



Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
Outreach Provider COVID Phone Call #58
Wednesday, April 28, 2021; 2:00pm-3:00pm

55 Participants & Programs Represented:

HEPPAC, Bay Area Legal Aid, SVdP, Tiburcio Vasquez, BACH, City of Oakland HSD, Swords to Plowshares, COB Homeless FSP, City of Emeryville, City of Berkeley, LesGetItNetwork, Roots Community Health Center, Punks with Lunch, LavaMaeX, Eden I&R/211, Downtown Streets Team, Manna from Heaven/Roof Over Their Heads, LifeLong Medical

Introduction: This is the 58th and FINAL Street Outreach-Specific weekly COVID Call hosted by the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless program. Beginning Wednesday May 5th, the Shelter providers and Outreach providers calls will be merged into one Alameda County Homeless Providers COVID Community call.

We will be sending out the notice, new links and outlook calendars to everyone on our mailing list. If you are not currently on our mailing list for these calls, please write kathryn.barron@acgov.org

- Thank you for all your hard work! This is a marathon not a sprint, so please take care of yourself so that we can continue to support the unsheltered community.
- The purpose of this call is to bring together countywide 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 unsheltered in Alameda County.
- If teams have specific issues or challenges with individuals who may be symptomatic, infected or at-risk of COVID-19, please email details to ACHCH at achch@acgov.org for follow up.
- To be added to the email list for additional updates contact Kathy Barron at kathryn.barron@acgov.org.

1. Situation Report:

David Modersbach, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless

- Refer to [Alameda County COVID-19 Dashboards](#)
 - Countywide totals as of 04/28/2021: 85,736 confirmed cases; 1,491 deaths
 - ACHCH:
 - 0 active outbreaks – shelter and street setting FIRST TIME SINCE APRIL!
 - 7,585 COVID-19 tests given; 1.7% positivity rate

- Over 3,000 vaccines administered
- Check Alameda County Public Health website for testing sites; <https://covid-19.acgov.org/testing.page>
- If you need COVID supplies, please contact your city EOC or supply chain **before** contacting ACHCH. If there are supplies they are unable to provide, please contact Kathy Barron at kathryn.barron@acgov.org to order and pick up supplies.
- COVID-19 vaccination information and to register, visit [MyTurn](#) website
- ACHCH has new COVID-19 vaccine website; visit [Vaccine Guidance](#) for information and resources
- County Vaccination Call Center: (510) 208-4VAX
- Paratransit is providing transportation for those who need it for vaccination appointments.
- No documentation or identification is needed; people can self-verify (self-attest) address and in identifying themselves.

2. City and County Update:

David Modersbach, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless

- **Shelter and outreach provider weekly COVID-19 calls will merge into one weekly call starting Wednesday, May 5th; 10:30am-11:30am.**
- Zoom link and information for the new time will be sent out to everyone via email in the next few days.
- Alameda County will resume administering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine
- Alameda County is facilitating an event “Community Update: Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A”; Thursday, April 29th at 6pm [via Zoom](#).
- ACHCH will offer a choice of Moderna or J&J vaccine in our shelter and street vaccine events, however most Street Health Teams will be providing J&J only.

Lucy Kasdin, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless

- HCH is in the process of setting up ongoing Community Care COVID vaccination sites that will be set up across the county which will provide ongoing walk-in access for COVID vaccinations for people experiencing homelessness.
- Safer Ground hotel applications have been received and closed; eligible people are moving in, and new slots will be offered to people on eligible list when people move out (530 housing move-outs to date) until FEMA funding runs out.

Jennifer Vasquez, City of Berkeley

- No updates; Contact Jennifer for more information regarding clinics; jvasquez@cityofberkeley.info

Talia Rubin, City of Oakland

- City of Oakland has leased the **Lake Merritt Lodge**; COVID-19 response safer ground site (FEMA funded until end of September). Will open in next two weeks; no definite date. HCEB is the provider. Eligibility criteria is the same as HomeBase; a senior and/or identified COVID vulnerable conditions. Agencies will be referring people to the site. Prioritize Oakland council districts 2 & 3. 92 rooms; up to two people in each room (no roommate situation; households in same room).
- See attached flyer for Animal Care services

Dennis Johnson, Swords to Plowshares

- Location moved to Jack London Square at 330 Franklin Street, Suite 100
- Beginning focus groups for veterans

Ryan Wythe, LifeLong Medical Street Health Teams

- Resuming administering the J&J vaccine

Dr. Williams, Roots Community Health Center

- Resuming administering the J&J vaccine with more information given to the patients re: potential risks, etc.
- If people are hesitant about J&J vaccine, may switch to administering Moderna

Emily Jimenez, Tiburcio Vasquez

- Resuming vaccines in the field; asking people are interested in J&J vaccine and give more information
- Vans have been delivered

Carla Johnson, BACH

- Have hired a RN
- Administering vaccines in the field one day per week

Alex Goodwin, Abode Zone 1

- New BACH RN, also re-initiating J&J

3. Highlights

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Thank you all for the coordinated efforts being made to support persons living unsheltered. 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 remind people to wear a mask, wash hands, and practice social distancing.