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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of March 2, 2021

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

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San Francisco moves to Phase 1B of COVID-19 vaccinations, expands eligibility to educators, child care, emergency services, food and agriculture workers

Today, there are over 34,000 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 422 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

On February 24, San Francisco moved into Phase 1B of the State's COVID-19 vaccination prioritization plan. This move to Phase 1B expands vaccine eligibility to people who live or work in San Francisco in the following sectors: education and childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture. Despite this expanded eligibility, vaccine doses remain in short supply, and healthcare providers have been advised to prioritize second doses in the coming weeks. As such, appointments for first vaccine doses are limited, and people who are eligible may not be able to get appointments right away.

Phase 1B includes more than 168,000 individuals who live or work in San Francisco, in addition to the approximately 210,000 healthcare workers and people 65 and older who are already eligible. People who are eligible to be vaccinated can sign-up for an appointment as they become available at: [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated).

The insufficient and inconsistent supply of COVID-19 vaccine continues to be the biggest barrier for vaccinating people quickly in San Francisco. The increase in second dose appointments puts additional strain on San Francisco's COVID-19 vaccination network.

Over the last week, an average of 4,000 to 4,500 second and first vaccine doses a day have been administered in San Francisco. Although this rate of vaccinations is lower than what San Francisco is capable of, health care providers and DPH are still making good progress, with 22% of San Franciscans 16 and older having received their first dose, and are ready to ramp up vaccinations as supply increases and becomes more predictable.

In addition to expanding vaccine eligibility to people in Phase 1B, San Francisco health care providers and the Department of Public Health continue to vaccinate people 65 and older. To date, San Francisco has vaccinated 80% of the approximately 210,000 healthcare workers and people 65



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and older who are eligible under Phase 1A. Sixty-three percent of San Franciscans 65 and older have received at least one dose.

San Francisco also remains committed to an equitable vaccination strategy, with a specific focus on reaching populations that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. To that end, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has been focused on reaching communities that have been hard-hit by the pandemic, including the Latino community and neighborhoods in the Southeast of the city.

San Francisco's COVID-19 Command Center recently published a new vaccine [dashboard](#) shows that DPH's focus on racial equity in vaccine distribution has been successful. A higher proportion of the DPH-administered vaccinations have gone to people of color than the total citywide vaccinations. For example, 18.3% of the DPH vaccine allocation has gone to the Latinx population compared with 9.3% of citywide vaccinations.

Anyone who works or lives in San Francisco can sign up for a notification when they are eligible for vaccination at [SF.gov/vaccinenotify](https://sf.gov/vaccinenotify). The City will continue to provide regular updates to the public about the vaccine in San Francisco at: [SF.gov/covidvaccine](https://sf.gov/covidvaccine).

San Francisco launches COVID-19 vaccination site at The SF Market in the Bayview

On February 16, Mayor London N. Breed, Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton, and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax announced the launch of a third high volume vaccination site in San Francisco. The site, which opened at the SF Market in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood at 901 Rankin Street, advances San Francisco's efforts to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible. As with other vaccination sites in San Francisco, the SF Market location will initially offer vaccinations to people 65 and older and healthcare workers. Due to current supply constraints, the initial doses given per day will be limited, but the site is ready to expand rapidly once supply increases.

This new location, which is operated by the City and staffed in partnership with Sutter Health, is the third high-volume vaccination site that San Francisco and health care partners have opened in the past month. Two additional high-volume vaccination sites are located at the Moscone Center and the City College of San Francisco. These high-volume sites serve anyone who meets their eligibility requirements regardless of health coverage, by appointment only, and are part of San Francisco's network of vaccination sites to facilitate the quick and efficient delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.

Once vaccine supply becomes more available, appointments and hours at SF Market will expand. People 65 and older and healthcare workers can make an appointment regardless of their health coverage status or provider by going to [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated) and booking an appointment through



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[Sutter's My Health Online](#) portal. Those who do not have access to a computer can schedule an appointment through Sutter's call center at 844-987-6115.

While vaccine supply remains the limiting factor in the short-term, the site will have the capacity to vaccinate more than 1,000 people per day once fully operational. Appointments are required and will remain limited in the short-term due to the constrained and unpredictable vaccine supply coming to San Francisco.

The SF Market location is designed to allow for multiple providers to provide vaccination concurrently.

The SF Market, formerly called the SF Wholesale Produce Market, is a wholesale marketplace that connects growers and their produce to food businesses throughout the Bay Area. The 23- acre campus is home to 28 merchant businesses and more than 1,000 employees. The vaccination site at 901 Rankin is an 82,000-square-foot LEED Gold Certified warehouse and was completed as part of the SF Market Reinvestment Project in 2014.

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Outdoor youth sports to return to San Francisco with safety precautions

On February 26, the San Francisco Department of Public Health and Recreation and Park Department announced the expansion of youth sports in San Francisco. The City's anticipated reassignment to the red tier this week will allow outdoor contact sports, organized and supervised through youth sports leagues, all with safety protocols. In order to put kids in the game as soon as possible, Rec and Park has launched a field allocation program in partnership with local youth sports leagues.

Rec and Park's "Let the Kids Play" program will give youth a fast track back to the sports they love by providing field space to leagues offering a seven-week spring season for soccer, baseball, softball, flag football, and lacrosse. This "mini-season" will start April 10 and run up to Memorial Day. Participants and coaches must follow all precautions outlined in the Health Order. More information on Let the Kids Play can be found [here](#).

Based on analysis of San Francisco's current health indicators, the City will meet the state's [red tier criteria](#) on Tuesday, March 2. The Department of Public Health is preparing the amended Health Order and directives outlining allowable activities so the City can open as quickly as possible when the new tier reassignment takes effect, which under state rules is the next day, Wednesday, March 3.



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The eased outdoor youth sports guidelines for San Francisco largely align with the [state's](#), with some additional safety precautions.

Under the new Health Order, outdoor moderate-contact sports such as such as baseball, softball, field hockey, gymnastics, cheerleading, and girls or women's lacrosse will be permitted with face coverings required at all times except when participants are playing in a competition and easily able to maintain at least six-feet apart from other participants and staff. The Order will also include outdoor high-contact sports permitted in the orange tier, including football, basketball, soccer, rugby, crew and boys' lacrosse with face coverings worn by participants, coaches and staff at all times.

Capacity for both moderate- and high-contact activities is generally limited to stable cohorts of up to 25 youth. No more than 25 players on each team can participate, including any players who are on the sidelines, with limited exceptions. Under the Order, youth may participate in only one outdoor sports team cohort at a time. Programs for outdoor moderate or high-contact sports must obtain the written informed consent from the parents or guardians of all youth participants, and spectators will be limited to parents or guardians as allowed under state guidance. Snacks and post-game snacks are not allowed. No indoor sports will be permitted, at least while the City remains in the red tier. More details about youth sports in the forthcoming Order can be found below.

Adult leagues

With practices beginning April 5 and running through nine weeks, a limited number of adult leagues will be permitted to play. Adult leagues are generally subject to the same safety protocols that apply to outdoor youth sports. Adult league play will run weeknights from April 5 up to Memorial Day, and weekends starting March 27 and 28 for nine weeks. More information can be [found here](#).

San Francisco lifts local 10-day quarantine order but urges against non-essential travel

Beginning February 23, San Franciscans who engage in non-essential travel outside the Bay Area region will no longer be required to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival home. The Health Order was implemented in mid-December in response to a surge in cases from Thanksgiving travel. The lift comes at a time when the City has shown continued progress in managing the virus. The City is recording a seven-day average of 79 cases per day, which is down 79 percent from a high of a seven-day average of 374 cases per day at the peak of the most recent surge.

However, the City continues to strongly recommend that people follow the existing State travel advisory, which advises against non-essential travel anywhere outside of the state or 120 miles away from home. "Non-essential" travel includes travel that is considered tourism or recreational in nature. Destinations beyond the 120-mile radius might include Tahoe, Big Sur or Mount Shasta.



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Additionally, under the State travel advisory, people arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries should self-quarantine for 10 days after arrival. For a definition of essential travel, refer to the City's [Stay Safer at Home Order](#).

Travel—especially the use of shared, enclosed vehicles in air, bus, or rail travel—can increase a person's chance of spreading and getting COVID-19. People arriving in California from other states or Californians returning from outside the state could potentially introduce new sources of infection, including new strains of the virus. Travel between different regions in California could also exacerbate community spread. Postponing travel and staying close to home is still a key practice to protect oneself and others from COVID-19.

While San Francisco is lifting the travel quarantine, individual organizations such as schools or workplaces may require individuals to complete any travel quarantines already underway.

Department of Public Health announces Luenna Kim as Director of Human Resources

The San Francisco Department of Public Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Luenna Kim as Director of Human Resources.

Luenna currently serves as the Director of Human Resources for the San Francisco Human Services Agency, a position she has held since 2013. She has a broad base of experience that spans over 20 years in human resources management, recruiting, labor relations, and social justice advocacy. She has worked as a labor relations manager for the San Francisco Department of Public Health, a human resources director for a large public school district and for a charter management organization, a legal recruiter for a Fortune 500 company, and a public defender. In 2019, she was part of a panel of thought leaders who offered an introduction to the topic of unconscious bias - how it impacts the workplace, and what to do about it - at the California Welfare Directors Association Annual Conference. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Boston University and a law degree from Suffolk University School of Law.

Luenna Kim was selected for the position through an extensive national search process from a strong field of highly qualified candidates. Her anticipated start date is March 22, 2021. Her predecessor, Michael L. Brown, announced his planned retirement in late 2020. Some of Luenna's priorities will include partnering with the Office of Health Equity to implement DPH's Racial Equity Action Plan, reducing hiring timelines, supporting staff engagement, and improving the experience for HR's customers.

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