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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of November 16, 2021

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

<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Today, there are over **53,000** San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of **667** San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

SF rolls out COVID-19 vaccines for 5 to 11 year olds

San Francisco children ages 5 to 11 years old are now eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, following a careful clinical study of its safety and efficacy and after receiving final approval and guidance from federal and state authorities.

We anticipate every child to have access to a vaccination over the next several weeks as we enter the busy holiday season. Parents and caregivers can make appointments using their health system's instructions, or pharmacy websites. Other sources for vaccine appointments include the state's vaccine booking website, myturn.ca.gov and the City's website, sf.gov/getvaccinated, which will be updated with local information about appointments as it becomes available across the network of sites in San Francisco.

A number of larger-volume sites across the City, including those at major health systems, have the capacity to administer 500 or more doses per day, while DPH's [four school-based sites](#) are expanding to accommodate 250 vaccines per day to support the school community as needed. To ensure easy access for working families and children in school, DPH and health system partners will hold evening and weekend vaccination sites, and pop-up events at select locations.

Parents, guardians, or other person with legal authority must consent to the receipt of the vaccine, and those with questions or concerns about the vaccine should talk to their health care provider and weigh any risk from a vaccine against the dangers of acquiring an infectious disease like COVID-19.

It is now also influenza season, and many clinics and vaccination sites can provide both COVID and Flu vaccinations to children, and it is safe to receive both on the same day. COVID vaccinations are an opportunity to connect children with their health care providers, and also address other health care needs they may have, including check-ups and getting up to date on their other vaccinations.

DPH hosted three virtual town halls on vaccines for children ages 5-11 during the week of November 1st, in partnership with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, UCSF, and



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Kaiser. The town halls were well attended with 600 people attending the English Town Hall, 200 attending the Cantonese Town Hall, and 140 attending the Spanish Town Hall. Videos and presentation materials for all three Town Halls can be found [here](#) under the section titled "Additional Guidance"

How to support children during their vaccine visit:

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/visit/before-during-after-shots.html>

- Bring quiet activities to entertain your child for the required 15 minute observation period after receiving the vaccine.
- Pack your child's favorite toy, book, or blanket to comfort him or her during vaccinations.
- Be honest with your child. Explain that shots can pinch or sting, but that it won't hurt for long.
- Engage other family members, especially older siblings, to support your child.
- Avoid telling scary stories or making threats about shots.
- Remind your child that vaccines can keep him or her healthy – they are a good thing!
- Distract and comfort your child by cuddling, singing, or talking softly.
- Smile and make eye contact with your child. Let your child know that everything is ok.
- [Hold your child](#) firmly on your lap, whenever possible while they receive the shot.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines for children, go to the [CDC's resource page](#).

SF seniors encouraged to get COVID-19 boosters

DPH data shows that seniors are especially vulnerable to hospitalizations from COVID-19, even among those who are fully vaccinated. While the vaccines remain effective at preventing severe illness among fully vaccinated younger people, the data demonstrate the need for people ages 65 and over to get COVID-19 booster shots in advance of the busy holiday season.

Following federal and state guidelines, DPH also recommends that other higher risk groups, including people over 50 with underlying medical conditions, get boosters six months or more after their primary series. All Johnson & Johnson recipients should receive a booster two months or more after their dose.

DPH data show that for the entire San Francisco population, unvaccinated individuals are three times more likely to be hospitalized due to COVID-19 than fully vaccinated individuals. However, when broken out by age group the data present a more nuanced picture showing that the older age groups are much more likely to be hospitalized even when they are fully vaccinated.

The data are from 79 clinically-verified hospitalizations, meaning in each case a clinician determined that the hospitalization was caused by COVID-19 and not another medical condition.

Boosters are widely available across San Francisco's health systems at nearly 100 vaccination sites,



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most of which allow drop-ins. Caregivers, family members and friends are encouraged to assist seniors in getting to vaccination sites through appointments or drop-in options. Many of these sites also provide influenza vaccines, which can be safely given at the same time as COVID-19 boosters and are also essential this winter. Appointments and drop-in options can be found [here](#). More information about boosters, can be found [here](#).

SFDPH dashboards on COVID-19 data can be found [here](#).

Celebrating Maxine Hall Health Center reopening

On November 10, Mayor Breed and City officials celebrated the reopening of the newly renovated Maxine Hall Health Center, a primary care health clinic that has served the Western Addition for more than 50 years. Following construction, which began in 2019, the \$15 million renovations have made the Center seismically safe, expanded exam rooms for families, added seven additional patient rooms and an accessible group meeting room.

Now that the renovations are complete, patients will be able to receive primary care, such as regular check-ups, behavioral health care, short-term counseling, podiatrist and clinical pharmacist visits, lab testing, and other medical services in one location. Co-location of services will enable Maxine Hall health care providers and staff to serve the whole patient. The remodel will also improve accessibility for patients with disabilities by adding an elevator, curb ramps, and updating existing ramps.

Maxine Hall Health Center provides care to nearly 4,000 patients in the Western Addition and surrounding areas. The Center is part of the San Francisco Health Network, a DPH group of clinics, hospitals, and other programs that connect San Franciscans to health care regardless of immigration status or insurance.

Construction for the remodel began in November of 2019, during which time Maxine Hall Health Center moved its services to 1181 Golden Gate Avenue, near the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center. Westside Community Services, which shares the Maxine Hall building, continued to serve its patients on Pierce Street in both a temporary clinic and in part of the existing building throughout the remodel.

The project was mainly funded by the 2016 Public Health and Safety Bond (Prop A). Maxine Hall Health Center is the first of three primary care clinics reopening this year after undergoing major building renovation and seismic upgrades. Three capital projects, including Maxine Hall Health Center, Castro Mission Health Center, and Southeast Health Center in the San Francisco Health Network total \$65 million and have been under construction to improve health care services for more than 12,000 San Franciscans.



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DPH staff recognized for Sunday Streets contributions

The COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges to meet the needs of communities of color, particularly around access to health and wellness services and resources. With generous support from DPH, Livable City was able to get COVID-19 testing, vaccination, and other necessary resources, to our most impacted and hard-to-reach communities on Phoenix Day—the return of Sunday Streets—including walk-in testing in Bayview and 27 vaccine and booster shots in the Tenderloin. Overall, Phoenix Day was attended by over 10,000 city residents and visitors across three event programs, including: five main routes in Bayview, Chinatown, Excelsior, Mission, and the Tenderloin; 31 block parties; and the cross-city community bike ride. The residents in these communities were able to access testing and vaccination services with the resources moved to more familiar pop-up service sites in their neighborhoods.

In Bayview, Livable City designed a holistic program zone that offered free food and resources alongside COVID testing in partnership with the Street Violence Intervention Program of the Mayor's Office and DPH. The strategy built more profound connections with the community regarding individual and collective care. In the Tenderloin, a wellness hub was placed centrally on the route, featuring the vaccination clinic, general body wellness screening, and other neighborhood-serving organizations. Phoenix Day participants were able to engage with staff and health practitioners by asking questions, signing up for resources and future appointments. These placement and programming strategies helped strengthen lasting bonds between community members.

Special thanks to all the DPH staff who supported this partnership and made Sunday Streets Phoenix Day possible: Patricia Erwin, Christina Goette, Marianne Szeto, Lauren LaBagh, Victor Travis, Doug Walsh, Kristine Der, Kyle Chan, and the field clinicians who supported COVID-19 vaccine and testing coordination. They were recognized by Sunday Streets for their collaboration and support at an appreciation party on November 11.

DPH's Katy Tang appointed to OSB by Mayor Breed

Mayor Breed appointed Katy Tang to serve as the Executive Director of the Office of Small Businesses (OSB). Katy will begin her new role in January 2022 and replaces Regina Dick-Endrizzi, who recently announced her retirement after serving for 13 years in that role.

Katy currently serves as the Director of Public and Governmental Affairs at DPH, where she assists small businesses in navigating public health guidelines. Prior to her role at DPH, she served as the District 4 representative on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors from 2014-2019.

Directed by the Small Business Commission, the OSB functions as the City's central point of information and referral for entrepreneurs and small businesses located in the City and County of San Francisco. As part of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the OSB serves as the gateway for aspiring entrepreneurs, provides one-on-one case management, implements small



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business assistance programs, and conducts outreach and education in multiple languages.
Congratulations to Katy on her appointment!

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Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary

(11/8/21 MEC)

	11/2021	07/2021 to 07/2022
New Appointments	16	83
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	38	241
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	11	74
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	7	49
Additions	7	46
Proctorship Completed	10	81

Current Statistics – as of 10/26/21

Active Staff	550
Courtesy Staff	638
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	299
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,487



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Applications in Process	32
Applications Withdrawn Month of November 2021	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 12/1/21 to 2/28/22	139



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Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(November 4, 2021 Medical Exec Committee)

	November	(FY 2021-2022) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	1	10
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	2	25
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired/Separated	0	9
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	1
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	1	1
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 11/02/2021	
Active Medical Staff	36
As-Needed Medical Staff	13
External Consultant Medical Staff	45
Courtesy Medical Staff	2
Affiliated Health Practitioners	8
TOTAL MEMBERS	104



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Applications in Process	1
Applications Withdrawn this month	0