

Public Health Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 3rd, 2021 12-1:30PM

Meeting Location

Zoom Meeting (Open to the Public)

Moderator:	Farla Kaufman
Scribes:	Liz Gomez
Meeting Opened:	12:03 PM
Those attending:	Farla Kaufman, Stephen Heath, Christina Slee, Chase Smith, Sonel Patel, Elisabeth Abbott, Phil Summers, Ashley Sterlin, Larissa May, Barbie Law
Those not in attendance:	Emanuel Petrisor
Board Members excused:	Jofil Borja
Other County Leadership:	Andrew Mendosa, Lynnann Svensson, Dr. Kasirye, Sandy Damiano, Dr. Law, Lori Miller
Review of Minutes:	October minutes approved.
YouTube link for the minutes:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bO1MRTYMQjk

Farla Update

There are vacancies on PHAB and the Chiefs of Staff did interview one of our applicants and it was a great interview and I don't see any problem with their approval. There is another application in for someone who looks really promising but we still have vacancies.

Public Health Division Updates

Case rate is 15 per 100,000 and we are hovering around that for quite a while. Now they are remaining steady.

Where we are seeing an increase in cases is mainly school age children. We don't have any large outbreaks. Many individuals were exposed in home or in the community and then picked up in the school environment.

Yesterday the CDC approved the Pfizer vaccination for 5-11 year olds so this week we started to get our first shipments and we are working to get those doses to pediatric offices and also working with our health systems so there will be a lot of places people will be able to get the vaccination which will be different than last year's roll out. Everyone who wants to get vaccinated will be able to. Booster doses as well. There are some general criteria for who should be prioritized for booster and it is by self-attestation.

Many of the schools have been working with pharmacies directly to provide vaccinations and that will continue. The State also has a contract to send out teams to some of the schools especially those in high need areas.

Public Health is still focusing on community clinics we have set up and will continue to engage with those but we do have limited capacity.

We are not looking at a proof of vaccination policy but we will wait and see what happens with places like San Francisco and LA and right now we are not actively discussing that.

Primary Health Division Updates

Juvenile Correctional Health

Case Data for the period of 10/17 – 10/23

- Total confirmed throughout pandemic: 61
- Total tests for period: 46
- Total new cases for period: 1
- Census as of 11/1: 119

Vaccination Data as of 9/24

- Youth vaccinated as of 10/29/21: 86
- Incentive Program began in mid-July.

Adult Correctional Health

Data from the last posted dashboard is below. Information is posted once weekly.

Weekly COVID-19 Data as of October 27, 2021

- Total number of COVID-19 tests since March 2020: 24,310 (*Net increase = 470*)
- Total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases since March 2020: 2,018 (*Net increase = 24*)
- Total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases during the intake observation/quarantine period since March 2020: 494 (*Net increase = 1*)
- Total number of COVID-19 positive inmates currently in custody: Main Jail – 34 / RCCC – 41
- Total number of COVID-19 related deaths: 0
- SSO COVID-19 Link: <https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/covid19.php>

Outbreak

Staff reported a COVID-19 outbreak the week of October 18th. Increased transmissions were noted on the 10/20/21 data report. ACH and SSO staff are engaged in numerous efforts to contain the outbreak. As of 11/3/21, there have been 193 confirmed positive. Most are related to the outbreak. There continues to be contact tracing, quarantine and widespread testing. New dashboard should be completed 11/4/21. On 11/1/21 staff reported an inmate

death that appears COVID-19 related. Older adult, multiple significant medical conditions, was hospitalized and had a cardiac arrest. He had COVID-19 and was fully vaccinated.

Inmate Vaccination Incentive Program –

Began 7/23/21, incentive was enhanced 9/14/21, and further enhanced 10/25/21 for inmate workers. Incentive is \$20 (single dose vaccine) or \$10 per vaccination (for two dose vaccine). This was increased for inmate workers \$40 (single dose vaccine) / \$20 (two dose vaccine).

Vaccination Data – Inmates

As of 10/27/21, 2,429 inmates received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. (Net increase = 52)

Facility	Total Patients	Total Doses	Completed Vaccine Series			Fully Vaccinated Patients
			Modern a	Janssen	Pfizer	
Main Jail	1,417	1,901	473	710	12	1,195
RCCC	1012	1,389	369	498	12	879
Total	2,429	3,290	842	1,208	24	2,074

This is a cumulative number since the inmate vaccination program began on 01/29/21. Total includes inmates who are no longer incarcerated.] Point in time vaccination data for the census was reviewed on 10/20/21.

**Inmate Vaccinations
Point in Time 10/20/21 (ADP = 3,155)**

30% of the ADP have received at least one vaccination with most (90%) having completed the vaccination series.

	Main Jail	RCCC	Total
Received at least one vaccine dose	496	449	945 (30%)
<i>Completed vaccine series</i>	441	405	846 (90%)
Refused	743	630	1,373 (44%)
No documentation of vaccine offer	560	277	837 (27%)
Total	1,799	1,356	3,155 (100%)

Point in Time by LOS

Of the 945 who received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, **85%** have been in custody for more than 60 days.

Inmates who Received at Least One Vaccine Dose			
Length of Stay			
	Main Jail	RCCC	Total
0 – 15 days	24	0	24 (3%)
16 – 30 days	23	22	45 (5%)
31 – 60 days	33	46	79 (8%)

61 - 90 days	31	60	91 (10%)
91+ days	385	321	706 (75%)
Total	496	449	945 (100%)

State Public Health Order for Correctional/Detention Facilities

This order is in effect and requires vaccinations (health care staff, correctional officers, and inmate workers) **OR** a qualified exemption **AND** weekly testing.

Testing clinics are onsite twice weekly at the jail facilities. Testing clinics are also held in a location near the Youth Detention Facility.

Phil questions and Sandy response:

- The net increase refers to the week and outbreak section is cumulative information, tomorrow when we list our other dashboard it will have the week from 10/27 and 193 is rolling since it began week of 10/18.
- Vaccination rate and mask compliance around sheriff staff: what efforts are made there and can we get vaccination rates and COVID rates for sheriff staff? As part of our outbreak review we had a number of corrective actions and the sheriff's office did take immediate action on some of the items you mentioned. We do have weekly meetings with the command staff and there have been multiple meetings with command staff and infection prevention, we did also have a meeting with Dr. K and the command staff and our nursing director just to confirm some of the COVID protocol for housing.
- For vaccination rates for health staff (health, medical, mental health and onsite admin) it's about 95%.
- For vaccination rate for sheriff staff? Sandy referred them to SSO.

Steve:

Libby: (1) Can you speak more about the "serial tests" policy or approach, (2) Do you have data on the % of positive cases that are staff vs. incarcerated individuals, and vaccinated vs. non-vaccinated, and (3) you mentioned the steps taken to request compassionate release for those who are medically vulnerable. How many people are on that list, and is there anything we can do to advocate for or support those steps?

Comment from Liz Blum in the chat: People who are currently incarcerated (in quarantine) are also reporting not being provided soap or cleaning supplies.

Aparna: I want to highlight some major concerns around data transparency from Sacramento County. My team and I have been filing PRA requests for basic data on testing and vaccination for Sheriff's Office as well as Department of Health Services and the data we have received is not at all conclusive, it says nothing on how many staff are tested or vaccinated. 3 data issues: (1) for jail staff we have not received any data on number of cases and testing that's going on pertaining to the July 26th health order there's no information on compliance rates (2) the data we have received is aggregated on vaccinations between healthcare and sheriff staff (3) all of our PRA requests for sheriff vaccinations get pushed to Public Health and we get an aggregate and there is no denominator. For the incarcerated population the data is not disaggregated between those in custody and those who have been released, we are just seeing total number of people, we don't know how many people currently in custody are vaccinated. Without that we

have no idea what degree of immunity exists. With 7/26 health order there is no information on compliance.

Liz Blum: Do Sheriff's Deputies report their results of their weekly testing (if they're not vaccinated)?

Robyn: She just mentioned the sheriff is working on some items regarding officer vaccination and mask protocols among custody staff. What items are those?

Comment from Phil: Perhaps we as PHAB could submit a request for this data from the sheriff's department.

Staci Syas, HIV and STD Program Manager

PHAB Working Committee Update and Discussion of the Letter to the BOS

See attachment letter. Will be submitted on behalf of PHAB.

8 voted for it, 1 person abstained. 3 individuals were not in attendance.

We do have room for more members if there is anyone who is interested.

Libby: Thanks to all of the working committee members, including those outside of PHAB, who have contributed. A lot of research and thought has gone into this letter. Thanks to PHAB for the vote of approval.

Public Comment

Aparna: The data that has been reported on vaccinations so far, the report that has compiled SSO and healthcare staff, are those just vaccinations that have been administered by Department of Health Services to sheriff's office and healthcare staff?

Sandy: What we used to report is vaccinations on site. Once the health order went into effect in corrections and we had vaccine verification program, now we are only reporting on health and mental health onsite, the rest have exemptions and are tested weekly. The Sheriff's office, we don't have access to that data.

Aparna: Most of the requests for the PRA from the Sheriffs are not being fulfilled and they are pushing us to you. We do need some data, very basic data on vaccinations for sheriff's office and we want to see that disaggregated by jail and non-jail staff.

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The health order that is in effect it is for healthcare, mental health, admin, custody and inmate workers in the jail. Our health order applies to anyone working in the jail.

Phil: Do you have any information about the frequency of COVID positive people getting checked? Health checks in quarantine units are 1xdaily and in isolation units 2x daily.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31PM

Submitted by Liz Gomez, scribe