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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of June 18, 2024

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

<https://sf.gov/departments/san-francisco-health-commission/past-meetings>

In alignment with the California Department of Public Health, we will no longer report on COVID-19 case data. More people are now testing themselves at home for COVID-19 and we do not get data from at-home testing. This affects the accuracy of data on testing volume. We will continue to report on key indicators of COVID-19 severity and spread including [hospitalizations](#) and [test positivity](#).

SF HEALTH COMMISSION WELCOMES KARIM SALGADO

On June 13, Mayor London N. Breed swore in Karim Salgado to the San Francisco Health Commission. Commissioner Salgado is a Peruvian-American business owner who immigrated to the United States from Peru in 1979. She double majored and earned her degrees in Sociology and Criminal Justice from San Francisco State University in 2000, making her the first in her family to earn a college degree.

Before opening her own business, Commissioner Salgado worked for several San Francisco based companies including Wells Fargo Corp., the Gap—in their Loss Prevention Department—and U.S. Customs (Homeland Security). In 2002, she opened her business on the UCSF campus.

Commissioner Salgado has served on the SFMTA Citizen Advisory Committee (2020-Present), Daly City Partnership Board of Directors (2023-Present), Western Neighborhoods Project Board of Directors (2020-2022) and on the San Francisco State University Honoree Doctorate Committee (2023).

Commissioner Salgado also established two endowed scholarships at San Francisco State University in the Business and Literature Departments in honor of her loved ones to help support students economically.

FUNDING FOR CRITICAL HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Breed and Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin announced they have worked to fully fund the needed capital repairs for Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG) and



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Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) to better serve over 100,000 individuals annually that receive primary, emergency, long-term, and mental health care within San Francisco's healthcare system.

Through the legislative process, the Mayor will reprioritize \$10 million within the Healthy, Safe and Vibrant San Francisco Bond proposal to allocate a total of \$66 million towards critical infrastructure repairs at the two hospitals, as well as an additional \$38.56 million investment in Mayor Breed's proposed budget, which was submitted on May 31, 2024. With these changes, President Peskin has signed on as a co-sponsor of the Bond, joining Supervisors Ronen, Mandelman, Stefani, Dorsey, and Engardio.

The bond and the budget will fund over \$104.5 million in capital improvements to ensure the safety and continuity of services and mitigate critical facility infrastructure issues that could impact ZSFG and Laguna Honda's ability to maintain licensing, certification, and regulatory compliance as well as provide safe, efficient, and top-level care for thousands of individuals annually. Deferring these repairs will escalate costs and can lead to failures in our public health infrastructure.

In April, Mayor Breed proposed the Healthy, Safe and Vibrant San Francisco bond measure that will invest \$205 million in ensuring safe, resilient, and accessible public health infrastructure. This includes renovating and expanding the Chinatown Health Clinic, which has more than 10,000 patient visits annually being served in a culturally competent manner, 80% of whom speak Cantonese, Mandarin, or Toishanese as a primary language. The bond will also invest in San Francisco City Clinic, which has served the community for over 100 years, including providing sexual-health services and support for LGTBQ+ individuals and women.

Investing in improved service delivery and ensuring these institutions remain available to San Francisco residents is vital to addressing the City's health and vibrancy. These crucial investments by Mayor Breed will ensure San Francisco can better meet the healthcare needs of our community in modern facilities that meet federal regulatory operating requirements and replace and update facilities that are in some cases, more than 100 years old.

The Bond has been formally introduced at the Board of Supervisors, where it would need eight votes for approval. It was approved by the Capital Planning Committee. If ultimately passed by the full Board of Supervisors with the necessary eight votes, it will go on the November ballot where it will need the approval of two-thirds of the voters.



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DR. SUSAN EHRLICH RECOGNIZED AT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING PRIDE MONTH

On June 11, the Board of Supervisors recognized ZSFG Hospital CEO Dr. Susan Ehrlich with a Special Commendation for her leadership, her ability to transform organizations and her commitment to increase health care access to SF's most vulnerable. Supervisor Mandelman shared, "Dr. Ehrlich influences, mentors and inspires future generations." Congratulations to Dr. Ehrlich. We are proud to have you as our hospital's CEO!

ZSFG EARNS GERIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION

The Emergency Department at ZSFG Hospital achieved the bronze standard – Level 3 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA) accreditation. GEDA recognizes emergency departments that provide excellent care for older adults and this accreditation signals to the public that we are "focused on the highest standards of care for our communities' older adults."

The accreditation process provides more than two dozen best practices for geriatric care and the level of GEDA accreditation achieved depends on how many of these best practices an emergency department can meet.

We are proud of our Age Friendly Emergency Department team and the care they provide to the community every day. Congratulations to ZSFG on this significant achievement.

ZSFG RECEIVES CALIFORNIA MATERNAL QUALITY CARE COLLABORATIVE AWARDS

The ZSFG Labor and Delivery Team received two recognitions and awards from California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC). ZSFG received the Superstar Award and the Quality and Sustainability Award. The Superstar Award recognizes hospitals with between 1,000 and 2,499 births that had high levels of engagement with the Maternal Data Center—an online tool that generates near real-time data and performance metrics on maternity care services for hospital participants. The Quality & Sustainability Award: NTSV Cesarean Birth Rate recognizes hospitals that met and maintained the Healthy People 2030 target rate for the NTSV Cesarean Birth measure for three consecutive years (2021-2023). The target rate for this Joint Commission-stewarded measure, also referred to as PC-02, is set by the World Health Organization's Healthy People 2030 objectives. ZSFG was one of 116 hospitals recognized for their accomplishments in 2023. ZSFG's continued high performance in this area is due to the exceptional skills, talents, and dedication of our Labor and Delivery team members.



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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 06/13:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 4.3% and there are 33 COVID hospitalizations.
- Thirty-two percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.