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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of February 4, 2020

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>

Coronavirus Preparedness and Response

San Francisco has zero newly diagnosed cases of novel coronavirus among residents at this time. Two previously diagnosed cases from a nearby county were recently hospitalized in San Francisco and appropriate precautions are being taken. If a newly diagnosed case is confirmed in San Francisco, the Department of Public Health will announce it, in cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health.

The SF Department of Public Health is working closely with the CDC and the California Department of Public Health, monitoring the outbreak and preparing a response that protects the public. We are actively preparing for the possibility of confirmed cases here.

Our focus is on prevention. The best way that members of the public can protect themselves from getting sick is through frequent hand washing. Also, coughing or sneezing into your sleeve, and staying home if you're sick are important ways to prevent the spread of illness. We recommend getting a flu vaccine to help prevent illness and symptoms similar to the novel coronavirus. Masks are not recommended as a way to prevent novel coronavirus, which is not circulating in San Francisco at this time.

The World Health Organization has declared novel coronavirus a global health emergency, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has declared a public health emergency in the United States. It is a rapidly developing situation. We are directing the public to get evolving information from the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov).

DPH activated its Departmental Operations Center on January 21, with the leadership of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Branch. Our first preparedness priorities have been accomplished:

- Issue health advisories to San Francisco providers about the symptoms of the virus and what steps to take if they have a patient who may have the illness.
- Communicate with all city hospitals and identify isolation rooms in case of incoming patients with the new virus.
- Collaborate with the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management on citywide preparation and information sharing, including activating the EOC.
- Establish transport protocols with the Emergency Medical Services to ensure that ambulances are prepared for incoming patients and are able to take infection control precautions for safe transport.



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- Arrange for direct delivery of specimens from the DPH lab to the CDC lab for testing any suspect cases.
- Communicate with SFO and the San Mateo County Health Department (where SFO is located) to establish plans for transporting patients to San Francisco, if needed.
- Inform the community and policymakers about the facts of novel coronavirus and how to stay healthy and safe.

In a rapidly changing situation like this, clear communication and public information is essential. Here are some activities that are helping accomplish that:

- We created Fact Sheets in [English](#), [Chinese](#), [Filipino](#) and [Spanish](#) that have been disseminated to the public, media, community organizations and posted on our website.
- We held a media availability January 24 with Deputy Health Officer Dr. Susan Philip, who is the Director of Disease Prevention and Control, attended by 13 media outlets.
- We issued a January 24 statement on preparedness in multiple languages.
- We participated in a Mayor's press conference January 27 to announce the opening of the City's Emergency Operations Center. Speakers included Mayor Breed, San Francisco Health Officer Dr. Tomas Aragon and Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Director Maryellen Carroll. Dr. Sunny Pak and Dr. Susan Philip provided additional interviews.
- We participate in daily communications calls with the Public Information Officers for all city departments.
- Digital resources include posting of regularly updated information on [SFDPH.org](#), [SF72.org](#) and [SF.GOV](#). We also have created social media posts and are assertively monitoring social media, dispelling rumors and providing facts.
- We have prioritized outreach to the Chinese community, in partnership with the Mayor's office and DEM. We distributed the fact sheet to multiple organizations, health care providers and media. We gave in depth interviews and briefings to Sing Tao, KTSF, Sky Link and World Journal on January 31, with in person visits from Dr. Tomas Aragon, Dr. Sunny Pak and Dr. Lydia Leung.

We are continuing to work with city and community partners to ensure that public health principles guide San Francisco's response, that information is accurate and timely and that issues of equity and the potential for discrimination against the community most impacted by this situation are top of mind.

Supreme Court Rules that Public Charge Changes Can Be Implemented

On January 27, 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) can now implement their new rule on "public charge" policies, which govern how use of public benefits impact individuals' immigration status. While the rule change will not affect eligibility for federal, state, and local public benefits, it could affect immigrants' use of public assistance programs like Medi-Cal, and their ability to settle into the United States.



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San Francisco Department of Public Health, along with other city agencies are coordinating response strategies through the City Attorney and Mayor's Office. The health department is firmly committed to keeping San Francisco a place where health care is available to all, regardless of immigration status. The following resources are available to residents and community providers as part of the City's response efforts to public charge changes: Bay Area Legal Aid's Legal Advice Line at (800) 551-5554. Additional information on legal aid can be found at: immigrants.sfgov.org/rights/public-charge. FAQ developed by San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA) about public charge and use of public benefits is available at: sfhsa.org/PublicCharge

Mayor London Breed Announces Policy Changes to Increase Usage of Substance Use Beds

Mayor London N. Breed and the Department of Public Health announced January 24, 2020, new efforts to increase the utilization of the City's voluntary substance use treatment beds and provide more people with treatment. DPH will take both immediate and longer-term steps to increase bed usage, including converting persistently vacant beds to types that are in greater demand.

In December 2019, we launched an online bed tracker that allows the public, providers, and potential clients to see where substance use treatment beds are available on a daily basis. Early data from the bed tracker reflects vacancy rates ranging from 5 percent to as much as 40 percent across different types of treatment beds.

"At a time when overdoses linked to fentanyl and methamphetamine are on the rise, it is critical that the City innovate with tools like FindTreatmentSF.org to make sure the treatment we are offering is actually helping our most vulnerable residents," said Mayor Breed. "This online tool was designed to enhance the transparency of San Francisco's substance use treatment system, and to allow DPH to make data-driven decisions about improving access," said Dr. Anton Nigusse Bland, Director of Mental Health Reform. With the important contributions of our community-based treatment providers, the data we collect from FindTreatmentSF.org will help us pinpoint barriers and eliminate them.

Shared Priority Update

Since September 2019, dedicated staff representing the Department of Public Health and five other city agencies have adopted a "whatever it takes" approach to getting the 237 San Franciscans in greatest need of housing and health care into safe settings.

The "Shared Priority" project, as it is known, is led by DPH and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) with robust participation from the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS), the Human Services Agency (HSA), the San Francisco Fire Department's EMS-6, and a UCSF evaluation team. Community-based providers also play a critical role in our clients maintaining their housing



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and improving their health.

The project involves identifying people who are experiencing homelessness, who have been prioritized for permanent supportive housing by HSH and who also have a history of psychosis and co-occurring serious substance use disorders. The next steps have involved tracking down the 237 people and coordinating their care.

A high-intensity care team including EMS-6, DPH Street Medicine and HSH Homeless Outreach Team works on the streets to find and serve Shared Priority clients. A provider team meets weekly to triage clients' needs and problem-solve when barriers arise. This provider team also identifies systemic barriers and escalates those issues to a system response team whose job it is to prioritize clients' access to scarce resources, dismantle barriers, and recommend policy changes that can bridge whatever gaps they find in the health and homelessness response systems.

A recent [San Francisco Chronicle report](#) highlighted the Shared Priority provider team in their weekly meeting and the essential daily street outreach of the high-intensity care team. It also included some of the results achieved since September:

- 127 clients are off the street, meaning they are sheltered in navigation centers, stabilization rooms, residential treatment, respite care, permanent supportive housing, board and care, or other housing
- 94 people have begun working with a DPH case manager
- 449 benefit enrollments (some of the 237 people are enrolled in more than one benefit) allow clients to access general assistance, SSI, Medi-Cal and Cal Fresh

Multiple teams are working diligently to identify client and system barriers, synthesize what they are learning, and develop recommendations that will be presented to senior leadership of City departments next month.

New Behavioral Health Racial Equity Champions

Sixteen Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff were recently accepted into the first cohort of the Department of Public Health's Racial Equity Champions Program. The program includes 80 total champions across all DPH divisions, who will complete a one-year term. The Racial Equity Champions program consists of dedicated staff time to increase collective capacity to understand and address racial equity needs in DPH programs and services. BHS Racial Equity Champions will be supported by the Office of Equity, Social Justice, and Multicultural Education (OESM), led by Josephine Ayankoya, Interim OESM Director. The champions are: Carla Colbert, Cindy Nolan, Crystal Holmes, Deandre Jurand, Jamil Cromartie, Jenya Kauffman, Lisa Mestayer, Lucy Arellano, Mario Leiva, Mary Senchyna, Michael Huff, Michelle Roberts, Natalie Henry-Berry, Orlando Tolbert, Reisel Berger, and Ritchie Rubio. Please help us congratulate and welcome our newest Racial Equity Champions to the program.



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DPH in the News (Jan 18 – Jan 31 2019)

Santa Clara County confirms first case of coronavirus

<https://abc7news.com/5895060/>

US declares coronavirus a public health emergency

<https://expressdigest.com/us-declares-coronavirus-a-public-health-emergency/>

Seventh American diagnosed with coronavirus as US declares public health emergency

<https://internewscast.com/seventh-american-diagnosed-with-coronavirus-as-us-declares-public-health-emergency/>

US Reports 1st Case Of Person-To-Person Spread Of Wuhan Coronavirus

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/01/30/us-reports-1st-case-of-person-to-person-spread-of-wuhan-coronavirus/>

San Francisco's homeless navigation centers: 7 questions answered

<https://abc7news.com/society/7-things-to-know-about-sfs-homeless-navigation-centers/5853129/>

San Francisco Supervisor Calls For Independent Probe Into Corruption At City Departments

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/01/30/san-francisco-supervisor-independent-probe-corruption/>

The Flu is a Bigger Health Threat in the U.S. than Novel Coronavirus

<https://www.kqed.org/science/1956289/the-flu-is-a-bigger-health-threat-in-the-u-s-than-novel-coronavirus>

Online Extra: Getting to Zero won't happen without housing, SF officials say

https://www.ebar.com/news/news/287502/online_extra:_getting_to_zero_wont_happen_without_housing,_sf_officials_say

There's a way to cut drug OD deaths — but S.F. is balking

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/heatherknight/article/There-s-a-way-to-cut-drug-OD-deaths-but-15008780.php>

San Francisco officials talk coronavirus, risk to Bay Area after 5 cases confirmed in US

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/san-francisco-officials-talk-coronavirus-risk-to-bay-area-after-5-cases-confirmed-in-us/>

SF officials prepare for coronavirus response

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/sf-officials-prepare-for-coronavirus-response/>

SF vape shops scramble with ban taking effect: 'I don't know what the hell I'm going to do'

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/SF-vape-shops-scramble-with-ban-taking-effect-15006119.php>



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Yelp launches new hygiene alerts to flag restaurants in Chicago and LA with the worst health inspection results

https://www.telegraphherald.com/news/technology/article_8354e2e4-e8b2-5fb7-811e-5573792a20b6.html

Several Bay Area counties actively taking precautions as coronavirus outbreak worsens

<https://abc7news.com/health/bay-area-counties-taking-precautions-as-coronavirus-outbreak-worsens/5877110/>

San Francisco's Department of Public Health actively preparing to respond to coronavirus

<https://abc7news.com/health/sfs-dept-of-public-health-actively-preparing-to-respond-to-coronavirus/5877110/>

'Mad Mob' aims to influence SF City Hall on mental health policies

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/the-city/mad-mob-aims-to-influence-sf-city-hall-on-mental-health-policies/>

Residents of San Francisco's Treasure Island are seeking \$2 billion in a class-action lawsuit and calling for the island's \$6 billion redevelopment to halt until the land is free of contamination

<https://www.businessinsider.com.au/san-francisco-treasure-island-lawsuit-residents-2020-1?nojs=1>

Lawsuit seeks billion in damages, halt to development on Treasure Island

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/sf-health-department-lays-out-priorities-around-homelessness-and-substance-abusers/>

'Red means stop': SF restaurants to switch to color-coded health inspection signs

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/food/article/Red-means-stop-SF-restaurants-to-switch-to-15002107.php>

Mayor Breed Announces Increase In Usage Of Substance Use Treatment Beds

<https://patch.com/california/san-francisco/mayor-breed-announces-increase-usage-substance-use-treatment-beds>

Retransmission: Supervisor Haney Urges City To More Regularly Report Overdose Deaths Amid Rising Numbers

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Retransmission-Supervisor-Haney-Urges-City-To-14999807.php>

SF health department lays out priorities around homelessness and substance abusers

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/sf-health-department-lays-out-priorities-around-homelessness-and-substance-abusers/>

The San Francisco Mess Proves Decriminalizing Drugs Doesn't Work

<http://www.capoliticalreview.com/capoliticalnewsandviews/the-san-francisco-mess-proves-decriminalizing-drugs-doesnt-work/>

'It's a wake-up call' — fentanyl crisis grips San Francisco as body count skyrockets



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<https://www.usabreakingnews.net/2020/01/its-a-wake-up-call-fentanyl-crisis-grips-san-francisco-as-body-count-skyrockets/>

Supervisor Haney Urges City To Begin Reporting Overdose Deaths Amid Rising Numbers

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Supervisor-Haney-Urges-City-To-Begin-Reporting-14996767.php>

Deadly heroin, fentanyl overdoses more than doubled last year in San Francisco compared to 2018

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/deadly-heroin-fentanyl-overdoses-more-than-doubled-last-year-in-san-francisco-compared-to-2018/>



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**ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL
 HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

December 2019
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
 (12/9/19 MEC)

	12/2019	07/2019 to 07/2020
New Appointments	6	85
Reinstatements		
Reappointments	37	220
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	3	100
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		1
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	12	46
Additions	6	51
Proctorship Completed	10	88

Current Statistics – as of 12/2/2019		
Active Staff	553	
Courtesy Staff	572	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	285	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1410	

Applications in Process		18
Applications Withdrawn Month of December 2019		0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020		181



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LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

December 2019
Health Commission - Director of Health Report
 (12/5/19 MEC)

	December	(FY 2019-2020) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	1	9
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	2	31
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired	1	8
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	0	1
Proctorship Extension	1	1

Current Statistics – as of 12/03/2019	
Active Medical Staff	36
As-Needed Medical Staff	15
External Consultant Medical Staff	46
Courtesy Medical Staff	2
Affiliated Health Practitioners	13
TOTAL MEMBERS	112

Applications in Process	1
Applications Withdrawn this month	0