



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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HCPWG & HPP Med/Health Update

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- 1. San Luis Obispo County COVID-19 Status Update – Vince Pierucci, SLO County Operations Section Chief**
 - a. Current total cases in San Luis Obispo: 21,282, Current active case: 141
 - b. San Luis Obispo has officially moved to the Orange Tier as of Wednesday 4/28/21

- 2. Epidemiological Update – Jessie Harris, County of San Luis Obispo Epidemiologist**
 - a. Jessie Harris is our new epidemiologist. She is training with Ann to eventually assume her role.
 - b. COVID-19 cases are still declining.
 - c. The County moved into Orange Tier last Wednesday (04/28/2021), so we may see a rise in cases due to the expansion or re-opening of certain previously restricted industries/activities.
 - d. Variants B.1.351 (South Africa) and P.1 (Brazil/Japan) have been detected in SLO County. This is particularly concerning as B.1.351 may be more transmissible and virulent, and P.1 may be less susceptible to treatment than other variants (B.1.427, B.1.429, B.1.1.7), which we have also seen a consistent rise in.
 - e. Vaccines are available to any SLO resident over the age of 16; however, vaccine uptake appears to be decreasing. Amongst other benefits, fully vaccinated individuals can refrain from quarantine and testing if asymptomatic and can spend time with other fully vaccinated individuals, including indoors, without masking or physical distancing.
 - f. As of today, still ZERO flu cases.
 - g. Regardless of vaccination, be sure to follow all masking requirements in public and private spaces and continue to social distance when/where advised.

- 3. Healthcare Provider Unit Update - Dr. Rick Rosen, SLO County Healthcare Provider Unit**
 - a. Outbreaks at congregate care settings are extremely decreased.
 - a. There have been 5 outbreak sites in the past month.
 - b. We are routinely using CT values to interpret positive test results in fully vaccinated people, those who have previously had COVID, and fully vaccinated people who have had COVID in long-term care and healthcare settings.
 - c. The CDC has released guidance directing that asymptomatic, fully-vaccinated staff do not need to be screened or tested.
 - a. The CDPH guidance on this topic is expected to be released early next

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week.

- b. We need to wait for the CDPH guidance before making any changes to testing or screening policies.

4. Communicable Disease Unit Update – Christine Gaiger, Communicable Disease Unit

- a. We are continuing to investigate cases and contacts as they come in.
- b. We also continue following up on outbreaks.

5. Vaccine Unit Update - Denise Yi, Vaccine Division

- a. Currently, the County is operating 3 POD sites: SLO, Paso Robles, and Arroyo Grande. Due to decrease in demand, the POD sites are only operating 2-3 days per week, mostly administering 2nd doses.
- b. The last date of the mass vaccine PODs will be on Friday June 4. After this date, the public health clinics in Grover Beach, San Luis Obispo, and Paso Robles will offer the vaccine in a clinic setting.
- c. To date, the County PODs have vaccinated over 82K community members, most have received the full series.
- d. FDA is planning on approving the expanded EUA age requirement for the Pfizer vaccine sometime next week to the 12-15 age group.
- e. The County's Mobile vaccine efforts began in early April and will continue through the Summer. The Mobile team is currently accepting applications for future mobile vaccine requests in the community. Please visit:
<https://www.recover slo.org/en/mobile-clinics.aspx> for more information.

6. Volunteer Update - Maya Craig-Lauer, Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Coordinator

- a. Volunteers continue to serve at the three county vaccination sites in medical and non-medical roles.
- b. The San Luis Obispo MRC received an honorable mention in the category "Community Response--COVID-19: General Response/Multi-Mission Efforts" at the 2021 MRC Program Recognition Awards.
- c. The San Luis Obispo County Medical Reserve Corps has served 27,288 volunteer hours during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- d. 607 individual volunteers have served volunteer shifts.

7. Partner Resources

- a. This two-page infographic by FEMA and the US Fire Administration shows different considerations for pre-fire planning:
<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/wildfire-pre-fire-planning-handout.pdf>

THE NEXT ALL COALITION MEETING (DHCC) WILL BE ON July 1, 2021.

We plan to resume monthly in-person meetings starting August 2021. More information to come.