



County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Virtual Update July 7, 2022

Corrections to: phep@co.slo.ca.us

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<p>SLO County Public Health COVID-19 After Action Review Denise Yi Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLO County Public Health Process<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The next meeting will hopefully be in person. SLO County PHEP and EMSA are moving offices from Johnson Ave to McMillan Ave in August.○ State required participation in exercises such as the Medical Surge Response Exercise, POD Mass Vaccination for the Flu have all started planning this summer with exercises in Fall.○ The Nuclear Power Plant exercise will be held in a limited capacity this year.
<p>HSEEP Structure & Template MAYA CRAIG-LAUER PHEP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HPP<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Burn Surge Annex has been completed and just needs to be approved.○ As we welcome the new grant year, the County wants to ensure we assist our partners in meeting as many of their annual requirements as we can.○ This year we will write a Radiation Surge Annex and will test previous surge annexes via tabletop exercises.• Medical Reserve Corps<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Currently, we are using MRC volunteers to assist with COVID-19 vaccination clinics for 6-month-olds to 5-year-olds. Only a few volunteers are comfortable vaccinating infants, so our volunteer pool is small for this endeavor.

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AGENCY – PROGRAM REPORTS

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

DENISE YI

MICHAEL BRINDLE

PHEP COMMUNICATIONS

- **New satellite phones** will be delivered soon to facilities that have regularly been testing their satellite phones. Michael will work with each partner individually to distribute their new satellite phones.

SARA SCHWALL

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- Christine Gaiger has officially retired. Kristin Edler has taken over as the new supervising public health nurse.
- In May and June there were 288 cases influenza A, but no confirmed monkeypox cases in SLO County.
- Please contact Kristin Edler (kedler@co.slo.ca.us) with information regarding communicable disease.

GLEN MILLER

LABORATORY

- The Public Health Lab has been participating in congregate facility and skilled nursing facilities COVID-19 testing. In addition, the lab has also been doing weekly surveillance testing since 2021.
- Our county's data has been consistent with California, lagging by about 1-2 weeks.
- Influenza is on the rise and the CDC requested that the Public Health Lab extend surveillance testing
- The Laboratory's website has been updated with hot topics, pre-approval for monkeypox testing and specimen collection instructions.

ANNE ROBIN

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Behavioral Health is having an issue with staffing and is searching for clinicians, specifically mental health and drug and alcohol staff.

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JESSIE BURMESTER

EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Local and State COVID-19 tracking numbers only account for PCR tests, not rapid antigen tests which have been increasingly popular.
- The Delta variant of COVID-19 is more likely to cause severe illness than the Omicron variant, but Omicron still severely impacting the methods.
- Influenza A is on the rise, as well as Adenovirus, RSV, and Entero/Rhinovirus.

PARTNER REPORTS – RECENT EXERCISES AND REAL EVENTS

MAYA CRAIG-LAUER

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

- Open invite for Center for Domestic Preparedness Anniston, AL. Send email to Maya (mcraiglauer@co.slo.ca.us) with preferred dates available if you are interested in attending.

JAMES BLATTLER

SLO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

- The new Mobile Crisis Unit has had multiple positive outcomes already with a news release from KSBY on July 7th, 2022.
- Updated Emergency Operations Plan.
- Chief Aggson will continue to be part of the team and James will also remain here as a valuable added resource.

EMMA WILCOX

SIERRA VISTA AND TWIN CITIES

- Twin is doing a push to write new plans for Code Silver (active shooter, or the new term “armed assailant”).
- New comprehensive emergency lockdown plans have been developed for both Sierra Vista and Twin Cities hospitals.
- There is a growing concern by staff members and leadership regarding active shooter situations.

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| Karen Jones
Long Term Care Ombudsman | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilities are getting tired of mask mandates.• Slow test results from LHI for weekly testing.• Training and overview of emergency plan for active shooter.• The extended lockdown supplies have been restocked. |
| Brandon Walen
French Hospital | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There has been a rotating census of 2-4 COVID-19 patients at a time with a few flu patients as well. |
| Gayle Robinson
Red Cross | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red Cross conducted in person shelter training in Santa Barbara and SLO County.• Many new volunteers have signed up recently as we prepare for fire season.• The recommendation is still to mask in shelters, which is an expected obstacle.• For anyone who has symptoms, the County has offered extra rapid antigen tests. If they test negative, then they can enter shelter. If not, we must set up an isolation area. Anyone who has symptoms, but test negative will be routinely retested in a few days• <u>There will be a dual county shelter drill on August 13th, 2022.</u> |
| Michelle Payne
Res Care | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is only one yellow zone right now in full PPE.• Disaster preparation plans have been recently updated and the food and water supply will be refreshed soon. |
| Jessie Burmester
Epidemiology | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The State holds a meeting regarding Monkeypox every Friday.• Worldwide there have been 5,455 cases of Monkeypox and 1 death. California has had 85 cases of Monkeypox in 13 jurisdictions with no hospitalizations or deaths.• STIs are more likely than Monkeypox, but testing remains essential to prevent transmission. |

All Debrief, Upcoming Events, Announcements, Special Dates

After Action Report: Best
Practices: How to Prepare for
and Construct your Massive
COVID-19 AAR

COVID-19 AAR Denise Yi

- The County is still working on their COVID-19 AAR since multiple departments were involved.
- The HSEEP AAR structure is standardized, widely accepted, includes common terminology, accepted by FEMA for reimbursement purposes (also applicable, California Disaster Assistance Act), comprehensive, flexible, scalable, adaptable and includes a list of target capabilities.
- Identification and Creation Augmentation of Target Capabilities
 - How well did we implement communications, volunteer management, donations and responder safety and health?
 - We collaborated with the Incident Commander, Operations Section Chief, Med/Health Director and Planning Section Chief to identify target capabilities.
 - Health equity was one of the areas we focused on during the pandemic.
- Information Collection
 - Surveys were used to gather information from large groups on their own schedule, in an anonymous manner with the intention of making sensitive topics easier to share for some individuals.
 - Hot washes were used to analyze surveys for common themes and created a presentation to spur discussion while including key staff and leadership.
 - ICS-214 is used as an activity log, however for the specific application of COVID-19 response, this was not as helpful as we hoped for the AAR.

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- This was helpful for reimbursement, however after a long-time people would put the same information on each one.
- The ICS-214 was more important for short term situations, as opposed to long term COVID-19 response.
- Information Organization
 - Using a template proved to be helpful, especially when connecting information to target capabilities.
 - We also formatted the survey to connect the target capabilities with the questions on the survey.
 - This was then sorted by discipline and subject matter, identified which activities of the target capabilities we wanted to evaluate or add, and identify missing information.
- Top Challenges
 - Contractor - Working with a contractor was one of the biggest challenges. Having employees who were involved with the specific response proved more valuable than an outside contractor.
 - Timeline – Since this was such a long term and largescale operation, there were not many existing plans in place to base our timeline off.
 - Staff Turnover – Staff turnover also proved to be a challenge since it was a long-term operation, naturally some staff turnover should be expected.

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Lessons Learned from Past

AAR Creation – Discussion

Emma Wilcox

Sierra Vista

- HC Format was used, but turned out to be dated, so they had to re-format.
- The focus was on writing the COVID-19 Plan, not the AAR.
- There was a lot of work to prepare hospitals for the surge of patients.

Denise Yi

PHEP

- We are hoping to share our AAR with partners when Penny Borenstein returns in a few weeks.

Jeremy Ralston

SCA Health

- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has a thorough AAR.
- The CISA AAR uses a template for SCAL and utilizes different scenarios.
- This has been included as resource at the bottom of the meeting minutes.

Mary Massey

California Hospital

Association

- The AAR can be simple; it doesn't need to do everything.
- It can simply be what went well and what went not as well.
- Then, what are we going to do about what went wrong.

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Meeting Attendance List

Denise Yi (PHEP), Maya Craig-Lauer (PHEP), Michael Brindle (PHEP), Vince Pierucci (EMSA), Sara Schwall (EMSA), Kristin Edler (SLO PHD), Jessie Burmester (SLO PHD), Aaron LaBarre (SLO EH), Brandi Colombo (CCHH), Brandon Walen (French), Diane Hebrard (CCHH), James Blattler (City of SLO), Lindsey Cooper (SLO Surgery Center), Anne Robin (SLO BH), Glen Miller (PH Lab), Gayle Robinson (Red Cross) , Karen Jones (Long Term Care Ombudsman), Rob Jenkins (CAL FIRE), Michael Coughlin (SLO PH), Melissa Smith-Huff (Central Coast Endoscopy Centers in SLO and Templeton) , Eric Anderson (Animal Services), Emma Wilcox (Tenet Health Central Coast), Eric Anderson (CHADOC), Brandon Walen (French), Michelle Payne (ResCare), Mary Massey (California Hospital Association), Evan Millard (CHCCC), Jeremy Ralston (SCA Health).

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 6, 2022 from 11:00am to 12:00pm
Location to be determined