



County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department

Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Meeting

January 2, 2025

Virtual Update

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TOPIC

DISCUSSION

AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS

MAYA CRAIG-LAUER

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

SARA SCHWALL

HPP COORDINATOR

KRISTIN EDLER

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICABLE

DISEASE NURSE

DR. GLEN MILLER

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

- We are waiting on CDPH and ASPR for formal guidance on many of this fiscal year's grant activities. We anticipate a fairly busy second half of the grant year.
- We are working to schedule a CHEMPACK training and will release more information once it is finalized.
- We have updated the Healthcare Coalition Governance document. Please review the document and send us any revision suggestions by January 9th. Once complete, we will send out a final copy to sign.
- Pertussis is returning to Pre-pandemic levels
 - Infants too young for vaccination are at greatest risk for life-threatening cases of pertussis.
 - Immunize pregnant persons to prevent infant hospitalizations and deaths.
 - Prenatal immunization is the most important tool for preventing pertussis morbidity and mortality.
 - CDPH Pertussis Snapshot: [Pertussis Snapshot](#)
- Other Respiratory Viruses
 - RSV and influenza activity are increasing and are approaching moderate levels. COVID-19 is currently low in California.
 - During week 49, of the 621 viruses reported by public health laboratories, 603 were influenza A and 18 were influenza B.
- The laboratory is continuing surveillance of influenza strains in human patients, with no detections of H5N1 to date. In December, the number of overall influenza cases began to increase, after seeing low levels in October and November.
- As of December 20, 2024, the number of cases of SARS-CoV-2 has remained at low levels.
- Consistent with trends across California, the laboratory has seen an increase in detections of Mycoplasma pneumoniae in pediatric patients. The incidence of Mycoplasma pneumoniae was 4.1% (3/73) in respiratory specimens from

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pediatric patients in October to December.

- The laboratory also maintains the capability for pertussis testing.

JESSIE BURMESTER
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST

- No updates.

SCOTTY JALBERT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
(OES)

- We are hiring three new emergency coordinators in January
- We are continuing to rewrite our Hazard and Functional annexes to our EOP
- We are planning on conducting an All-Hazard drill, utilizing our EOC and maybe DOCs by the end of the year
- We are working with PH on monitoring the impacts of H1N5
- Monitoring the La Nina weather conditions and the potential for entering back into drought conditions
- BOS approved a stand-by contract for disaster debris removal with Ceres Inc.
- We have scheduled four DPAC meetings for 2025

RYAN ROSANDER
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- We have hired two new EMS Coordinators, Eric Boyd and Kaitlyn Blanton.

PETER HAGUE
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- No updates.

STAR GRABER
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- No updates.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 3rd, 2025 at 10:30 AM
2995 McMillan Ave. Ste #178, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401