



San Francisco Department of Public Health

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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of March 1, 2022

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

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

Today, there are over 120,400 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 772 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

SF redoubles efforts on COVID vaccine equity

Even as 65% of San Francisco children ages 5 to 11 have reached full vaccination, far exceeding state and national averages, data shows widening racial and ethnic disparities among this age group.

American Indian and Alaska Native children ages 5 to 11 are 22% vaccinated, and Pacific Islander children are 44% vaccinated. Rates among Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander children are 34%, while Hispanic or Latino/a/x children are 48% vaccinated.

Meanwhile, data shows vaccination rates of 29% among Black/African American children ages 5 to 11. Black/African American teens ages 12 to 17 are 52% fully vaccinated (overall rates among 12-17-year-olds in San Francisco is more than 90%).

By contrast, vaccination rates among San Francisco adults have been exceedingly successful across race and ethnic groups following the City's targeted outreach to highly impacted communities in partnership with community organizations. The City's success among adults points to the urgent need to follow similar low-barrier approaches and engagement strategies to improve vaccine uptake among children in many of those same communities.

COVID-19 vaccinations are the primary defense against the virus, and while children tend to have less severe forms of the disease than adults, they can still become seriously ill. Additionally, disruptions to their schooling, impacts to families, and risks to medically vulnerable people in their households and communities all point to the urgent need to vaccinate children.

COVID-19 vaccines have been federally authorized for safe use in children ages 5 and older since early November, and their effectiveness in preventing severe illness was once again proven in the recent Omicron surge.



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SF Vaccination Rate in Children Ages 5 to 11 by Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Age 5-11
All	67%
American Indian or Alaska Native	22%
Asian	81%
Black or African American	29%
Hispanic or Latino/a/x, all races	48%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	34%
White	64%

As we move out of the most recent surge in cases and into a new phase of living with the virus, SFDPH’s strategy is to continue to develop approaches that further empower families with information on and access to vaccines. In collaboration with community partners, SFDPH will seek to further reduce barriers to vaccines and to prioritize the needs of highly impacted communities. SFDPH-affiliated vaccination sites offer drop-in and walk-up options for vaccinations. Additionally, SFDPH will host “pop-up” clinics at school sites in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD).

Two schools will host drop-in vaccination clinics for eight weeks, including Brett Hart Elementary School in the Bayview beginning Friday, February 25 (continuing every Friday, 2pm-6pm) and Rosa Parks Elementary School in Western Addition beginning Monday, February 28 (continuing every Monday, 2pm-6pm). Additional school sites are being identified for short-term “pop-up” vaccination sites.

Just as during earlier parts of the city-wide vaccination campaign, the leadership of community partners has been critical in identifying the most meaningful interventions for reducing disparities in vaccination rates for adults. SFDPH is also working with community partners to find other, creative and meaningful ways to reach families in the coming weeks and months.

Horizons Unlimited and Galeria de la Raza are partnering on a youth-led community education campaign, “I Am an Influencer,” to promote vaccines and boosters among youth peers and parents.

As San Francisco moves into a new stage of the pandemic and begins to lift many of the restrictions that have been in place as protective layers, such as indoor masking, SFDPH recognizes the important work ahead to support individuals and families in highly impacted communities with the resources needed to best protect themselves against the virus.



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COVID-19 vaccines are free and available to everyone, regardless of immigration status.

Parent or guardian consent information:

For children ages 5-11 to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, consent by the parent or guardian is required. However, it is possible for someone other than a parent or guardian to bring a child into a clinic for a vaccination. More information can be found here: sf.gov/information/under-18-permission-covid-19-vaccine

Where to get a vaccination:

For a list of locations in San Francisco to receive a vaccination or booster, go to: sf.gov/get-vaccinated-against-covid-19

DPH virtual Black History Month celebration

The DPH COVID Task Force, in partnership with the Black/African American Health Initiative, hosted a virtual celebratory event on February 17th in honor of Black History Month. The event was an opportunity to acknowledge DPH's Black/African American staff who have supported our city's COVID-19 response since the start of 2020. The theme of the celebration was *We are Resilient*.

Both Mayor London Breed and Dr. Grant Colfax provided remarks of gratitude and acknowledgment for the contributions that staff have made in ensuring a rapid and equitable COVID response in San Francisco's Black/African American community, and in building and strengthening partnerships with Black community leaders over the course of the pandemic. The event was co-facilitated by DPH's own Dr. Vincent Fuqua and Qianya Vinson, and Chief Health Equity Officer, Dr. Ayanna Bennett, and COVID Task Force Lead, Charles Fann, spoke on the event's theme. Local advocate, Ms. Billie Cooper provided remarks through an inspiration video and there was a special presentation and song from Hugh EMC (Hugh Gregory), a local hip hop pioneer and DPH employee. The event culminated with a photo slide deck of Black staff members who supported the DPH's COVID response.

Click the below link to access the video for the Black History Month Staff Celebration event:
<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/88e487cc-f65a-4006-b6e5-8c68aa1871e8>

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February 2022

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary

(2/17/22 MEC)

	2/2022	07/2021 to 07/2022
New Appointments	9	110
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	46	374
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	18	122
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	14	82
Additions	9	72
Proctorship Completed	20	127

Current Statistics – as of 2/3/22	
Active Staff	550
Courtesy Staff	634
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	292
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,476



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Applications in Process	19
Applications Withdrawn Month of February 2022	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 3/1/22 to 5/31/22	192