Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
Outreach Provider COVID Phone Call #26
Wednesday, September 2, 2020; 2:00pm-3:00pm

65 Participants/Following Programs Represented:
Tiburcio Vasquez, Homeless Action Center, LifeLong Medical, HCSA, Crisis Services/Mobile Crisis, Berkeley Food & Housing Project, Multicultural Institute, CAL-PEP, HEPPAC, BACH, LavaMaeX, Kaiser Fremont Hospital, City of Emeryville, Swords to Plowshares, City of Union City, City of Hayward, NEED/PWL, Bay Area Legal Aid, CityTeam, City of Oakland, Downtown Streets Team Berkeley/Oakland, Lifelong EBCRP, Women’s Daytime Drop-in Center,

1. **Introduction:** This is the 26th weekly call hosted by the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless program. Calls will be **every Wednesday from 2:00pm-3:00pm**.

   - 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.
   - We’ll hear questions and take them to public health for response if we can’t answer them.
   - 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.

2. **Situation Report:**

   **David Modersbach, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless**
   - Refer to [Alameda County COVID-19 Dashboards](#)
     - Countywide totals as of September 1st: 18,445 confirmed cases, 257 deaths
     - 5% positivity rate for clinic testing county-wide
     - Over 4,000 tests are given each week
     - Alameda County has trained 135 contact tracers/ goal is 300 people in the next few months
     - 130 unsheltered people tested positive for COVID-19
     - 48 responses to shelters/street level outbreaks
     - Transmission continues to disproportionately impact communities of color
     - Highest rates of getting the infection in Hispanic/Latinx communities
• ACHCH has bottled water resources for distributing to unhoused people. The warehouse is located at 4450 Tidewater Avenue (near high street bridge in Oakland). Open: Tuesday/Thursday: 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm.
• Native American Health Center in Fruitvale offering free COVID-19 testing to first responders and frontline workers; 3030 International Blvd, Mondays and Fridays.
• Roots Community Health Center; every Tuesday at 10am; 15-minute COVID-19 update; www.facebook.com/rootsempowers/live_videos/
• Frontline Workers Counseling Project; www.fwcp.org

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.

3. City and County Update:

David Modersbach, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
• Operation Comfort: two sites – occupancy 198
• Safer Ground: 14 sites; full or filling up
• Voter registration: assisting residents to get registered to vote and vote in November. ACHCH is in the process of providing resources to shelters.
  o People can register to vote up to 15 days from election day
  o People can complete the ballot and mail it, drop it off at collection boxes, or drop it off at voting centers.
  o On election day, people not registered or not sure where they are registered, can go to a voting center and ask for a provisional ballot, fill out the voter registration, and can vote.
• Flu shots: organize and lay ground work for flu vaccinations this season. FamilyWize and Walgreens are providing flu shots at no cost for uninsured people. Please call 211 for more information.
• ACHCH is facilitating an Opioid Overdose Responder & Naloxone training. If you would like to schedule a virtual training for your organization/group, please contact Kathy Barron at kathryn.barron@acgov.org.
• If you know any families that are living in their vehicle in Union City and need a safe place to stay overnight, contact Jesus Garcia at jgarcia@unioncity.org.

Talia Rubin, City of Oakland
• 42 porta potties; Cypress/Mandela Park recently installed
• World Central Kitchen: funded through the end of October
Liz Torkington, Tiburcio Vasquez
• Building up teams; working with Abode in Zone 4 by mid-September
• Working with scattered sites

Jessica Lobedan, City of Hayward
• Still have PPE to distribute (N95 and reusable masks) for Hayward, Castro Valley and Incorporated areas. Please reach out to Jessica at Jessica.lobedan@hayward-ca.gov

Vivian Flaherty, East Oakland Community Project
• Looking for veterans that need SSVF Rapid Rehousing. Please contact Vivian at vivianf@eocp.net.

Alessia Simmonds, Complete Count Committee
• Census 2020 Presentation attached.
• Census enumeration is happening at service sites, if you are lead at a homeless center or site, and haven’t been contacted by US Census, please reach out to Alessia below.
• Outreach workers can help people sign up for the census and get counted, online here: https://my2020census.gov/
• Census will also be planning to visit some encampments, if you want to help host a count at a site you can be a contact for, contact Alessia.
• There will be an overnight “count” of encampment/street sites on Sep 23-24 by Census staff.
• Finally the Alameda County Complete Count Committee will be available to do “mop up” count support, after that date, if you want to participate or help organize this at street sites, contact Alessia!
• Contact information: Alessia.simmonds@acgov.org or (831) 998-4441
• Sign up for the Census: https://my2020census.gov/
• Get more local Census info: https://www.homebaseccc.org/census2020

Voter Registration / Voting November 2020
• Keep in mind that there are many possible ways to help people exercise their right to vote this fall. We will be working to make sure outreach providers get information and resources to help unsheltered people:
  o Register to vote online or by mail. (we’ll make sure outreach providers get registration cards) by October 19.
  o Have a mailing address so people can get their ballots and vote by mail.
  o Access different ways to vote: Mail, drop off ballots, or vote in person.
  o Provisional voting for people who forgot to register or where they were registered – you can show up on voting day/s and register and vote provisionally.

5. Highlights
• Census 2020 presentation slides
• Free COVID-19 testing September 12th and 13th; Fruitvale https://unitedinhealthoakland.org/en/fruitvale
• Roots Community Health Center; every Tuesday at 10am; 15-minute COVID-19 update; www.facebook.com/rootsempowers/live_videos/

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• Continue to stay vigilant

• Reach out to your community for resources you need

• ACHCH is still distributing supplies. Contact David Modersbach (David.modersbach@acgov.org) if supplies are needed.

Thank you all for the coordinated efforts being made to support persons living unsheltered!