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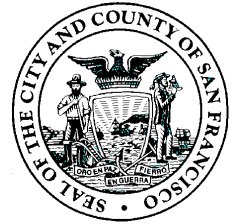
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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday April 20, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Dan Bernal President
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm. Commissioner Bernal announced that the Commission would discuss the Director's Report item first in order to address the verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial.

2) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grant Colfax, Director of Health, gave the report, which can be viewed at:
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Dr. Colfax made the following introductory comments:

"I want to start the Director's Report by acknowledging what a difficult day this was for our City and Country as we anxiously awaited the verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial. Justice was served. There was a statement from the Mayor a few hours ago that I would like to read. It speaks eloquently to this moment and what we need to do as a society to put an end to senseless violence. I quote from the Mayor,

'This verdict does not bring back the life of George Floyd. It can't replace the years of his life that were robbed from him, nor the life experiences and memories that would have been made with his friends and family. What this verdict does reflect is that the tide is turning in this country, although still too slowly, toward accountability and justice.

Almost eleven months ago, the world watched as Officer Derek Chauvin kept his knee on the back of George Floyd's neck. He kept it there for eight minutes and 46 seconds, but it felt like an eternity. The systemic injustice from hundreds of years of racism and mistreatment of Black Americans was put into plain view on video, and the country and the world erupted in protest.

While we're now months removed from the height of those protests, the need for action is as critical as ever. This is about more than prosecuting the officer who killed George Floyd, though that is an important step. It's about fundamentally restructuring how policing is done to move away from the use of excessive force. It's about shifting responses to non-violent calls away from an automatic police response to something better equipped to handle the situation. It's about reinvesting in communities in which years of systematic disinvestment has made it nearly impossible for people to thrive. It's about changing who we are as a country.

That's what we're trying to do in San Francisco. Our Street Crisis Response Teams, consisting of paramedics and behavioral health specialists, are now often the first responders to non-violent 911 calls relating to mental health and substance use. Our Dream Keeper Initiative is redirecting \$120 million to improve the lives of Black youth and their families through investments in everything from housing, to healthcare, to workforce training and guaranteed income. And our sustained, multi-year efforts to reform our police department has resulted in a 57% reduction in instances of use of force and a 45% decrease in officer involved shootings since 2016.

While this tragedy can never be undone, what we can do is finally make real change in the name of George Floyd. Nothing we can do will bring him back, but we can do the work to prevent others from facing his fate in the future. That is the work we need to do. It's ongoing, it's challenging, but if we are committed, we can make a real and lasting difference in this country.'

I also want to echo a few points from a letter I sent to staff yesterday in anticipation of a verdict. These are excerpts from that letter:

'Bringing an end to racism starts with acknowledging its omnipresence and its proximity. It pervades every aspect of our society. Its impact is felt at home and in the workplace in both subtle and overt way. Racism colors the experiences of our patients and effects their health outcomes. It also shapes the infrastructure of the communities in which we live, shaping the environment and resources we all need to be healthy and well. No matter how we are impacted by the racism that surrounds us, dismantling racism requires the full dedication of everyone. I can do more. You can do more. Let's do more, together, to put an end to it.

This pandemic has exploited our economic divides and disproportionately impact the communities of color. Racism is a public health crisis. It is our duty to dismantle systems that prevent people from living full lives. I want to acknowledge that these incidents are incredibly traumatizing and difficult for many of us, and they are especially hard for our Black African American colleagues. I want to encourage everyone to be gentle and do whatever is necessary if it means taking time off. This past year has been extraordinarily challenging. I have been humbled and inspired how we have come together to push through these difficult times. This time is no different. we must continue to support each other.'

Thank you, Commissioners."

The text of the April 20, 2021 Director’s Report is below.

SF Department of Public Health adopts new public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people

On April 16, Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax released the following statement after a decision by the state to adopt the CDC’s [guidance](#) on allowable behavior for fully vaccinated people. For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna, or two weeks after they have received a single-dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Currently, individuals 16 and older are eligible to get vaccinated in San Francisco.

“We welcome the state’s decision to adopt the CDC’s guidance for gatherings, and we have updated our [Health Order](#) accordingly. We are now at a point in this pandemic where fully vaccinated San Franciscans can attend small indoor gatherings with other fully vaccinated friends and loved ones without wearing masks or physical distancing or with unvaccinated people from one household who are at low risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

However, even vaccinated people may carry and transmit the disease, so it’s still very important that individuals consider the risk that exposure may have on those around them. For that reason, face coverings, physical distancing, handwashing and limiting indoor activities and gatherings with people outside one’s household remain as important as ever, especially with the increased prevalence of more contagious variants in San Francisco. Per the state’s guidance, when visiting with unvaccinated individuals at high risk for severe COVID-19 disease, vaccinated people should continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing.

We hope this news offers further incentive for people to get vaccinated as soon as possible. We want to thank everyone for their ongoing cooperation and compliance with the state’s guidance. Our City’s commitment to following the health guidelines has resulted in the lowest death rate from COVID-19 of any major city in the country. With more people getting vaccinated every day, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer. We just need everyone to hang in there and keep up the good work.”

The San Francisco Department of Public Health’s updated Health Order can be found [here](#).

CDPH Updated Guidance for Gathering

[Guidance for Gatherings](#) – Applies to private gatherings – social situations that bring together people from different households at the same time in a single space. Notably, attendance for gatherings is based on county tier status for the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, unless local health departments have more restrictive measures.

[Guidance for the Fully Vaccinated](#) – Provides guidelines for people two weeks after full vaccination. This includes:

- Spending time with other fully vaccinated people, including indoors, without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Spending time with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.

SF expands network of neighborhood COVID-19 vaccine sites as part of equity strategy

The goal of San Francisco's vaccination strategy is to make receiving the vaccine as convenient, comfortable and low-barrier for as many people as possible, particularly in those neighborhoods disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

New 18th Street and Shotwell neighborhood vaccination site

On April 15, Mayor London N. Breed and City officials announced San Francisco's fourth neighborhood COVID-19 vaccine site. Located at the Local 261 Union building at 3271 18th Street in the Mission District and operated in partnership with the Latino Task Force, the new Mission site is one of three neighborhood sites opening in the next several weeks as the City augments efforts to ensure that highly impacted neighborhoods have equitable access to the vaccine.

The new Mission vaccine site at 18th Street and Shotwell follows the successful launch of the City's first neighborhood site at 24th and Capp. The site at 24th and Capp was created in February in partnership with UCSF and the Latino Task Force and has vaccinated over 10,000 predominately Latino and Mission residents since opening. The new site is planned to be open Thursdays through Saturdays from 11:00am to 6:00pm. The site will serve people 16 and older who live in priority zip codes and will have an initial capacity of 200 doses per day.

Given that supply of the vaccine remains extremely limited, the 18th and Shotwell site is by appointment only with limited drop-in availability. Members of the public can sign up for an appointment in person at the 18th and Shotwell site as well as the Mission testing site at 24th and Mission, Wednesday – Sunday, 9am-2pm; at Unidos en Salud at 24th and Capp, Sunday- Wednesday, 9am-2pm; and at the Mission Hub at 701 Alabama Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Residents and workers of the priority zip codes 94124, 94134, 94112, 94110, 94107, 94102, 94103, and 94130 can also email LatinoTaskForceSF@gmail.com with any questions.

The 18th and Shotwell site is located within walking distance from the 16th Street BART station and Muni bus lines, to ensure that it is accessible and convenient for people that it will serve. Muni and Paratransit are free for anyone traveling to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments. The SFMTA is also providing additional access to taxi service for those using the Essential Trip Card. Information can be found at sfmta.com/COVID and sfmta.com/Paratransit.

New Excelsior District neighborhood vaccination site

On April 7, Mayor London N. Breed, Supervisor Ahsha Safaí, DPH, and community partners Excelsior Strong and Latino Task Force, announced the opening of a new neighborhood COVID-19 vaccine site in the Excelsior District, at 20 Norton Street.

The new site in the Excelsior is planned to operate Wednesday through Saturday, from 9:30am- 3:30pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays and 12pm-6pm on Fridays. The site will have an initial capacity of 150 doses per day. Given that supply of the vaccine remains extremely limited, the Excelsior site is by appointment only with limited drop-in availability. Excelsior neighborhood residents and workers can call Excelsior Strong/Latino Task Force at (415) 562-8638 to schedule an appointment.

The Excelsior site, located on a San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) parking lot, has the additional benefit of being adjacent to Mission Street, which has numerous Muni bus lines, and walking distance from Balboa Park BART station, ensuring that it is accessible and convenient for people that it will

serve. Muni and Paratransit are free for anyone traveling to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments. The SFMTA is also providing additional access to taxi service for those using the Essential Trip Card. Information can be found at sfmta.com/COVID and sfmta.com/Paratransit.

Neighborhood vaccine access sites established with community partners, such as this new Mission site and the future ones in Visitacion Valley and Lakeview/OMI, are one critical piece of a larger network of vaccine distribution that also includes high-volume vaccination sites, community clinics, pharmacy partnerships, and mobile vaccination teams. In addition to the 18th and Shotwell site and the new Excelsior site the City continues to locate vaccine resources in neighborhoods that have disproportionately carried the burden of COVID-19 and has created neighborhood vaccine access sites in the Mission (24th and Capp), and Bayview (1800 Oakdale). Additionally, the City has expanded mobile vaccine teams to the Tenderloin, Visitacion Valley, Treasure Island, Chinatown and other neighborhoods with the highest infection rates for COVID-19 and limited access to health care services.

San Francisco's COVID-19 vaccine dashboard shows that the City'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, the Latino population represents 14% percent of the City's vaccine eligible population and has received more than 26% of DPH's vaccinations. The dashboard also shows that the top three neighborhoods receiving the largest amount of DPH-controlled vaccines are the Bayview, Mission and Excelsior.

Insufficient vaccine supply remains the single biggest factor limiting the City's vaccination effort. Newly eligible people age 16 and over should visit [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated) to learn about options for receiving the vaccine and to find links to book appointments at different vaccination sites. Because supply remains extremely limited while eligibility is expanding, it may take a number of weeks to find an available appointment. Eligible individuals should continue to be patient, should keep checking the website, and should accept the first vaccine that is offered, with the exception of people 16 and 17 years old, for whom Pfizer is currently the only approved vaccine.

Neighborhood Site Information and Appointments

Excelsior – Excelsior residents 18 and over can get vaccinated at the new Excelsior neighborhood vaccine site, located at 20 Norton Street. Operating hours are Wednesday through Saturday, from 9:30am-3:30pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays and 12 pm-6pm on Fridays. The site has an initial capacity of 150 doses per day. Given that supply of the vaccine remains extremely limited, the Excelsior site is by appointment with limited drop-in availability. Excelsior neighborhood residents and workers can call Excelsior Strong/Latino Task Force at (415) 562-8638 to schedule an appointment.

Bayview – Bayview residents 18 and over can get vaccinated at the Southeast Community Center neighborhood vaccine site (corner of 1800 Oakdale and Phelps, entrance on Phelps) in the Bayview. Hours are 9:30-3:30 Friday, Saturday and Monday. Capacity: 400 doses per day. The Bayview neighborhood vaccine site is by appointment with limited drop-in availability. Bayview residents and workers can call the Rafiki Coalition for an appointment at 415-654-0491 or visit <https://rafikicoalition.org/wellness/>.

Mission (24th and Capp) – Anyone 16 and over who lives in priority zip codes: Bayview (94124), Visitacion Valley (94134), Excelsior/Outer Mission (94112), Mission/Bernal (94110), Potrero/Dogpatch (94107), Tenderloin (94102), SOMA/Civic Center (94103), and Treasure Island (94130). Hours are Sunday-Wednesday, 9am-4pm. Capacity: 500 doses a day. Contact Unidos en Salud for an appointment at 1-844-

965-0987 or visit their website at [Bridge Rapid COVID-19 Testing Campaign — United In Health](#)

Mission (3271 18th Street) – Anyone 16 and over who lives in priority zip codes: Bayview (94124), Visitacion Valley (94134), Excelsior/Outer Mission (94112), Mission/Bernal (94110), Potrero/Dogpatch (94107), Tenderloin (94102), SOMA/Civic Center (94103), and Treasure Island (94130). Appointments by walk-up only. Sign-ups on site or at Mission testing site at 24th and Mission, Wednesday – Sunday, 9am-2pm and at Unidos en Salud at 24th and Capp, Sunday-Wednesday, 9am-2pm and at the Mission Hub at 701 Alabama Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Email LatinoTaskForceSF@gmail.com with questions.

Sunnydale/Visitacion Valley (1099 Sunnydale Avenue) – Launching April 19th. Sunnydale/Visitacion Valley residents 18 and over can get a vaccine by appointment or by drop-in at 9:30am-3:30pm, Monday-Wednesday. This site will be operated in collaboration with [FacesSF](#) and Visit Healthcare. Contact FacesSF at 415 239-8705. Email kwu@facessf.org with questions.

Lakeview/OMI (50 Broad Street) – Launching April 28 for Lakeview/OMI residents 18 and over on Wednesdays, 10am-6pm; Fridays, 9am-4pm; and Saturdays, 9am-1pm. This site will be by appointment and drop-in and be operated in collaboration with the Southwest Community Corporation/I.T. Bookman Community Center and Visit Healthcare. Contact the OMI COVID-19 Hotline for an appointment at 415 712-0313. Email Covid19@itbookmancenter.org with questions.

People 16 and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in San Francisco

On April 13, Mayor London N. Breed, Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax, and Director of the Department of Emergency Management Mary Ellen Carroll announced that in accordance with state and federal guidance, all people age 16 and over in San Francisco are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Those newly eligible people age 16 and over should visit [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated) to learn about options for receiving the vaccine and to find links to schedule appointments at different vaccination sites.

Making a vaccination appointment

Anyone who works or lives in San Francisco and is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine can go to [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated) to find vaccination locations and make an appointment. 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).

In order to assist individuals who are 65 and older and those with disabilities who are unable to easily access the internet or schedule an appointment through their provider, the City has set up a call center to learn about vaccine options and receive assistance in booking an appointment to some locations. The number is (628) 652-2700. Phones are answered 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Callers can leave a message on weekends.

San Francisco's vaccine supply and Johnson & Johnson vaccine pause

Following announcement of the CDC and FDA on April 13th, San Francisco has paused the use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine out of an abundance of caution until more is learned about the potential side effects. To date San Francisco has administered more than 33,000 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to residents with no known cases of blood clotting. As this adverse event is reported to be extremely rare with just over six reported cases nationwide, the City does not believe there is cause for immediate alarm. However, people who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should contact their primary healthcare provider if they have concerns or if they develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain or

shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination. COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for the City. DPH will continue to monitor the situation and will look forward to hearing the outcome from the CDC's meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices tomorrow to better understand the significance of these cases.

The state informed the City last week to expect a 33-35% percent decrease in the vaccine supply for the month of April caused by near-term supply challenges at the national level, as well as increasing proportions of California vaccines being delivered through the federal direct allocation programs to Federally Qualified Health Centers and pharmacies. Additionally, the City's supply of Johnson & Johnson would decrease by upwards of 90% percent due to federal manufacturing issues. As the City only received 500 doses of Johnson & Johnson (out of 10,000 doses total) this week, this pause will not have a significant impact on this week's vaccination efforts.

SF reopens and expands additional businesses and activities

On April 14, Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax announced that, starting April 15, San Francisco will reopen and expand additional activities that are allowed by the State for counties assigned to the orange tier. These activities include indoor live-audience events and performances and private events such as conferences and receptions. In alignment with the State's guidelines, San Francisco will also expand the number of individuals allowed to participate in indoor and outdoor social gatherings and will loosen some restrictions on other activities, including dining, outdoor bars, retail, and recreation.

Many of the activities that are resuming may reopen because of guidelines recently released by the State. With some exceptions, San Francisco will align with the State's guidelines to reopen and expand newly permitted activities under the orange tier. New and expanded businesses and activities may resume starting Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. as long as they comply with required capacity limits and other safety protocols.

Although San Francisco remains assigned to the orange tier on the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), its COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and other health equity metrics have remained stable over the past several weeks. With the recent guidance released by the State, San Francisco is taking the opportunity to reopen live events and performances and private events and to expand additional activities within the orange tier. Key criteria for the resumption and continuation of these expansions will be a stable or declining rate of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. As public health officials continue to monitor San Francisco's health indicators, the City may need to pause or rollback activities if data suggests that COVID-19 is significantly increasing within the community again.

Under the new Health Order, San Francisco will open indoor ticketed and seated events and performances up to 35% capacity with an approved Health and Safety Plan, as long as all participants keep their masks on except when eating or drinking in designated concessions areas away from their seats, distancing requirements can be met, and participants show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test before they enter the venue. Venues may create vaccinated-only sections with relaxed distancing requirements, subject to specified criteria and an approved health and safety plan. For venues operating at 15% capacity or less, with no more than 200 people, and that do not have any vaccinated-only sections, an approved Health and Safety Plan and proof of vaccination or a negative test will not be required.

Private events such as meetings, conventions, and receptions may also resume indoors up to 150 participants with assigned seating and proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test. Such events may resume outdoors following the same guidelines for up to 300 people, or up to 100 people without proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test.

Outdoor ticketed venues for live-audience events and performances may expand capacity up to 50% under existing guidelines. Like indoor venues, outdoor venues may create vaccinated-only sections with relaxed distancing restrictions, subject to specified criteria and an approved health and safety plan. An approved health and safety plan is also required for outdoor ticketed events greater than 1,000 audience members, and a health and safety plan must be submitted to the Health Officer (but does not require pre-approval) before the event for outdoor ticketed events of between 500 and 1,000 audience members. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test is required by all participants if the outdoor event includes 4,000 or more audience members, or 100 or more audience members and food and beverages are served. In all cases, patrons must wear facial coverings for the duration of the event, except for times when they are eating or drinking.

San Francisco will also expand capacity for indoor and outdoor social gatherings based on the State's new guidance, as well as a number of activities impacted by those changes, including drive-ins, tour operators, childcare, sports and recreation, and institutes of higher education. Under the amendments to the Health Order, groups of up to 50 may now gather together outdoors with face coverings and distancing, reduced to 25 if food or drink is being consumed. Indoor gatherings may resume at the lesser of 25% capacity or 25 individuals without food or beverages. In addition to the activities above, a number of changes to the Health Order will allow additional expansions for outdoor dining, outdoor bars, film, and indoor family entertainment as well as the easing of some safety protocols for other sectors including retail, hotels, and indoor dining. Community centers serving seniors and adult day care will also be able to reopen to 25% capacity beginning April 15.

San Francisco has maintained a stable average between 30 and 40 new COVID-19 cases a day since early March 2021 and is currently averaging 35 new cases per day. Likewise, COVID-19 hospitalizations are also down significantly since February 2021. Although they remain low, those trends have flattened and prevented San Francisco from meeting the State's criteria to move into the yellow tier this week. With the growing prevalence of variants in the Bay Area and the surge in cases in Michigan and the northeast, public health officials are closely monitoring any changes to cases that may indicate increasing contagion.

Countering these concerns to some degree are San Francisco's ongoing vaccination efforts. At this time, 63% of San Francisco's population has received the first dose of vaccine, as have 85% of City's residents over 65. Effective April 13, anyone over the age of 16 is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine in San Francisco.

The City posted the revised Health Order with detailed requirements to its [webpage](#). A list of the activities that reopened or expanded under the new Health Order can be found below.

Although San Francisco's vaccination rate is above the state average, it is not yet sufficient to prevent a fourth surge without continued adherence to public health guidelines. Health officials continue to emphasize the need for masking and social distancing by all, including those who have been vaccinated, when outside their homes in order to limit the impact of variants.

Likewise, businesses are encouraged to have outdoor options wherever possible. People at risk for severe illness with COVID-19, such as unvaccinated older adults and unvaccinated individuals with health risks, and members of their households, should defer participating at this time in activities with other people outside their household where taking protective measures of wearing face masks and social distancing may be difficult, especially indoors or in crowded spaces. As public health officials continue to monitor San Francisco's health indicators, the City may choose to pause higher-risk activities or implement a lagged approach to reopening subsequent tiers in order to ensure sufficient analysis about how health indicators have responded to the reopening of activities, manage risk, and protect public health.

Activities Resuming as of Thursday, April 15, 2021 Indoor Ticketed and Seated Performances, Spectator Sports and other Live Events

- Indoor ticketed and seated events such as live sports, theater arts and musical performances, and graduation ceremonies may open up to 35% capacity for in-state audience members with an approved Health and Safety Plan, so long as the State's social distancing guidelines can be maintained. Suites and boxes are limited to 25% capacity and 3 households. All participants must keep their masks on except when eating or drinking in designated concession areas with at least 6 feet distance between households. All California residents over the age of 12 must show either proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test, and any out-of-state visitors must show proof of vaccination.
- Vaccinated-only section. A venue may lift the distancing requirement and operate certain sections at 100% capacity, including suites, if the operator meets the State's minimum requirements and (1) confirms that all patrons 16 and up are fully vaccinated before they enter the venue, (2) requires a negative COVID-19 test for any patrons who are between the ages 2-15 and accompanying a parent or guardian who is fully vaccinated, (3) requires all patrons in the vaccination-only section to wear face coverings at all times unless otherwise exempted under the face covering order, and (4) receives advance approval of a Health and Safety Plan from the Health Officer. All patrons in the vaccinated-only section count towards the venue's permissible occupancy.
- An approved health and safety plan is not required for events with no more than 200 people in the audience or up to 15% capacity, whichever is fewer, and that does not have a vaccination-only section, but those events need to comply with all the other safety rules.
- Proof of a negative COVID-19 test or vaccination is not required for events with no more than 200 people in the audience or up to 15% capacity, whichever is fewer, if no food or beverages are served nor is it required for events with fewer than 50 people in the audience that include food or beverage service.

Indoor Meetings and Private Events

- Meetings, conferences, receptions, and other private events may resume indoors with up to 150 participants in reserved or assigned seating that meets physical distancing requirements. All participants must show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.
- Food and beverage allowed under indoor dining guidelines.

Outdoor Meetings and Private Events

- If the event is conducted outdoors, up to 100 participants are allowed without proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test, and up to 300 participants with proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test.
- Food and beverage allowed under outdoor dining guidelines

Community Centers serving Seniors and Adult Day Care Facilities

- Senior community centers and adult day care facilities may reopen to 25% capacity up to 25 people. Food and beverage services or activities remain closed at this time.

The following activities may expand their operating capacity under current guidelines:

Outdoor Ticketed and Seated Performances, Spectator Sports and other Live Events

- Outdoor ticketed and seated events with live audiences may expand up to 50% capacity with an approved Health and Safety Plan, so long as the State's social distancing guidelines can be maintained, all participants keep their masks on except when eating or drinking in their assigned seats. California residents over the age of 12 must show either proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test, and any out-of-state visitors must show proof that they are fully vaccinated.
- Vaccinated-only section. A venue may lift the distancing requirement and operate certain sections at 100% capacity, including suites, if the operator meets the State's minimum requirements and (1) confirms that all patrons 16 and up are fully vaccinated before they enter the venue, (2) requires a negative COVID-19 test for any patrons who are between the ages 2-15 and accompanying a parent or guardian who is fully vaccinated, (3) requires all patrons in the vaccination-only section to wear face coverings at all times unless otherwise exempted under the face covering order or eating or drinking in their seat, and (4) receives advance approval of a Health and Safety Plan from the Health Officer. All patrons in the vaccinated-only section count towards the venue's permissible occupancy.
- Events with fewer than 4,000 audience members that do not include food or beverages do not require proof of vaccination or a negative test.
- Events between 500 and 1,000 audience members that do not include food and beverages require a health and safety plan to be submitted to DPH but does not require approval.
- Events with fewer than 100 audience members and without a vaccination-only section do not require an approved Health and Safety Plan nor proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

Outdoor arts, music, and theater performances and festivals

- Organized outdoor arts and performance events may take place without reservations and seating requirements for up to 50 audience members with a health and safety plan submitted at least 5 days before the event. Festivals may be attended by either in-state residents, or out-of-state visitors who show proof of full vaccination. Social distancing between audience members must be maintained.
- Seated concessions are expanded to groups of 8 individuals following outdoor dining or bar health guidelines.

Outdoor Dining

- Outdoor dining will expand to up to 8 people per table without any limitation on number of households. Group reservations will expand to up to 25 people and allowing mingling between tables with specific safety protocols.

Bars, Wineries, Breweries, and Distilleries

- Outdoor bars may expand to up to 8 people per table without limitations to number of households and group reservations may be made following outdoor

dining rules.

- Indoor bars, wineries, breweries and distilleries that do not serve bona fide meals remain closed.

Indoor Family Entertainment

- Capacity may increase for family recreation facilities allowed within the orange tier of up to 50% if all participants provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

Drive-in Events

- More than one household per vehicle at 25% vehicle capacity up to 25 people, if no food and beverages are consumed.

Tour Boats and Buses

- Capacity may expand with no limit on the number of passengers.
- Indoor areas may open following required safety protocols.

Film and Media Production including Live Streaming and Broadcasting

- Indoor and outdoor film production may proceed with up to 50 people in a single location with required testing and other safety protocols in place or if covered under the "COVID-19 Return to Work Agreement."
- All other productions must have an approved Health and Safety plan.

Childcare and Youth Out of School Time Programs

- Outdoors capacity may expand to up to 50 participants, excluding personnel and youth may participate in more than 2 programs at a time
- Indoors capacity may expand to up to 25 participants, excluding personnel

Adult Education, Vocational Education, and Institutes of Higher Education

- Outdoor classes may expand to 50 participants
- In-person tours may apply following K-12 safety rules
- Institutions are strongly encouraged to require unvaccinated students to quarantine for 10 days upon returning to campus or arriving from out-of-State for nonessential travel, and they must accommodate any unvaccinated students who wish to quarantine for 10 days after such travel.

Indoor Sports and Recreation

- Informal indoor recreation can include up to 12 people with no limit on the number of households.
- Indoor recreation taking place in an organized and supervised context may expand to stable groups of 25 participants on each team and spectators are allowed consistent with rules set by the State.
- Competitions may resume with teams from the State of California. No out of state travel or matches with out of state teams.
- Youth and adults are encouraged but not required to participate in no more than 2 teams or programs a time, except that indoor high-contact sports must be limited to one activity at a time.
- Indoor swimming pools may allow up to two swimmers per lane maintaining 25% capacity and face coverings outside the pool.

Outdoor Sports and Recreation

- Informal outdoor recreation can include up to 25 people with no limit on the number of households.
- Outdoor recreation taking place in an organized and supervised context may expand to include stable groups of 50 participants per team and spectators are allowed consistent with outdoor gatherings and rules set by the State.
- Competitions may resume with teams from throughout the State of California - no out of state travel or matches with out of state teams.
- Youth and adults are encouraged but not required to participate in no more than 2 teams or programs a time except that if they participate in an indoor high-contact sport they may only participate in that one program at a time.
- Outdoor pools may expand to full capacity and up to 4 swimmers per lane with distancing and face covering requirements outside of the pool.
- Outdoor playgrounds may expand to full capacity with distancing requirements.

Indoor Gatherings

- While still strongly discouraged, small indoor social gatherings are expanded to up to the lesser of 25% capacity or 25 people with face coverings on at all times and distancing and ventilation measures encouraged. Special rules and allowances apply to small indoor gatherings involving fully vaccinated individuals.

Indoor Religious Activities

- Indoor religious activities remain capped at up to 50% capacity. Capacity guidelines apply to houses of worship as well as homes and other indoor settings, following safety protocols for indoor religious services. Alternatively, individuals can gather indoors informally for religious exercise under the small gathering rules.

Outdoor Gatherings

- Small outdoor social gatherings are expanded to allow up to 50 people when face coverings are worn at all times – 25 if attendees are eating or drinking.
- The following activities may loosen safety protocols as described below

Indoor Dining

- Indoor dining will expand to include table top cooking and the 11pm end to service requirement is lifted. Tables are still limited to 6 people from up to 3 households.

Retail

- Retail and Grocery stores are no longer strongly urged to offer special hours for unvaccinated older adults or otherwise vulnerable patrons.
- Bulk bins no longer require special signage.

Hotels

- Cleaning personnel are no longer required to wear a non-vented N-95, though they must be provided at no cost if requested. They must continue to wear a well-fitted mask.
- Spa services may be provided in room following guidelines for indoor personal services. If requested, the spa services provider must provide a non-vented N-95 mask

at no cost to its personnel.

Gyms and Fitness

- Stationary aerobic equipment (like spin bikes and treadmills) can be placed 6 feet apart and aerobic fitness classes that use stationary equipment can resume with 6 footspacing between participants, with a DPH-approved ventilation measure.

Zoos, Aquariums and Museums

- Group reservations and guided tours may resume.

The State has provided guidance on using proof of vaccination and negative COVID-19 test for additional capacities. Businesses should consult the “Addendum to Blueprint Activity & Business Tiers Chart – Tested and Fully Vaccinated Individuals and Sections.” Pursuant to that guidance: People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 at ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen). Proof of a negative COVID-19 test means a PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before the event or an antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the event. San Francisco’s reopening updates will be available online at [SF.gov/reopening](https://sf.gov/reopening).

Mayor Breed announces lease for drug sobering center in SF

On April 13, Mayor London N. Breed announced the City is moving forward to open a drug sobering center for people who are experiencing the effects of fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other substances. Mayor Breed introduced a lease for the building at 1076 Howard Street at the Board of Supervisors. The drug sobering center pilot, a key component of Mental Health SF, is one of several innovative efforts underway to help people experiencing homelessness and behavioral health issues to get off the streets, into housing, and connected with services.

The goals of the drug sobering center include saving lives by preventing overdose deaths, reducing the harms of substance use in the surrounding neighborhood, and providing resources that can give people who use drugs an alternative to hospital and jail stays and an opportunity to begin their journey toward wellness and recovery when they are ready. The center will provide an additional resource and a destination for people served by the growing Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT) pilot program and other City outreach teams.

This new sobering center will be located in a brick-and-mortar facility at 1076 Howard Street. The City originally planned to pilot the center at 180 Jones Street, but, due to COVID-19, that site has since been converted to a Safe Sleeping Site. If the lease is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the City will gather community input on the program, oversee building renovations, and implement a drug sobering center pilot program in Fall 2021.

DPH is proposing to contract with HealthRIGHT 360, which manages many successful healthcare and substance use treatment programs throughout the city and across the state, to operate the drug sobering center. Healthcare and safety workers, many with lived experience of substance use, will staff the program. It will be a 20-bed pilot project where clients may stay an average of eight to ten hours, though some may stay longer. The facility will initially be able to serve up to 20 individuals at a time, but over the course of a 24-hour period, may serve up to three times that amount. Findings from this effort will inform near-term

future investments to save lives and promote safety in SoMa and throughout the city. DPH will evaluate the pilot program and refine the model for replication in other locations in San Francisco.

At the center, the City will offer harm reduction services in a safe, welcoming setting with peer counselors and health services. People under the influence of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and other substances can move safely through intoxication, then have an opportunity to engage in conversation about wellness and recovery options available to them and be connected to housing resources.

Specifically, services will include one-on-one peer support; access to clothing, showers, and hygiene supplies; on-site security for safety monitoring; access to harm-reduction supplies and education; and health assessments and first aid. Additionally, the center will connect clients to other services including referrals to primary medical care and psychiatric services; social services including housing; and vocational services for job training and future employment.

Under Mayor Breed's leadership, the City is focused on addressing homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorders, with a focus on three main areas: creating more places for people to go; expanding outreach and coordination among services and placement; and strengthening data and transparency tracking tools. The drug sobering center will make progress on all three areas by offering a new place for people to go and get connected with existing City services. The drug sobering center pilot will be evaluated and use of the facility will be tracked by DPH, furthering the City's efforts to ensure programs are working and make adjustments to programs as needed.

Governor Newsom taps SFDPH Christine Siador as the next CDPH Assistant Director

On April 7, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Christine Siador as the next Assistant Director for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Siador has been Acting Director of the Population Health Division at the San Francisco Department of Public Health since 2020, where she also served as Deputy Director from 2012 to 2020. She was Deputy Director at the University of California, Berkeley Center for Infectious Diseases and Emergency Readiness from 2004 to 2012. Siador was Chief Executive Officer at Social Light Consulting Group from 1996 to 2004. She was Program Manager at the University of California, Davis Medical Center from 1994 to 1996. Siador was an Evaluation Consultant at the Western Consortium for Public Health from 1993 to 1994 and Regional Coordinator at the Public Health Institute from 1992 to 1993. Siador was Program Manager at the Asian & Pacific Islander Health Forum from 1989 to 1992. She is a member of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission Citywide Racial Equity Group. Siador earned a Master of Public Health degree in biomedical science/infectious disease from the University of California, Berkeley.

The SFDPH team is so proud to see the governor recognizing Siador's leadership and expertise in the public health sector. Siador will be joining Dr. Tomas Aragon, Director for CDPH, leading our state's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Commission Comments:

Commissioner Bernal made the following introductory comments:

“I certainly for myself and on behalf of the commission want to associate with the leadership of Mayor Breed and you, Director Colfax. Truth and justice did prevail. Now is the time for healing. There is so much work to be done to dismantle the racism around us. It is particularly fitting today that we are hearing an update from the Street Crisis Response team, it is critical in San Francisco for what we are doing to reform and reimagine policing in our community.

We are grateful to hear that presentation today. We want to echo your statement, Director Colfax, how we need to be there for each other, how difficult and traumatizing this experience has been for not only our team and our family within DPH but throughout the community. We support everyone within the Department and the community. Thank you very much.”

Commissioner Chow thanked Dr. Colfax for the letter he sent out to DPH staff regarding the verdict and also noted that he was grateful for the Mayor’s statement on the topic. He added that it was helpful for the DPH Director to be proactive in helping the staff deal with the complex emotions of the situation.

Commissioner Guillermo thanked Dr. Colfax and Mayor for sharing their thoughts with the DPH staff and public. She is glad of the verdict. She also congratulated Christine Siador, DPH Acting Director of the Population Health Division. Commissioner Guillermo noted that she was Ms. Siador’s first employer out of graduate school. She is glad that the California Department of Public Health now has so much San Francisco representation.

~~Commissioner Christian thanked Dr. Colfax for his letter and thanked Mayor Breed for her comments and leadership. She noted that this is a very sad day because Mr. Floyd is not alive. There is no reason for him not to be here. She added that Representative Cori Bush said that justice would be if Mr. Floyd was alive.~~

~~Instead, what we get today is a measure of accountability. Thankfully, the jury did its job. They gave us justice in the moment, a very limited measure. For this horrendous situation to continue to repeat itself is something that we all have on our shoulders to do what we can to stop it, including whatever changes in policing in the country that are necessary, not simple reforms, but deep changes. She added that her heart goes out to everyone, especially Mr. Floyd's family. He should be here today.~~

Commissioner Christian made the following comments:

“Thank you, President Bernal. I also want to thank Dr. Colfax for his letter and his statement and also to thank the Mayor for her comments and her leadership. Like everyone here, I agree with her 100%. This is a very sad day as well as an important day, obviously. Maybe there are people not feeling so sad. What I feel is that Mr. Floyd is not here. There is no just reason under the sun for that to be true. The question of justice is a hard one. Representative Cori Bush wrote on her Twitter feed that ‘Justice would be Mr. Floyd being alive today, and what we get today is the beginning measure of accountability.’ I think that is true. Thankfully, we had a jury in this case that did their job, and were intelligent and truthful enough to see what the evidence showed them. They gave us all of the justice we can have at this moment; it’s a very limited measure. For this horrendous situation to continue to repeat itself...it is something that we are all have on our shoulders to do everything we can to stop it, including whatever changes in policing in the country that are necessary, not simple reforms but deep changes. My heart goes out to everyone, especially Mr. Floyd’s family. He should be here today. A friend said ‘Course corrections are possible down here. Justice happens in the heavens.’ Let’s hope that is true.”

3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2021.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the February 16, 2021 meeting minutes with the revisions noted above.

4) COVID-19 UPDATE

Grant Colfax, MD, DPH Director of Health and Albert Yu, MD, MPH, MBA, CCSF COVID-19 Command Center, Health Transition Manager and DPH Chief Health Information Officer, presented the item.

Commission Comments:

Commissioners Giraud, Green, and Christian requested ongoing updates as the transition from the COVID-19 Command Center to the DPH is implemented.

Commissioner Green stated how impressive it was for the DPH to pivot so quickly to address COVID-19.

Commissioner Christian thanked Dr. Colfax for the COVID-19 sexual orientation and gender identify (SOGI) data.

Commissioner Chow thanked Dr. Colfax, Dr. Yu, and all those involved in the thoughtful and thorough transition planning. He noted that this transition ultimately creates a new norm for the DPH. He added that housing is a key component to consider during the transition and as the city continues to reopen. Dr. Yu stated that housing will be managed by the Human Service Agency and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Commissioner Chow asked if the CCSF Policy Group a part of the DPH. He noted that the organizational chart seems to indicate that the CCSF policy group is part of the DPH and asked for clarification. Director

Colfax stated that the CCSF Policy Group is an advisory group and noted the organization chart will be revised to indicate the policy group is outside of the DPH organization.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

7) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Giraudo, chair, stated that the committee discussed two presentations. The first was the Community Needs Assessment (CAN), part of the Public Health Accreditation Plan. The four focus areas in the CNA are Food Insecurity, Access to Care for People Living With HIV, Active Living, and Health Eating.

The second presentation was on The San Francisco Health Network primary care clinic behavioral health services. Behavioral health clinicians are integrated within the primary care clinics. Commissioner Giraudo noted that there is a very high vacancy rate in supervisors, clinicians, and health worker ~~positions~~ at this time. Telehealth services have been offered during the pandemic and patients “no-show” rates have decreased 10%. Therefore, the Network plans on continued use of telehealth for behavioral health services in the primary care clinics.

8) STREET CRISIS TEAM UPDATE

Angelica Almeida, Ph.D, Director, Forensic/Justice Involved Behavioral Health Services, presented the item.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Bernal noted that the presentation includes data which indicates that other jurisdictions have been able to resolve 70% of community incidents; the San Francisco data shows that 53% of incidents here have been resolved. Dr. Almeida stated that the difference in these two datasets is that the San Francisco team has only had several months of operations. She also indicated that San Francisco is dealing with individuals with far more significant mental health and service needs.

Commissioner Bernal asked if resolving an incident involves linkages to a facility or other social services. Dr. Almeida stated that an important part of this program model is linkage to other resources such as shelter. She noted that Dore Clinic, Hummingbird programs, and intensive case management are all very helpful resources.

Commissioner Chow asked if data is maintained on individuals who utilized this service more than one time. He also noted that all the clients are adults and asked if there are systems in place to assist individuals younger than 18. He also asked for more information regarding the current use of the police as back-up, noting that his understanding was that the program was an attempt to get away from police handling these types of incidents. Dr. Almeida stated that once all 6 teams are operational and there is city-wide coverage, the back-up will shift to the ambulance system instead of the police. Data on individuals using the program more than once is tracked. The program works with community partners to respond to those individuals under the age of 18.

9) RESOLUTION: APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HILLARY KUNINS, MD AS DIRECTOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH PLAN

Hali Hammer, MD, San Francisco Health Network, Director Of Ambulatory Care, presented the item.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Bernal welcomed Dr. Kunins and stated that he and the other Health Commissioners look forward to working with her.

Action: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution. (See attachment)

10) OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Christian stated that she was not able to be present at the April 6, 2021 Health Commission meeting for the discussion and action on the resolution, "In Support of Communities of Individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander Descent and Denouncing Racism and Violence Against These Communities." She has since watched the video of the meeting and was struck by Commissioner Chow's comments regarding the history of San Francisco hospitals, including the public hospitals, refusing to treat individuals of Chinese descent in addition to the history of Chinese Hospital. She also was impacted by the comments Commissioner Chow made regarding the need to disaggregate data in order to fully understand the needs of the many communities that make up what is often categorized as the "Asian American and Pacific Islander community." She thanked Commissioner Guillermo for initially requesting that the resolution be put on the agenda in order to address the ongoing discrimination and violence against individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. She suggested that the resolution be amended at a future meeting to add this information in order to strengthen the document.

Commissioner Guillermo thanked Commissioner Christian for her thoughtfulness regarding the resolution. She is in favor of amending the resolution to add information to strengthen the document. She also stated that if the resolution is amended, that she hopes additional information regarding Pacific Islanders could be added.

Commissioner Chow stated that he is in favor of amending the resolution and thanked Commissioner Christian. He added that the "Resolved" statements should focus on the DPH.

Commissioner Bernal stated that the resolution will be placed on a future meeting agenda for the Commission to consider potential amendments.

Commissioner Christian stated that she read an article in the Bay Area Reporter critical of the DPH's report on its collection and usage of sexual orientation and gender identify (SOGI) data. She requested that the DPH SOGI data be placed on a future meeting agenda so that the Health Commission could better understand the current state of the DPH SOGI data collection and reporting system.

Commissioner Bernal stated that he will work with Mr. Morewitz to put this issue on a future meeting agenda.

11) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Guillermo, Chair, stated that at the April 13, 2021 LHH JCC meeting, Michael Phillips, LHH CEO, changed the name of the Chief Executive Officer report to the Executive Team report. She noted that the committee members appreciated the recognition that the Executive Team is working cohesively to operate the hospital. She added that LHH has re-engaged its Equity Counsel after delays due to the focus on COVID-19 response. LHH organized activities to acknowledge the current wave of discrimination and violent incidents against individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander descent for its many staff members belonging to these communities. The Committee received an LHH COVID-19 update; 91% residents and 84% of staff are

vaccinated. LHH is beginning to reopen some internal activities for residents. She added that the committee also reviewed the Regulatory Affairs report. There was also a presentation on the Medical Error Reduction Program. In closed session, the Committee approved the Credentials Report and reviewed other Medical Quality reports.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.

Attachment

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 21-6**

**APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HILLARY KUNINS, MD
AS DIRECTOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH PLAN**

WHEREAS, California Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code, Section 14712 directs the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to implement and administer Managed Mental Health Care for Medi-Cal eligible residents through agreements with Mental Health Plans (MHP) in California counties; and

WHEREAS, MHPs are required to provide or arrange for the provision of Specialty Mental Health Services to beneficiaries in their counties that meet medical necessity criteria, consistent with the beneficiaries' mental health treatment needs and goals; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health, Community Behavioral Health Services (DPH-CBHS) operates the Mental Health Plan for the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Behavioral Health Services oversees and directs all client services for the San Francisco Mental Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hillary Kunins has been appointed Director of Behavioral Health Services and Mental Health San Francisco after a national search; and

WHEREAS, DHCS requires approval by the governing body of the appointment of the local Mental Health Plan Director; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission serves as the governing body of the Department of Public Health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Health Commission hereby authorizes the appointment of Hillary Kunins, MD, MPH as the Director of the Mental Health Plan for the City and County of San Francisco.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of April 20, 2021 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission