



## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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# Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of March 15, 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 122,000 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 822 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.*

### **SF will no longer require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test to enter certain indoor public settings**

With COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations [continuing to decline](#), DPH announced that as of Friday, March 11 proof of vaccination or a negative test will no longer be required to enter inside businesses where food and drink is consumed, such as restaurants and bars, and where elevated breathing occurs, such as gyms and fitness studios.

As always, businesses can decide to be more restrictive than local health guidelines and can continue to require proof of vaccination or a negative test from their staff and clients. Masks can also still be required. Vaccinations remain the best defense against the virus, and DPH strongly recommends everyone who is eligible get vaccinated and boosted to protect themselves and others. Additionally, masks are recommended where an additional layer of protection is desired, and when medically vulnerable or unvaccinated people are present.

Per state guidelines, proof of vaccination or a negative test is still required to enter indoor “mega” events, currently defined as gatherings of 1,000 people or more. DPH will continue to work closely with the business community to provide related guidance and assistance in the coming days.

On August 12, 2021, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to require certain business to [show proof of vaccination](#) before entering indoors. With strong support and implementation from the business community, the policy was successful in tamping down the fall surge in cases and hospitalizations caused by the Delta variant and carried the City over during the even more contagious winter surge in Omicron cases while businesses, schools and essential services remained open. San Francisco has had one of the lowest hospitalization and death rates in the nation, despite its dense population and active restaurant and entertainment sector, in large part due to high vaccination (83%) and [booster rates](#), and strong community and business support for other COVID-19 safety protocols, including masking.

The vast majority of San Franciscans, or 83%, are fully vaccinated. The City is keenly focused on strategies to reach communities that were hardest hit by COVID with vaccination events to close the



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gap on vaccinations and boosters by race/ethnicity, testing support, mask distribution, and other resources

### Changes to masking mandates for SF schools

DPH continues to support the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) with respect to COVID-19 prevention and mitigation. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, SFUSD announced that their school sites will align with DPH schools guidance as follows:

- a. Masks will be strongly recommended but not required at **middle and high schools as well as central offices** effective March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Masks will be strongly recommended but not required at **preschools, transitional kindergarten, elementary, and K-8 school sites** effective April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- c. SFUSD will also implement **group tracing** at all school sites starting March 24<sup>th</sup>.

SFUSD distributed **rapid test kits** to all students in advance of spring break (March 28-April 1).

### SDDTAC submits their annual budget recommendations and evaluation report

On March 1, the [Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee](#) (SDDTAC) submitted its [annual budget recommendations](#) and [evaluation report](#) to the Mayor's Office as required by [ordinance](#). The SDDTAC, staffed by DPH Community Health Equity and Promotion, made recommendations for investing Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT) revenue for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 based on issues communities care most about including:

- Equitable access to healthy food for low-income people and students
- Food security
- Access to safe and affordable physical activity
- Oral health
- A built environment that ensures access to the aforementioned, including
  - An awareness/educational outreach campaign, and
  - One-time infrastructure and capacity building grants for community-based organizations to prepare them to access Medi-Cal funding for meals and groceries, and other nutrition services rendered.

Next, the SDDTAC plans to meet with the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors to present their recommendations. Once the city budget is final, approved funds will be dispersed to appropriate city agencies, which will then implement programs or disburse the funds to community-based organizations.



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### **Supervisor Stefani recognizes Dr. Naveena Bobba**

Dr. Naveena Bobba, DPH's Deputy Director of Health, was recognized by Supervisor Catherine Stefani in honor of Women's History Month at the full Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Grant Colfax had the following to say about Dr. Bobba: "Dr. Naveena Bobba is an outstanding and dedicated public servant. As the Deputy Director of DPH she is a passionate leader who works tirelessly to provide quality health care and services for all San Franciscans. Naveena has been by my side since the first day we heard of the novel coronavirus and continues to be an invaluable member of our DPH team. Dr. Bobba started with DPH in 2009. Prior to her current role, she was the Director of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, a role that prepared her well for the COVID-19 pandemic, including working closely with other City Departments such as the Department of Emergency Department. As Deputy Director, her role is to oversee policy and planning for all aspects of DPH, with a focus on health equity and working with our community partners. She is a leader and a role model for our employees, especially women of color. With all her many duties, she continues to see pediatric patients at ZSFG Hospital where she practices as an allergy specialist." Congratulations, and thank you, Naveena!

### **San Francisco Rotary Club Recognizes Charles Fann**

On Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, DPH COVID Task Force Lead Charles Fann was recognized at the San Francisco Rotary Club's 34<sup>th</sup> annual Emergency Service Recognition Luncheon for his work in the pandemic response. Mr. Fann has been an invaluable part of San Francisco's ongoing COVID-19 response. A long-time DPH employee who specializes in infectious diseases, Mr. Fann was deployed as a disaster service worker in early 2020 to stand up San Francisco's first Isolation and Quarantine Hotel. He also served as the director of the Outbreak Management Team helping to prevent and mitigate outbreaks in long term care facilities, SROs, workplaces, schools, and other congregate settings. Charles was a key leader in the transition from the Citywide COVID Command Center into the DPH-led COVID Task Force which he has been co-leading since 2021. Congratulations, and thank you, Charles!

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 HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

**February 2022**

**Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary**

(2/17/22 MEC)

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

**Current Statistics – as of 2/3/22**

Active Staff	<b>550</b>
Courtesy Staff	<b>634</b>
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	<b>292</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1,476</b>



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<b>Applications in Process</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of <a href="#">February 2022</a></b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process <a href="#">3/1/22 to 5/31/22</a></b>	<b>192</b>