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** (except for the last Wednesday of the month when we have our monthly trainings).

   - 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:**

   - **Emphasizing the need for close screening of staff and carrying out full symptoms/contacts checks on a daily basis.** Please review the [ACHCH Shelter Health Guidance](#).
   - **SICK staff need to stay home!** If staff are not feeling well, they need to call out sick or leave immediately.
   - **Recommendation to shelter and outreach staff regarding N95 masks:** If your site is undergoing an outbreak or suspected outbreak ACHCH advises to wear N95 masks or at least double-mask with a cloth and surgical mask. Contact Kari Jennings-Parriott to request N95 masks.
   - **Quarantine for close contacts of a COVID+ case:** ACHCH reminded folks that current Health Officer orders require a **14 day quarantine** for staff and residents of congregate facilities who have had a close contact with a COVID-19 case, regardless of vaccination status. This can be very difficult for shelter staff and residents, so it’s very important to keep an eye on the close contacts (i.e. maintain your 6’ distancing at all times).

**ACHCH & Alameda County COVID-19 Stats:**
- Countywide totals as of 12/01/2021: 122,358 confirmed cases; 1,504 deaths
- **ACHCH:**
  - People experiencing homelessness (positive for COVID-19): 411 shelter; 408 unsheltered
  - Current Active outbreaks: 3 shelter, 0 unsheltered
  - Vaccinations: over 5,000 administered/offered at over 300 sites
  - Testing: over 12,000 administered to people experiencing homelessness

- Check [Alameda County Public Health website](#) for testing sites
- [MyTurn](#) for COVID-19 vaccination information and to register
Visit East Bay Getting to Zero for weekly updates/information on COVID-19
Alameda County EMS department is distributing PCR and Antigen testing kits for shelter and outreach organizations. Register your organization to learn more. Reach out to kreig.harmon@acgov.org for any questions.
Vaccinations: call (510) 208-4VAX; No documentation or identification is needed; people can self-verify (self-attest) address and in identifying themselves.
Free rides to vaccination: East Oakland Collective, Uber, Lyft, MyTurn.ca.gov
Visit our website for vaccine guidance and resources
CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots
Alameda County Public Health:
  - Vaccine Guidance & Resources
  - Vaccine FAQs
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Q&A

Kari Jennings-Parriott, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
ACHCH has started rolling out an incentive program for people receiving the COVID-19 vaccine: $100 gift certificate for J&J vaccine and $50 gift card for first dose of Moderna/$50 gift card for second dose of Moderna. Visit our website to access information for the community care vaccination site schedule. Please contact Kari at kari.jenningsparriot@acgov.org for more information. ACHCH is administering vaccine booster doses at all community care vaccination sites.
Next monthly provider training: Ethics and Boundaries on December 15th from 9am-11am. Presented by Kari Jennings-Parriott. Information and the Zoom link will be sent via email. Please contact kathryn.barron@acgov.org with any questions or if you need additional information.
AIDS Housing Information Project (AHIP); (510) 537-2600

Kerry Abbott, OHCC
Hotels have been extended through March 31, 2022; will have a ramp down process when the time comes to close the hotels
Email covidhousing@acgov.org for more information
Safer Ground Statistics: Clients Served: 2,225; Clients Exited: 1,622; Exited to housing: 1,143 (as of 11/19/2021)
Funds for new housing is in the process for No Place Like Home program.

Kathie Barkow, Aspire Consulting, Point-In-Time Count Presentation
January 25, 2022 - EveryOne Counts 2022
Encourage everyone to participate
Visit EveryOne Home for more information

Seth Gomez, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
Pandemic Health & Safety Reminders: please tune out news if it brings anxiety, stress, or fear
Stick to what you can control to reduce your risk and those around you.
  - Wearing mask
  - Physical distancing
- Hand hygiene
- Sanitize surfaces
- Getting tested when recommended for you
- Stay up to date with vaccinations
- Viruses change/mutate often creating new variants
- Variants may emerge then disappear or may persist
- Omicron variant:
  - Detected in multiple countries
  - Quick spread and displacement of Delta in South Africa
  - Mutations in the virus that might suggest reduced protection from therapeutic interventions
  - Variant of Concern (VOC) means increased monitoring to study the true behavior and impact of a virus
  - Unknown or not confirmed: degree of transmissibility, severity of illness, more or less problematic
- Vaccines continue to reduce risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19 in all variants to date
- Consider wearing mask while in public regardless of the level of community transmission
- Consider wearing a mask in your household if someone is immunocompromised

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.