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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of January 19, 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>

San Francisco announces plan to create network of COVID-19 vaccination sites

Today, there are over 29,000 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 262 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

On January 15, Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax outlined the City's plan to create a network of vaccination sites to get as many people vaccinated as soon as possible when doses become more readily available. In partnership with the health care providers in San Francisco, which are receiving the majority of the vaccine doses from the state, the City will facilitate the quick and efficient delivery of vaccines through high-volume vaccine sites as well as community-based sites.

The providers partnering with the City include Kaiser Permanente, UCSF Health, Dignity Health, Sutter Health/California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) and the Department of Public Health, which provides healthcare to the uninsured and underinsured. The City has also created a vaccination notification website where, starting Tuesday, January 19, people who live and work in San Francisco can sign up to be notified when they become eligible under state guidance to receive the vaccine: sf.gov/vaccinenotify.

The goal of this initiative is to ensure all health care providers in San Francisco are fully prepared to facilitate wide-scale vaccinations for those who live and work in San Francisco as soon as health care providers receive sufficient vaccine allocations from the state and federal government. The sites will be created to scale-up capacity as vaccine supply increases. Once the vaccine locations are fully operational, pending vaccine supply, the city has a goal of facilitating 10,000 vaccine doses per day.

COVID-19 Vaccination Sites

In partnership with health care providers, DPH, and COVID-19 Command Center, the City will establish high-volume vaccination sites at several locations. These sites will provide a unified place for health care providers to set-up vaccination stations and vaccinate people who are eligible. Each site will have space for all of the City's health care providers to have vaccination strategies and



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create coordinated, centralized vaccine locations that people can go to regardless of their insurer.

The selection of these high-volume vaccine sites is informed by the rates of COVID-19 infection, hospitalizations, and deaths in San Francisco. The highest rates of infection are in the Southeast sector of the city, and the City has selected the locations of vaccine sites so they are easily accessible to the residents of these neighborhoods.

The City is working with the providers to ensure these facilities have everything in place to activate and begin offering vaccinations as soon as they receive sufficient vaccine supply. The sites will open and scale based on the amount of vaccine doses health care providers receive.

- SoMa: Moscone Center
- OMI: City College of San Francisco (Main Campus)
- Bayview: The SF Market (San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market).

In addition to the high-volume vaccination sites that will serve everyone, the City and health care providers will augment COVID-19 vaccination in high impacted communities with pop-up vaccine sites, DPH's community clinics, and other safety-net clinics for the uninsured and underserved in neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Mission, Western Addition, and Bayview.

The City is also working with One Medical, Safeway, and Walgreens to deliver vaccines as doses become available. Additionally, the City has been working with partners to develop mobile vaccination teams to deploy to hard-to-reach and vulnerable populations. The City is working with community partners to best understand where and how to embed these teams within communities to reach the populations most at risk of disease.

Additionally, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFGH) began scaling up vaccination of its patients the same weekend. ZSFGH serves approximately 110,000 inpatient and outpatient clients annually at their hospitals and clinics.

Mayor Breed announces new initiatives to combat human trafficking in San Francisco

On January 8, Mayor London N. Breed announced two new initiatives to combat and prevent human trafficking in San Francisco. The San Francisco International Airport, the Department of Public Health, and the Department on the Status of Women have joined together to advance two efforts that will help identify potential victims of human trafficking and provide victims with the support and services they need.

The COVID-19 health and economic crisis has potentially deepened vulnerabilities for people at risk



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of being trafficked or currently trafficked. Fifty-one human trafficking cases were reported directly to the San Francisco Police Department in 2020. These two initiatives are launching to promote vigilance against human trafficking at a time when cases may be driven further underground.

Starting January 2020, the Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Inspectors will begin incorporating new anti-human trafficking training into their inspection process. The Environmental Health Branch employs approximately 100 inspectors who conduct regular on-site inspections of over 9,000 businesses, such as restaurants and bars, gas stations, massage establishments, and residential hotels. All staff will be trained to recognize the Red Flags, or most common [signs of human trafficking](#), and make referrals to the San Francisco Police Department for investigation within 24 hours whenever signs of potential human trafficking are observed in health-permitted businesses.

For the last ten years, the Environmental Health Branch of the Department of Public Health has been collaborating with state and local labor law enforcement agencies to fight against labor exploitation and its negative impact on health. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, San Francisco trafficking service providers are continuing to provide high quality, wraparound services to survivors. One legal service provider is working with nine clients who have been labor trafficked this year, seven of whom were trafficked by the same individual.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Francisco is one of the nation's high intensity areas for commercial sexual exploitation of children as related to human trafficking. In 2019, the Mayor's Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking found that there were an estimated 673 cases of human trafficking within the last two years reported to local service providers. The largest number of cases were young women of color between the ages of 18-24 years old. The report found that establishments such as restaurants, massage establishments, and single room occupancy hotel rooms are vulnerable to human trafficking.

If you or someone you know may be a victim of human trafficking, you can call 9-1-1, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888, or contact one of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking service providers: <https://www.sfcaht.org/by-category-of-service.html>.

Retail Tobacco Program receives Department of Justice grant

The Environmental Health Branch's Retail Tobacco Program was awarded a Department of Justice grant for the total amount of \$1,780,842. Jennifer Callewaert, Program Manager, and Janine Young, Senior Inspector, submitted the grant application which supports local agencies in their efforts to



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educate minors about the harms of tobacco products, enforcing state and local tobacco laws and conducting retailer enforcement. The funding covers the next three years and will be instrumental to discouraging smoking, protecting individuals from second-hand smoke and eliminating youth access to tobacco products. Congratulations to Jennifer, Janine and the whole Retail Tobacco Permitting Team.

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