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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of October 04, 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 178,000 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 1,041 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

SAN FRANCISCO RELEASES ROADMAP TO REDUCE DRUG OVERDOSES AND PROMOTE WELLNESS AND RECOVERY OF PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Mayor London N. Breed and DPH released a strategic roadmap to address drug overdose deaths in San Francisco, further building on the progress that has already been made in saving lives and promoting the recovery of people who use drugs.

The plan sets ambitious goals of reducing overdoses in San Francisco by 15% by 2025; reducing racial disparities in overdose deaths by 30% by 2025; and increasing the number of people receiving medications for addiction treatment by 30% by 2025.

A cornerstone of the plan is to create multiple “wellness hubs” as drop-in locations for people who use drugs and people experiencing homelessness to come in off the streets and be connected to care and services. These wellness hubs will include the effective elements learned from the Tenderloin Center in new, community-centered locations across San Francisco. The wellness hubs are part of DPH’s broader goal to reduce public drug use by providing safe and trusted places for people to visit. It is part of other outreach efforts across the behavioral health system to engage with people who use drugs and provide pathways to improve wellness and receive substance use treatment.

During the next three years the plan will increase access to medication, add residential step-down beds, and double the distribution of naloxone, the life-saving antidote to opioid overdoses.

Evidence and Equity-Based Approach

San Francisco’s four-part, strategic plan is evidence-based, equity-oriented, and will improve the health and wellbeing of people who use drugs and the communities in which drug use and overdoses occur. As the City works to reduce the overall overdose death rate, it is implementing strategies to



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lessen the disparities in overdose deaths among Black/African American San Franciscans, whose opioid overdose death rate is five times higher than the citywide rate.

To achieve these goals, the four strategies outlined in the report include expanding availability and accessibility of the continuum of substance use services; strengthening community engagement and support for at high-risk individuals; increasing coordination among City departments; and tracking overdose trends and related drug use data to inform ongoing public health responses.

In the past year, San Francisco served more than 4,500 people for specialty services for substance use disorders across 47 sites, with more than half of those enrolled in opioid treatment programs. DPH also treated more than a thousand people with buprenorphine in primary care clinics and through its health program for people experiencing homelessness, known as Whole Person Integrated Care. Thousands more people received substance use treatment outside of DPH's safety net system.

The Path Forward

In addition to opening the first wellness hub by the end of 2022, other actions include opening 70 new residential step-down beds in 2023. These overnight beds add to the City's rapidly expanding residential care program for mental health and substance use disorders – now two-thirds of the way toward a goal of 400-new beds to provide timely and appropriate levels of care across the system. Meanwhile, as implementation of the overdose plan ramps up, DPH will coordinate overdose prevention efforts through a new Office of Overdose Prevention.

In 2023, San Francisco will open two more wellness hubs to co-locate services and improve the health of people who use drugs. Within three years DPH will have substantially expanded the distribution of naloxone to 100,000 kits annually citywide, putting this overdose reversal medicine into the hands of tens of thousands of San Franciscans, many of whom will also be trained to take immediate action to save lives.

By three years, the City will have placed naloxone kits in every supportive housing facility in the city, and will have increased the number of people receiving medication for addiction treatment for opioid use disorders, namely methadone and buprenorphine, by 30%. This will be done by making it easier for people to access medicines in settings such as urgent care clinics, shelters, and on the street.

This plan will be revised annually as new strategies are identified and lessons are learned and with ongoing input from stakeholders and community members across the city.



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A complete copy of the report is available here: sf.gov/information/overdose-prevention-resources

SAN FRANCISCO VACCINATES MORE THAN 1,400 PEOPLE AGAINST MPX AT FOLSOM STREET FAIR WITH MORE LARGE EVENTS TO FOLLOW

DPH administered 1,419 first and second doses of the Jynneos vaccine in just one day at the Folsom Street Fair on September 25th as part of its ongoing efforts to provide thousands of additional MPX vaccine doses to San Franciscans and visitors attending popular community events over the span of several weeks this fall.

This successful event took advantage of a one-time special allotment of 10,000 doses that DPH received as part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's "Pilot Program for Additional Vaccine Allocation to State and Local Health Departments that Host Large LGBTQI+ Community Events". This federal pilot program provides additional vaccines to states and cities holding events that convene large groups of LGBTQI+ individuals.

In addition to the Folsom Street Fair, DPH has held vaccine events with the Rafiki Coalition, San Francisco Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Beaux Nightclub, and others. To date, more than 4,000 doses from the special federal allotment have been administered with more large vaccination events planned for the coming weeks culminating in the Castro Street Fair on October 2nd.

As part of a multi-prong community strategy for vaccinating communities that are highly impacted by MPX, DPH has been partnering with community groups to support pop-up vaccine clinics at neighborhood events.

DPH will continue to advocate for and stand with all communities who are disproportionately affected by MPX. For more information about vaccine eligibility and events, please visit www.sf.gov/mpx

SAN FRANCISCO EMS AGENCY HONORED FOR INNOVATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH

SF Emergency Medical Services was honored with the 2022 Bronze Innovative Practice Award by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The award celebrates local health departments for developing innovative programs to meet the needs of their communities



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during the COVID-19 pandemic. The designation as a Bronze Innovative Practice demonstrates a high level of program innovation and reflects the collaboration, adaptability, and program resilience.

San Francisco Emergency Medical Services Agency’s (SF EMSA) COVID-19 Transportation Hub was one of 10 local health department programs to receive NACCHO’s Bronze Innovative Practice Award. The award was presented during the 2022 NACCHO360 Annual Conference in Atlanta on July 20, 2022.

During the initial phases of San Francisco’s COVID-19 response, the City’s Emergency Medical Services developed a pandemic response Transportation Hub to stage and dispatch medical transport resources to support and reduce impacts to the EMS system. The Hub played a critical role in providing pandemic relief to vulnerable populations, people experiencing homelessness, and patients by transporting them to shelter-in-place sites and medical facilities. It also supported testing and vaccinating those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic due to ethnicity, geography, language, age, profession, people with disabilities, and/or pre-existing medical conditions.

Innovative Practices are exciting approaches and strategies to local public health issues that were developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and were creatively adapted to meet the circumstances of the pandemic. The Innovative Practices honors are awarded to local health departments across the country for implementing programs that can demonstrate exemplary, adaptable programs with replicable outcomes. The Transportation Hub is one of many successful public health practices in areas that range from health equity and face mask distribution programs to contactless delivery methods and drive through testing. Read more about these award-winning practices [here](#).

MPX UPDATE

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES AS OF 9/13/22 (probable and confirmed)
San Francisco	802
California	4,886
U.S.	25,613
Worldwide (83 Countries)	67,602

DPH will continue to focus our resources and efforts on reaching communities who are inequitably impacted by MPX, especially BIPOC and Latinx communities. As part of these efforts, we are



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utilizing a multi-prong community strategy for vaccinating communities that are highly impacted by MPX and may have barriers to healthcare.

- **Community events** – partnering with trusted community partners at various events to reach those communities most highly at risk.
- **Pop up vaccination sites** – having current COVID-19 community pop up sites administer MPX vaccine in high impacted communities.
- **Roving vax teams** – leveraging existing roving COVID-19 vaccination teams to distribute the vaccine to unhoused populations, including street, SRO and shelter populations.
- **Mobile vaccine teams** – deploy teams to high impacted communities with hard-to-reach populations for one-day events to provide access to vaccine.
- **SFDPH and MPX vaccine clinic at ZSFG** worked with the below community-based organizations to set up “VIP” vaccine access for BIPOC individuals daily Monday through Friday.

We will continue to seek out opportunities to leverage additional resources from state and federal partners to reduce disparities around MPX in BIPOC communities.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of September 29:

- San Francisco’s 7-day rolling average of new COVID cases per day is 85 and 46 people are hospitalized, including 5 in the ICU.
- San Francisco’s remaining ICU capacity is 36.0% and remaining non-ICU capacity is 20.6%.
- Eighty-six percent of all SF residents have been vaccinated and 75% have received booster dose(s).

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September 2022

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary

(9/15/2022 MEC)

	9/2022	07/2022 to 07/2023
New Appointments	25	129
Reinstatements	0	1
Reappointments	42	151
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	40	96
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	19	52
Additions	10	50
Proctorship Completed	25	85



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Current Statistics – as of 9/2/22

Active Staff	552
Courtesy Staff	640
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	293
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,485

Applications in Process	58
Applications Withdrawn Month of September 2022	2
SFGH Reappointments in Process 9/1/22 to 11/30/22	125