

Homeless Services Provider Call 10/22/20 – NOTES

- Welcome - Jessica
- Information and Updates:
 - Public Health Update - Matt
 - Total persons tested positive 2,853
 - Deaths – 25
 - Reminder that there are some populations that are particularly vulnerable
 - Reproductive number is dropping – below 1 and has been for awhile
 - Case rates will drop along as that happens
 - 3.8 cases per 100,000 in population; CA is 7
 - 1.6% positivity rate; CA at 3.3
 - CA has colored tier system
 - More activity if less spreading
 - if the county keeps up the low numbers, we can move to a lower tier
 - equity measure – look at the bringing down the parts of the community that have the most spread
 - Legislature passed law that employers are required to notify employees if people in the workplace test positive
 - All outdoor playgrounds and state parks are now open – still wear masks and maintain social distancing
 - State released information on how other households can spend time together
 - Pick 2 other households that you do things with
 - Gather outdoors and for 2 hours or less
 - Testing site at Ramsey Park is still open – working on increasing testing capacity there
 - Much more testing is available in the county – no longer feeling like we need to ration testing
 - HPHP looking at doing testing as they go to shelters for flu shots
 - Encourage people to get tested if they are interested
 - There have not been significant new cases in the homeless community
 - Outreach to unsheltered persons/HOSS+ – Joey
 - Growing encampments –

- Outreach has been going out to them
- Additional discussions going to happen regarding providing supplies for the winter nights
- Anticipated that the City of Santa Cruz will be clearing camps along the river by 11/15
- Requesting additional hygiene and sanitary stations to provide where people will likely go
- 5 overdoses just this week at encampments that HPHP knows about
 - Reassuring that lots of people have access to and are using Narcan and other life-saving measures
 - Decrease in opioid related deaths in Santa Cruz
 - Credit to outreach teams and harm reduction folks
- Planning for winter and winter supplies
- HPHP going out to larger shelters for flu shots and covid tests
 - Hard to get people to take flu shots
 - Able to 454-2080 – can get flu shot/COVID test at HPHP clinic or in car
- Testing is available – HPHP can make it work!
 - Hoping to have capacity to do some proactive testing out on sites
- Can expect more people congregating inside with winter months – more exposure risk for covid and other infectious diseases
 - Have good hygiene practices
- Isolation Shelter (motel) Update – Monica/Jen
 - The last motel is up and running. We have 12 guests and 9 available rooms. A few rooms are still being cleaned so that number of available rooms will go up.
 - The census at the other 4 IQV hotels is a total of 182 with 2 rooms available
- Supporting existing shelters update – Brooke
 - Sent out a request last week from HSD Director that all shelters complete their HMIS FEMA intake forms
 - If you are struggling with completing the forms – please reach out, we will figure out a way to help you
 - It is really important to get the FEMA reports to get funding in
 - Public Health is looking at updates to the shelter guidance
 - Next shelter meeting – discussions about winter planning at shelters
 - Working on de-escalation training
- Expanded Shelter update – Tom

- Training will be resuming soon for the staff at the expanded shelters
 - Will move to include the IQV motels
 - Benchlands - Adam
 - TAY shelter update – Meg
 - 1 new person joined the site; another person joining this week
 - Working on where the site will be moving
 - Push for voting
 - Q & A – Jessica/all
 - Sylvia
 - Voting – encourage people to vote
 - Providing programming at congregate shelters, financial awareness training
 - Winter holidays – donations for holiday gifts
 - Tom
 - Holiday planning is going on at Vets Halls and motels
 - Vote-mobile – people are still hesitant
 - Debbie
 - A couple of people denied housing because of credit history
 - Resources?
- Next call with be Thursday, November 4 at 10:00 am