



## County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Virtual Update July 1, 2021

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| TOPIC   | DISCUSSION   |
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| <b>COVID-19 UPDATE</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vince Pierucci remains the Operations Section Chief in the County's EOC as well as the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC).</li><li>• The County of San Luis Obispo has had approximately 21,482 COVID-19 cases with around 46 active cases.</li><li>• There are currently 7 COVID-19 patients hospitalized with 3 in the ICU.</li><li>• The first case of the Delta variant of COVID-19 (B.1.617.2) has been identified in San Luis Obispo County. The Delta variant seems to spread more easily and quickly than other strains.</li></ul>  |
| <b>AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS</b><br><br>DENISE YI<br>PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY<br>PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>ROBIN HENDRY<br>COMMUNICATIONS<br><br><br>MAYA CRAIG-LAUER<br>MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE) has been cancelled for 2021 due to the Statewide response for COVID-19.</b></li><li>• The County EOC will be transitioning back to a CHADOC response over the next few weeks.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ In order to accommodate this transition, CHADOC will be moving to a new location and out of the New Government Center the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul></li><li>• As the nature of the response evolves, we hope to resume in-person meetings in the coming months. We will keep you updated when the next in-person meeting is scheduled.</li><br/><li>• Please see the attached satellite phone list for highlighted updates.</li><br/><li>• The MRC Volunteers continue to assist with the COVID-19 response. Currently, volunteers are helping to staff mobile vaccination sites.</li><li>• As the incident winds down, we plan to maintain the engagement of the large cadre of volunteers we</li></ul> |

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have developed during COVID with trainings, skills refreshers, and other volunteer opportunities.

VINCE PIERUCCI  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- No Update

CHRISTINE GAIGER  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- We are seeing more communicable diseases being reported, i.e. Valley Fever, Salmonella, Hep C.
- The number of COVID cases is decreasing.
  - We still have a small team working on the response.
- Increased numbers of TB cases this quarter – 4 new cases.
  - The average is 1-6 cases per year, so we are still within normal range.

JAMES BEEBE  
LABORATORY

- The SLO County Public Health Lab has performed nearly 41,000 COVID tests since March of 2020 using 5 different methods.
- Now using sequencing to determine variants.
  - Initiating an equipment purchase that will allow rapid automation of sequencing.
- Influenza virus was not detected in the County this past winter using the Biofire RP panels (n=800+ tests).
- Laboratory staff continues to test culture isolates referred by the three-county (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura) hospital and other diagnostic laboratories.
  - To date this year, the lab has identified one case of brucellosis, and ruled out other agents of bioterrorism.

DR. RICK ROSEN  
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- We are currently assisting with response testing at 2 congregate settings within the County due to staff positives.
  - Over the past month, COVID activity in congregate settings has been minimal.
- Across the State, the number of Opioid-associated deaths increased significantly in 2020.
  - In SLO County, we saw an even more dramatic increase; our rate of Opioid-associated deaths in 2020 was about the State's rate, and the deaths more than doubled as compared to 2019.
- Our mass-vaccination sites closed in early June, and we have transitioned COVID vaccination activities to our clinics in addition to various mobile vaccination efforts across the County. Currently, our public health clinic COVID vaccination schedule is:
  - SLO: Tuesdays-Pfizer, Thursdays-Moderna

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- Paso: Mondays-Pfizer, Wednesdays J&J, Thursdays-Moderna
- Grover: Mondays-Pfizer, Wednesdays- J&J and Moderna
- We encourage clients to make appointments for vaccination through MyTurn, but we are also accepting walk-ins.

ANNE ROBIN  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Services Continue to be provided both by Telehealth and in person, depending on client need.
- The Crisis Stabilization Unit has started to take walk-up referrals.
- Residential Treatment Facility with Medication Assisted Treatment (“detox”) at Prado will be opened in August/September. See attached flyers for more details.
- New location for Drug and Alcohol Services in Paso upcoming.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 7, 2021  
Location to be determined