



County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Virtual Update January 6, 2022

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION
COVID-19 UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The County of San Luis Obispo has had approximately 34,895 COVID-19 cases with around 2,281 active cases.• There are currently 38 COVID-19 patients hospitalized with 7 in the ICU.
AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS	
DENISE YI PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Medical Shelter Exercise that was scheduled to take place in Spring 2022 has been cancelled.• The State Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) provided an update that the SWMHE will resume in Fall 2022.• On a recent conference call, the State shared that in California, 10-18% of all hospitalizations are COVID positive patients. As of this week there are around 50K hospitalizations. In comparison to last year's peak surge where there was 53K. It is projected that hospitals will admit another 5-10K over the next 7-14 days surpassing last year's peak numbers.
ROBIN HENDRY COMMUNICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Satellite phone testing reminder. Very few facilities have been regularly (Monthly) testing their satellite phone. Please test and charge your satellite phones monthly.
MAYA CRAIG-LAUER TESTING BRANCH DIRECTOR MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community sites are unable to meet the testing need of the community. Outbreaks have drastically increased over a two-week period.• Some facilities are using other labs to test their outbreaks to decrease demand on our lab
VINCE PIERUCCI EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are going to be evaluating the current MCI policy 210 in 2022.

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CHRISTINE GAIGER
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
VACCINE BRANCH DIRECTOR

- Continue to provide COVID-19 vaccines at static clinics and mobile clinics for vulnerable populations
- Continuing to perform testing @ 2191 Johnson Ave and at outbreak sites. We still have the SLO/GB/PR and MB community sites- funding thru 3/31/2021
- Communicable Disease- cases have increased exponentially over the last 7-10 days. Continue to prioritize follow up calls based on age/risk.

GLEN MILLER
LABORATORY

- As of January 3, 2022, the SLO County Public Health Laboratory has performed more than 52,000 tests for SARS-CoV-2 and continues to support county outbreak testing.
- The laboratory actively sequences for circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants, including the Omicron variant.
 - Sequencing results for >650 specimens from May to December 2021 has demonstrated the following circulating lineages (data weighted toward later timepoints).
 - Delta, including 18 sublineages: 91.3%
 - Omicron: 2.7%
 - Alpha: 1.3%
 - Gamma: 0.9%
 - Other lineages: 3.7%
 - The Omicron variant was first detected by the laboratory on 12/23/2021.
 - Sequencing results in late December showed an Omicron prevalence of 57% (17 of 30 specimens).
- Influenza surveillance for the 2021–2022 has shown increased detection relative to last season, with the predominant strain being influenza A (H3N2).
- Testing performed by the laboratory staff have supported investigations of *Legionella* and *E. coli* O157 cases.
- The laboratory recently switched to a new testing platform, Solana, to detect Herpes Simplex Virus-1 (HSV-1), HSV-2, and Varicella-Zoster Virus.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 7, 2022
Location to be determined