyNet on 12/5/19 with an effective date of 12/12/19. Funded at \$500,000 annually through 9/30/22.
    - Contract was executed 12/31/19
  - Single Source contract with the YMCA of San Diego County was executed effective 10/21/19 for \$100,000 annually through 9/30/22.
  - Single Source contract with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) is targeted for an effective date of 1/20/19 for \$200,000 annually through 9/30/22.
    - SDUSD requires additional time for finalizing contract packet
    - New target date start date is 3/6/20
  - RFP 10012: Healthy Cities, Healthy Residents--Safe Routes to Healthy Places posted to BuyNet on 12/6/19, the Pre-Proposal Conference took place on 12/16/19 and the application close date is 1/8/20. This procurement will result in 3 separate awards to Community Based Organizations. Funded at up to **\$264,000** annually (up to \$88,000 each award) through 9/30/22.
  - One additional RFP is in development for Active Living Planning and Policy Services, with a target effective date of 5/15/20 to be funded at \$100,000 annually through 9/30/22.
5. **Perinatal Equity Initiative:**
- The last Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) Community Advisory Board meeting was held on January 10, 2020 at the Skyline Hills library.
  - DPC hosted an Industry Day for the Fatherhood Initiative RFP on January 28, 2020.
  - **Department of Purchasing and Contracts will host an Industry Day for the Implicit Bias RFP on March 5, 2020.**
  - **The next PEI Community Advisory Board meeting will be held on March 6, 2020 at the Malcolm X library.**
6. **California Home Visiting Program:**
- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) notified local health jurisdictions of the plans for CHVP expansion funding on November 4, 2019. San Diego County is expected to receive \$703,718 in FY 2019-20 to expand current home visiting services utilizing an evidenced-based home visiting model. In addition, CDPH set aside \$5 million dollars, available to counties through a competitive process, for innovative evidence-informed home visiting programs.
  - **MCFHS received a Notice of Intent for Award Home Visiting State General Fund Expansion Funds from CDPH on January 21, 2020. San Diego County will receive \$703,718 annually for four years beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 to expand current home visiting services utilizing Nurse-Family Partnership home visiting model. The Board Letter to accept these funds is slated for April 7, 2020.**
7. **San Diego Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (SD REACH):**
- 2-1-1 Scope of Work was added to Eligibility Operations' 2-1-1 contract that was executed 7/1/19. SOW focus is to develop a bi-direction referral system between community-based lifestyle change programs and Federally Qualified Health Centers operating in the Central and Southeastern areas in the City of San Diego.
    - 2-1-1 REACH Scope of Work is through 9/30/23.
  - Contract amendment for REACH project year 1 executed with Circulate San Diego (existing CalFresh contractor) to develop plans for Active Transportation planning to be led by the City of San Diego through the end of the 5-year CDC grant (Sept. 31, 2023).
  - Short-term contract executed through 9/30/19 for REACH project year 1 with Cook & Schmidt to develop targeted public awareness media campaign for the Central and Southeastern areas in the City of San Diego focused on promoting breastfeeding and shopping at Farmers Markets.
  - Contract with the City of San Diego for Active Transportation Services is under revision by the City (proposed change from a contract to an "interagency Agreement").
    - Goal is to get the agreement in place during current Federal Fiscal year (FFY 19-20) through the end of the 5-year CDC grant (Sept. 31, 2023).

## V. Public Health Initiatives

### A. Major Initiative Updates and Highlights

#### 1. Getting to Zero –

- Dr. Tilghman continues to try to engage HASDIC to get on an upcoming meeting agenda. The Medical Advisory Committee members also have requested a “champion” for routine HIV testing in the Board of Supervisors. **The next Medical Advisory Committee will be on 03/09/20.**
- **The HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch is collaborating with UCSD to host a summit on 2/29/2020 to address the federal End the HIV Epidemic initiative.**

#### 2. Hepatitis C Initiative – Approved by the Board of Supervisors in November of 2018.

- The initiative is on track and continues to be a collective impact approach with American Liver Foundation providing a coordination role along with the participation and leadership of multiple other stakeholders.
- Meetings for all committees have initiated and on track (Steering; Research and Surveillance; Access, Testing, and Treatment; and Consumer).
- First Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 30, 2019 at the San Diego County Medical Society. Paul Hegyi and Dr. Wooten co-chaired the meeting. Next meetings are planned for 8/26/19 and 10/15/19.
- The Hepatitis C Elimination initiative is close to finalizing the action plan for how to eliminate HCV in San Diego County after the completion of an extensive community engagement process. **The HCV Elimination initiative will now be heard by the Board of Supervisors March 10.**
- **HSHB was notified on October 9, 2019 of HCV State Local Assistance Funding in the amount of \$237,970/year that will be given to San Diego for five years starting July 1, 2019 (retroactive). Fifty percent of the funding must be contracted out to community-based organizations. This funding will go to the Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch.**
- **The Board of Supervisors approved acceptance of HCV funds on 12/10/19.**

## VI. Board Letter Forecast

December 2019			
9. City-County MOA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Basic Agreement	12/10/19	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
10. Amend STD Prevention Grant and Accept Additional STD and HCV Funding	12/10/19	HSHB	Patrick Loose
11. Accept PEI Funding	12/10/19	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
January 2020			
12. Public Health Services FY 18-19 Accomplishments Presentation	1/14/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten and Liz Hernandez
13. Return to the Board for Public Health Crisis from Cigarettes and Electronic Smoking Devices (Hearing #1)	1/14/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
14. Refugee Resettlement Consent	1/14/20	Integrative Services	PHS is concurring
15. Prescription Drug Abuse Plan Update Memo	1/14/20	BHS	PHS is concurring
16. Return to the Board for Public Health Crisis from Cigarettes and Electronic Smoking Devices (Hearing #2)	1/28/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
February 2020			
<b>17. Ratify Proclamation of Local Emergency and Ratify Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding COVID-19</b>	<b>2/19/20</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>	<b>Dr. Wooten</b>
<b>18. Accept CDPH Infectious Disease Funding</b>	<b>2/25/20</b>	<b>EISB</b>	<b>Jeff Johnson</b>
March 2020			
<b>19. Return to the Board for review of Local Health Emergency for COVID-19 every 30 days</b>	<b>3/10/20</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>	<b>Dr. Wooten</b>
<b>20. Hep C Initiative Recommendations Update</b>	<b>3/10/20</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>	<b>Dr. Wooten</b>
April 2020			

21. Accept CDPH California Home Visiting Program Funding	4/7/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
23. Tobacco Retail License Recommendations (1 <sup>st</sup> Reading)	4/7/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
24. Accept Revenue Agreement for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	4/21/20	EISB	Jeff Johnson
25. Accept HRSA Funding: Ryan White Part A and 20-078	4/7/20	HSFB	Lauren Brookshire
26. Tobacco Retail License Recommendations (2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)	4/21/20	MCFHS	Rhonda Freeman
27. Recommendations for Kratom Regulations or Ordinance Amendment	4/21/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
<b>May 2020</b>			
27. Request Authority for Health Information Exchange Procurement	5/5/20	EISB	Jeff Johnson
28. Provide TB Elimination Recommendations	5/19/20	TB	Maggie Santibanez
29. Accept TB Revenue	5/19/20	TB	Maggie Santibanez

## VII. Announcements

### A. Personnel:

#### 1. New Hires:

- Tuberculosis Control and Refugee Health Branch Chief and Medical Director, Dr. Ankita Kadakia.
- Public Health Services Administration
- Temporary Assignment: **Denice Williams, TEP, HIV Community Engagement**

## VIII. Site Visits/Audits

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
Visit: 8/13/19 Report: TBD	CalFresh Healthy Living Program audit for FY 18-19 as part of County's single audit	MGO (County external auditor)
Visit: TBD Report: TBD	CDC Cooperative Agreement Annual Site Visit	CDC
Visit: 11/5/19 Report: 12/3/19	CA Dept of Public Health, Ryan White Part B Annual site visit	CDPH
Visit: 10/29-19- 10/31/19 Report: N/A	CHEMPACK site visits by CA Dept of Public Health. This visit will not result in a report.	CDPH
Visit: 10/29/19 Report: N/A	Anthrax site visit (review, readiness, and capacity). This visit will not result in a report.	CDC
Visit: February 2020 (TBD) Report: TBD	CDC Select Agent Program Inspection and Certificate renewal site visit	CDC Lab
Visit: <b>March 9- 13, 2020</b> Report: TBD	Health Resources and Services Administration site visit for Ryan White Part A to cover programmatic and fiscal review	Health Resources and Services Administration

Visit: March  
2020  
Report: TBD

Management Evaluation of the CalFresh Health Living Program, inclusive of  
partnering local implementing agencies: Aging and Independent Services and Catholic  
Charities of San Diego

California Dept of  
Social Services

## IX. Recognitions and Awards

A. Two PHS programs/initiatives were nominated on behalf of County HHSA for awarding from the San Diego County Taxpayers Awards. These include:

1. Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Proposal (Public-Private Partnership)
2. Give Kids a Smile Event (Public-Private Partnership)

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