



County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Meeting January 2, 2026

Virtual Update

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TOPIC

DISCUSSION

AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS

MAYA CRAIG-LAUER

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

- We are currently working on updating many of our plans and SOPs. The pandemic majorly impacted our plan and SOP revision schedule, so we are working to get things back on track.
- Our March HPP Meeting will host a virtual guest speaker (Attendance is open to anyone interested. We will send out a flyer with details later this month). Dr. Kim Conway from CDPH will give a presentation on One Health and how it can apply to our work. One Health is an approach that recognizes the interconnectedness of human, environmental, and animal health.

KRISTIN EDLER

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICABLE
DISEASE NURSE

- RSV, COVID-19, and influenza activity remain at low levels in California as of the week of 12/6/25.
- The County confirmed its first case of measles: [SLO County Public Health Department Confirms First Case of Measles in Years; Advises Vigilance and V - County of San Luis Obispo](#)

DR. GLEN MILLER

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

- The public health laboratory is conducting routine surveillance of circulating influenza subtypes. As of mid-December, the number of influenza cases has remained low in California although a typical winter increase is expected. Influenza A H3N2 subclade K is projected to be a predominant strain.
- In December, the laboratory detected measles virus for the first time in 2025 in a patient with travel history. Testing of contacts has not been needed to date due to limited exposure. The laboratory maintains the capability of measles PCR testing of multiple specimen types.

ROXANNE ARCHER

EPIDEMIOLOGIST

- We recently revamped our [respiratory disease page](#), which contains dashboards on wastewater surveillance, test positivity, and vaccination coverage. Because it is currently respiratory disease season, we are updating COVID and flu vaccination coverage monthly. So far, influenza vaccination is on track to be the lowest vaccination rate since the 2017-2018 flu season.

RYAN ROSANDER

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- Mercy Air 34 has officially ceased operations in Paso Robles. The San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency will consult with REACH Air Medical Services to evaluate options and determine the most appropriate approach to meeting the county's ongoing air ambulance needs. Concurrently, the EMS Agency is conducting its annual paramedic update class, which includes training on the use of buprenorphine in prehospital care and on implementing a leave-behind naloxone

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policy. These efforts support the county's broader strategy to address substance use disorder and enhance access to evidence-based care in the prehospital setting.

PETER HAGUE
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- No Update

SCOTT JALBERT
OES

- No Update

STAR GRABER
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- No Update

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 2nd, 2026 – 10:30-12:00
2995 McMillan Ave. Ste 178, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401