



County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Virtual Update January 4, 2024

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION
INTRODUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHCC meetings begin at 10:34 am.
AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS	
DENISE YI PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are working on reevaluating the goals and intentions of the Disaster Healthcare Coalition to ensure we are making the most of our time together.• It is the 5th year of the 5-year cycle for the PHEP and HPP grants so our focus is on general emergency preparedness activities including plans and SOP revisions and exercises requirements.
SARA SCHWALL COMMUNICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A CAHAN drill was conducted in November 2023. Please reach out if a notification was not received.• Reminder to test satellite phones and GETS card each month. Please reach out if you need assistance with the phone or GETS card.
MAYA CRAIG-LAUER HPP COORDINATOR MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 5-year grants cycle renews in July 2024.• A chemical surge tabletop exercise is being planned and is likely to take place before the Chempack exercise. The tabletop exercise can be customized based on which facilities participate to make it pertain to specific operations.• The Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE) will be included in the Chempack exercise.
KRISTIN EDLER PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICABLE DISEASE NURSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increases in respiratory illnesses are consistent with the rest of the state. We are also seeing increases in Valley Fever.• Due to low turnout at our PODs in the past, we have decided to restructure and look at doing more specialty sites such as schools and senior care centers.

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DR. GLEN MILLER
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

- The lab is seeing increases in respiratory illnesses as well as variant JN.1. This is the most common and makes up 19.4% of cases in SLO County. We expect an increase of this variant as it is more transmissible, however not as severe.
- We are also monitoring cases of influenza. H1N1 currently makes up 83% of cases in the county.
- Our sequencing platform is being updated. This will help us link and identify cases more efficiently.

JESSIE BURMESTER
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST

- A new respiratory diseases dashboard is expected to launch February 1st. This dashboard will showcase three pathogens for wastewater sites. It will also show the number of vaccinations and number of deaths in relation to the pathogens.

SCOTTY JALBERT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
(OES)

- The Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council meeting will take place on February 22nd.
- We are preparing an Ingestion Pathway drill through the Nuclear Power Plant program. This will be a three-day, FEMA evaluated exercise taking place from July 31st to August 2nd with a pre-drill/dress rehearsal in June.
- OES is working on an Emergency Operations update.
- We are launching an Alert SLO program, hopefully by the end of the year. This will be a notification system to report lesser incidents, such as highway shutdowns.

PETER HAGUE
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Environmental Health is currently performing standard business and supporting restaurant inspections. Nothing unusual to report.

FRANK WARREN
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- There has been a change in leadership in County Behavioral Health with myself (Frank Warren) as the new Deputy Director and Star Graber as Director. With this change we are reevaluating disaster plans and contracts for facilities.
- We are working on establishing a sobering center and psychiatric urgent care at the Health Agency campus. Possibly launching this center in July.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 4th, 2024 at 10:30 am
2995 McMillan Ave. Ste #178, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401