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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of April 2, 2024

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

<https://sf.gov/departments/san-francisco-health-commission/past-meetings>

In alignment with the California Department of Public Health, we will no longer report on COVID-19 case data. More people are now testing themselves at home for COVID-19 and we do not get data from at-home testing. This affects the accuracy of data on testing volume. We will continue to report on key indicators of COVID-19 severity and spread including [hospitalizations](#), [deaths](#), and [test positivity](#).

LAGUNA HONDA HONORED AT 2024 GOOD GOVERNMENT AWARDS AND RECERTIFICATION UPDATE

Laguna Honda will be honored at the 2024 Good Government Award on April 25, 2024, at City Hall. The Good Government Awards recognize outstanding performances by managers working for the City and County of San Francisco. We celebrate our honorees: Jennifer Carton-Wade, Dr. Lisa Hoo, Nawzaneen Talai, and Troy Williams from DPH and Henry Lifton and Arnulfo Medina from the City Attorney's Office. These leaders continue to work tirelessly alongside staff to ensure Laguna Honda is fully recertified with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Laguna Honda submitted the Plans of Correction for the CMS Recertification Survey—the Fire Life Safety portion was submitted on Saturday, January 13 and the Health Monitoring portion was submitted on Wednesday, January 17. Laguna Honda continues to await full approval and validation of the Plan of Correction from both CDPH and CMS, and then a determination from CMS regarding recertification into the Medicare program.

RECOGNIZING WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY

On March 24, we observed World Tuberculosis (TB) Day. This year, we were pleased to highlight DPH's diverse and talented TB Clinic team on social media:

Physician Specialist: [Haiyan](#)

Nurse: [Gloria](#)

Senior Clerk: [Adrianna](#)



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Nurse Manager: [Rocio](#)

Disease Control Investigators: [Seemab, Mustafa, and Pubu](#)

Senior Epidemiologist: [Laura](#)

Health Worker 2: [Jo](#)

These individuals are just a few of the many dedicated staff we have working to end TB in San Francisco. They also represent the broad scope of work required to ensure that we prevent the transmission of TB and provide the best possible care to our patients.

TB is preventable and curable, and we thank all those who work each day to save lives.

STREET MEDICINE PALLIATIVE CARE TEAM PRESENTS AT ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE TRAINING

Members of the DPH Street Medicine Palliative Care team presented to over 200 people at an Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless monthly training. Titled “Living on the Edge of the Edge: Palliative Care for People Experiencing Homelessness in San Francisco,” the training provided a framework for providing palliative care for people experiencing homelessness and ways to support staff providing these services. Thank you to Dr. Tanya Majumder, Melanie Bien, and Shannon Ducharme for your work supporting complex clients and helping train others on how to replicate this work.

ZSFG AND UCSF CELEBRATE NATIONAL DOCTOR’S DAY

National Doctors’ Day was on Saturday, March 30 and ZSFG joined UCSF in celebrating on Thursday, March 28. UCSF will announce the Exceptional Physician Awards for ZSFG in June.

This year’s theme was Healers of Hope, which is a particularly fitting description of all ZSFG’s dedicated doctors, who regularly go above and beyond to make ZSFG a place where patients feel supported physically, emotionally and culturally. Whether they practice in emergency medicine, obstetrics, trauma, pediatrics, psychiatry or another service, their work is critical to the well-being of our community. Their commitment is further amplified by their role as educators of the next generation of healers.

It was a festive day punctuated by gratitude and appreciation of the amazing doctors who care for patients at ZSFG.



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HONORING WOMEN'S HEALTH

In recognition of Women's History Month, DPH led a month-long social media communications campaign highlighting our innovative women's health care services including:

- In 2012, DPH was first in the U.S. to provide gender-affirming surgery access for publicly insured and uninsured transgender, nonbinary and gender diverse residents.
- Mifepristone, also known as the abortion pill, is one of the reproductive health care options available at DPH clinics and at ZSFG.
- DPH partners with Community Forward SF to offer medical and behavioral health services to address the unique needs of women experiencing homelessness.
- In 2021, DPH launched a trauma-informed approach in public health nursing, aimed at breaking the cycle of generational trauma in women's health.

Thank you to our teams for improving the quality and safety of healthcare for women in San Francisco.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 3/28:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 1.3% and there are 25 COVID hospitalizations.
- Thirty percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.

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