



Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
Weekly Homeless Provider COVID Community Call
Wednesday, July 7, 2021; 10:30am-11:30am

72 Participants & Following Programs Represented:

Abode Services, HEPPAC, Swords to Plowshares, Eden I&R/211, Dorothy Day House, City of Emeryville, Roots Community Health Center, AC Care Connect, Crisis Services, BHCS/Housing Services Office, Bay Area Legal Aid, Family Bridges, Alameda County Safe Parking/Fairmont Campus, First Presbyterian Church of Hayward/South Hayward Parish, St. Vincent de Paul, Building Futures, BACH, City of Alameda, East Bay Community Law Center, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Ruby’s Place, Cal-PEP, City of Oakland, City of Livermore, Kaiser Fremont Hospital

1. **Introduction:** This is the weekly homeless provider community call hosted by the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless program. Calls will be **every Wednesday at 10:30am-11:30am on Zoom.**

- The purpose of this call is to bring together countywide shelter and outreach providers to share updates, knowledge, practices, build supportive community, and develop effective responses to protect our health and the health of the persons living in our sheltered and unsheltered environments.
- If you have specific issues or challenges with individuals who may be symptomatic, infected or at-risk of COVID-19, email achch@acgov.org with details so we can follow up.
- To be added to the email distribution list, please contact Kathy Barron at kathryn.barron@acgov.org.

2. **Situation Report:**

David Modersbach, Health Care for the Homeless

Alameda County and the HCH program are witnessing a swift increase in new COVID cases – Alameda County has seen a 51% increase in new cases in the past two weeks -- and ACHCH and shelters are currently responding to at least six separate shelter-based infections/outbreaks. COVID infection, likely associated with the new, rapidly-spreading Delta Variant, is on the rise.

Clearly and indisputably, receiving a COVID vaccine gives people and communities huge protection against serious illness and death.

ACHCH is urging shelter providers to TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY:

- Increase vigilance around symptoms checks
- Continued masking, social distancing
- IMMEDIATELY Call Kari Jennings-Parriott at ACHCH if you have suspected cases or reports of cases
- Keep working to get residents vaccinated

- Refer to [Alameda County COVID-19 Dashboards](#)
 - Countywide totals as of 07/07/2021: 90,483 confirmed cases; 1,267 deaths
 - **ACHCH:**
 - People experiencing homelessness (positive for COVID-19): 208 shelter; 241 unsheltered
 - Current Active outbreaks: 4 shelter, 0 unsheltered

- Vaccinations: over 4,700 administered
 - Testing: over 8,000 COVID-19 tests given
- Bay Area temperatures are rising. Visit our website on [heat emergency resources](#).
- Check Alameda County Public Health website for testing sites; <https://covid-19.acgov.org/testing.page>
- COVID-19 vaccination information and to register, visit [MyTurn](#) website
- Visit [East Bay Getting to Zero](#) for information on COVID-19 vaccination
- Vaccinations: call (510) 208-4VAX
- No documentation or identification is needed; people can self-verify (self-attest) address and in identifying themselves.
- Visit our website for more information and to watch the COVID-19 presentation video: <https://www.achch.org/vaccine-guidance.html>
- **Information Resource:** Alameda County Care Connect’s ELEMENO webpage with tons of specific, easy-to-understand information for homeless services providers: <https://careconnect.elemenohhealth.com/#/resource/QR1ccdb9cfea7d2d816468?source=link>

3. City and County Check-in:

Kari Jennings-Parriott, Health Care for the Homeless

- We want to create partnership with shelters in regards to COVID-19 vaccines, testing and increase communication.
- We want to get as many people vaccinated as we can.
- If someone has COVID-19 symptoms, please call Kari so she can have them tested and get the care they need.
- The fourth Wednesday of the month, ACHCH will provide a training for anyone who wants to attend. It will be held from 9am-11am. The training for July is titled “Supporting Individuals with Hoarding/Cluttering Challenges.”

Seth Gomez, Health Care for the Homeless

- When fully vaccinated, the risk of getting infection is significantly less.
- Update: CA Department of Public Health officially declared that the Delta variant is the dominate strain in the state of California.

Q: Are the vaccines proven to be effective against the Delta variant?

A: There is credible evidence that all vaccines are solid protectors from the Delta variant. But being fully vaccinated isn’t 100% risk free of contracting the virus.

Q: What suggestions can you provide to encourage residents to get the vaccination?

A: Incentives can be helpful or have ACHCH staff come and talk with residents about the myths and benefits of the vaccine.

Cal-PEP would like to create a partnership with shelters to have residents get tested for HIV and get the vaccination; they provide a \$10 incentive.

Thank you all! Be compassionate in your care for yourself and others. We appreciate all of you and your creativity to support the unhoused community. Please continue to wear a mask, wash hands, and practice social distancing.