



**County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department
Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC)**

April 6, 2023

10:30am-12:00pm

2995 McMillan Ave, Suite 178

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION
INTRODUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHCC meetings began at 10:30am.
AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS	
DENISE YI PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Emergency Preparedness Training Workshop (EPTW) conference took place in Sacramento this year. The Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) announced they will be changing their name to the Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR).• The Alternative Care Site (ACS) trailers are currently being evaluated for restocking with more appropriate medical supplies.• PHEP will be hosting a medical shelter support training for Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers.
MICHAEL BRINDLE COMMUNICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reminder to continue testing your satellite phones and GETS cards regularly.
MAYA CRAIG-LAUER HPP COORDINATOR MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SLO County MRC program was awarded a NACCHO grant this year.• We will be sending out a survey presenting possible scenarios for the Medical Response Surge Exercise. Please complete this survey as soon as possible.• The MRSE will take place in early June. TBD
KRISTIN EDLER PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICABLE DISEASE NURSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respiratory trends from the SLO PH Lab have been following the trends of the State.• The positivity rate of influenza this flu season is at 0.7%, significantly below the average.• RSV has been declining since Fall 2022.

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DR. GLEN MILLER
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

- The Monkeypox State of Emergency ended on Jan 31st and the COVID-19 State of Emergency ended on February 28th.
- Most COVID testing has now transitioned to antigen testing, as opposed to PCR Lab testing. This has limited the volume of laboratory tests that can be conducted.
- Testing numbers have remained close to the State's average.

JESSIE BURMESTER
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST

- COVID-19 testing has declined due to the increased usage of home antigen tests.
- Wastewater surveillance will continue, with funding available until July 2023.
- Advantages of wastewater surveillance are that it can detect asymptomatic and symptomatic cases of COVID-19 and can also be used for multiple pathogens such as Monkeypox, Influenza A, and Norovirus.

SCOTTY JALBERT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
(OES)

- Nothing to report.

VINCE PIERUCCI
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- EMSA is reviewing the Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) plans.
- One of the main changes is the trigger for activating the plan increasing from three patients to five patients.

MAYA CRAIG-LAUER
HAZARD VULNERABILITY
ASSESSMENT UPDATE

- The Hazard Vulnerability Assessment was last updated in 2019.
- Group discussion concluded that aerosolized anthrax no longer belongs in the top 10 hazards, since it does not spread from person to person.
- Aerosolized anthrax will be replaced by severe winter storms.
- (Jessie Burmester – Epidemiologist): We should not only consider emergency disease response, but also endemic diseases such as Valley Fever which can burden hospitals with droughts happening more often.

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MAYA CRAIG-LAUER FAMILY REUNIFICATION DISCUSSION

- (Scotty Jalbert – OES): We can utilize the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan from OES when modifying the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment.
- (Vince Pierucci – EMS): Earthquakes could have a high impact and can lead to isolation from resources if the earthquake causes damage to the roads, creating road closures.
- A full HVA update will take place in 23-24 with considerations from the local JRA.
- (Natasha Lukasiewich – French Hospital): We utilize the HICS forms and communicate with the EOC.
- (Emma Lauriston – Sierra Vista): We should have a central location and work on an overarching plan.
- (Todd Tuggle – SLO City Fire): Schools have robust family reunification plans. Consider reviewing their plans and incorporating applicable ideas.
- (Vince Pierucci – EMS): The County has a Phone Assistance Center that can be utilized during large scale events.

PARTNER ROUNDTABLE

- Nothing to report. Meeting concluded at 12:00pm

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 6, 2023

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