



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PROVIDER NOTICE

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Announcing New Health Officer for SLO County

SLO County Healthcare Providers:

With bittersweet news, we're sharing that Dr. Rick Rosen's last day with the SLO County Department of Public Health is Friday, October 16. We are immensely grateful for his eight years of expertise and dedicated leadership in his role as Deputy Health Officer and interim Health Officer.

His support of local healthcare and congregate care partners will be sorely missed as we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

POSITION UPDATES:

What comes next for the County Health Officer position: Recruitment efforts are underway for a County Health Officer. In the meantime, Public Health welcomes the return of Christy Mulkerin, MD, who is contracted to perform specific duties of the Public Health Officer until we hire a candidate to fulfill this role permanently.

Dr. Mulkerin has served once before as the Department's Deputy Health Officer in 2016. She has also held the role of Sheriff's Chief Medical Officer and currently works for the State of California. Dr. Mulkerin assumes the position on Friday, October 16.

To support and lead our Clinical and Communicable Disease Services Division at our clinics, our Supervising Public Health Nurse, Kristin Edler, PHN, will oversee clinic operations and communicable disease response.

For communicable disease questions, please call 805-781-5500 and ask to speak with the Communicable Disease Nurse on call.

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to health in our community.