



**Sacramento Region
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**General Membership
Mtg Minutes
Friday, October, 2020 | 9:30am
ZOOM Mtg**

ATTENDANCE: 32 (list of attendees at end of minutes)

WELCOME: *Lynn Pesely, President Sacramento Region VOAD*

GUEST SPEAKER: *Dr Olivia Kasiyre, Sac County Public Health Officer*

Sacramento County Update & Progress of COVID-19, Dr Kasiyre

1. POSITIVE CASES: 22,755 reported on Sac County Dashboard, updated on a daily basis
 - i. 50% of cases are 18-49 yrs old
 1. The Age group that is working
 2. More mobile
 3. Since April this age group believes the worst is behind us and attends going out to bars, parties and indoor home events
 4. Zip codes in more populated regions have greater #s of younger people
2. COUNTY DEATHS: 426. 76% over age 65 yrs old (largest impact in congregant settings, i.e.; in nursing homes)
3. HOSPITALS: 119 in hospital, 71 in ICU. Peak in hospitalization in mid July with 300 hospitalized.
4. FACTORS AT RISK: (Chronic Diseases) Diabetes, Obesity, Heart Disease, Hypertension, Heart Disease, kidney disease
5. DEATH UNDER 65 YRS OLD: - one of the chronic diseases is the main risk factor
6. CAUSE OF DOWNTURN: Safety measures, protocols in place
This week 4.6 positivity can advance us into Tier 3 but we need to meet the criteria for Case positivity and Case rate 6.8 (Red Tier) for 2 consecutive weeks.

2. STATE INTRODUCED NEW TIER SYSTEM: Benefits the businesses that can operate in less spread counties
 1. TIER System: 1-4 (1 being the worst in spread and most restricted, 4 is most lenient)
 2. Sacramento started in Tier 1:
 3. How to advance to better Tier? Need to reduce 2 indicators
 - i. Positivity % of positive results for daily testing results (4.6 today)
 - ii. Case rate: 100K over a 7-day period
 - iii. Put out messaging regarding Face-Coverings, Social Distancing and sanitizing and refraining from gatherings (community Events, Bars, Parties, Malls, Gyms, Houses of Worship indoors, Gaming facilities, etc.)
3. CURRENT STATUS: Sacramento has officially advanced to TIER 2 (substantial spread)
OCT, 2020

Individual Responsibility: Need to avoid gatherings, wear facemask, social distance, sanitizing surfaces and frequent hand washing

BUSINESSES: May operate outdoors modified indoors. Updated Health Officer Order indicates the businesses that can move indoors

1. Gyms may operate at 10% capacity
2. Restaurants may operate at 25%
3. Houses of Worship at indoors at 25% capacity w/ maximum of 100 people

SCHOOLS:

1. 28 schools applied for waiver to open face to face.
2. 25 applications approved K – 6th grade
3. 3 More schools are in the process to open.

If improvement maintained for 2 weeks in this Red Tier 2, All Schools for all grades K-12th grade may open without applying for a waiver.

Public Health Office working closely with schools to re-open
Most Schools are choosing staggered attendance.

Board of Supervisors

- a. provided funding for additional teams (including pediatricians) designated to work with individual schools enabling re-opening safely.
- b. Provided funding for additional test sites for School staff. Any positive positive testing immediately assisted with specific professional team.

FIELDING QUESTIONS / LATEST COUNTY DOCUMENTATION

Holly Brown will send out the following updates provided by the Sacramento County Public Health Offices (please see following links provided):

1. Update of the latest Public Health Office Report for Sac County Tier 2 as of Oct 2020
https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/PublicHealthOrder_FAQs_Docs.aspx
2. Link to the Public Health Offices website with resources (mouse over top black banner for more)
<https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>
3. SCHOOLS updates
https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/ChildCare_Schools_Colleges.aspx
4. Update of the latest order for Houses of Worship for Sacramento County
<https://emd.saccounty.net/EMD-COVID-19-Information/Documents/COVID-19%20Industry%20Guidance%20for%20Places%20of%20Worship.pdf>
5. Update of the Environmental Management Website for references of flushing water systems, drinking fountains and air ducts
<https://emd.saccounty.net/EMD-COVID-19-Information/Pages/default.aspx>
6. Ca State COVID – 19 Guidance for Re-opening
<https://economic.saccounty.net/Pages/Guidelines-and-Assistance-for-Reopening.aspx>

Additional Resources from FEMA: 1-800-FEMA. Register with FEMA - call 800-621-3362, Get FEMA App, www.disasterassistance.gov.

QUESTIONS:

1. Flushing the pipes for re-opening schools and Houses of Worship is suggested.
How much water needed to flush the system for Drinking fountains?
 - i. Check on the environmental management Dept website
 - ii. Ask your building engineer
 - iii. Water fountain –Touchless preferred, or one with the foot pedal
2. Cleaning airducts for re-opening schools and Houses of Worship is suggested
Do we need to hire a professional airduct cleaning service?
 - i. Your Building management will determine need
3. *What types of Air filters do you recommend?*
 - i. Your building management will determine best for building
4. Schools
 - i. Schools are considering HEPPA filters, high level filters / air purifiers.
Not a requirement, but for consideration
5. *Is every two-month staff testing for schools (and school documentation of results) required for re-opening?*
How do we access that team of experts for the schools?

- i. Staff testing is voluntary Strongly recommended prior to reopening.
 - ii. Can provide documents to be sent out
 - iii. Will provide contact info for Team of Experts
- 6. *Can choirs practice or perform indoors at churches and other FBO's?*
 - i. No. State guidelines says choirs are not permitted - No indoor singing.
 - ii. Some congregations sing if meeting outdoors, socially distanced with Masks on
- 7. *Are other events permitted on a church campus indoors such as group meetings, concerts?*
 - i. Look at what those events are and if they maintain social distancing
 - ii. Being able to do a fundraiser creatively – drive-thru and packaged ahead of time
 - iii. Prevent from sharing material goods during events. Think of ways to curb contact with other people
- 8. *The original orders spoke of Places of Worship and "religious services." Do the current guidelines limit churches to only "services?" Or are other meetings allowed for churches that still conform to the '25% up to 100' limitations?*
 - i. Any other events if you can maintain as virtual as possible is preferred
 - ii. Bringing people together will bring risk. i.e. wedding and funeral service
 - iii. Avoid gathering as much as possible.
- 9. *Does a minister wear a mask at the pulpit?*
 - i. In certain circumstances, the minister can take off the mask so the people can see your entire face and the minister is socially distanced.
- 10. *What can FBOs do to help curb the spread?*
 - i. Support the guidelines put out by the county.
 - ii. Use face covering and maintain 6 feet of separation between family units.
 - iii. Do our best to protect the vulnerable in our community.
- 11. *Briefly comment on vaccine rollout in 2021*
 - i. Not enough information yet. Once the vaccine is rolled out, healthcare, first responders, people with chronic conditions and people over the age of 65 will be prioritized. Will roll out the information once we have more.
 - ii. Working with healthcare partners, pharmacies to do vaccine clinics
- 12. *Do non-profit orgs and FBOs need to register 100 coming in for contact tracing?*
 - i. Preferably yes, but not a requirement.
 - ii. That can help for contact tracing
- 13. *How is the seasonal flu and the covid vaccination coordination being implemented?*
 - i. The flu and COVID-19 tend to affect the same populations: people over 65, with chronic illness
 - ii. We use the same measures for seasonal flu as for COVID-19.
 - iii. Check with your healthcare provider if you have available flu shots
- 14. *You said "we request" that other events at churches not be held. Are those events not encouraged or not allowed? The clarification would be helpful.*
 - i. Gatherings of any kind unless listed are still not permitted. Other events are really not permitted at the church.

- ii. Minimize the risk if you abide by the guidance, and keep within the guidelines for religious services, weddings and funerals
 - 15. *Is there going to be a timeline between the early seasonal flu vaccination?*
 - i. Flu Vaccine already out in local facilities. Will inform of flu cases
 - 16. *Do we need to take temps of people coming into the building*
 - i. No, not necessary. Great idea if you can do it.
Schools & Houses of Worship: All need to check their own temps and watch for symptoms before leaving home. Stick to online service until no symptoms.
 - 17. *Frequency of cleaning, wipe off all surfaces*
 - i. Especially for the door handles, please clean and sanitize
 - ii. Pews – not as crucial, but door handles (cleaning) is a good idea.
 - 18. *What if the over 65 age group need other vaccinations does that prohibit them from getting the vaccinations such as age-related vaccinations, i.e. pneumonia?*
 - i. No vaccine for pneumonia. Flu vaccine is available..
 - 19. *Elderly shelter-in-place struggle with mental wellness and solitude – what are the options?*
 - i. Appreciate role of church to do outreach as much as possible and provide a bridge.
 - 20. *Can you implore the local TV and KVIE Public TV to develop PSAs for turning Sacramento Orange?*
 - i. Yes! The County PIO to release a media toolkit
4. *For FBOs – on who's planning on returning to indoors*
- 1. SALAM Center will resume indoors
 - 2. St. Ignatius will resume indoor service this weekend
 - 3. Dr Kasirye would like Houses of Worship planning on meeting indoors to connect: brown.hollyk@gmail.com (619) 249-8773

5. ORGANIZATION UPDATES

- 1. DOVIA - National Association of Area Agencies on Aging Awarded Grant to Build Upon its Work to Reduce Social Isolation Among Older Adults, Caregivers
WASHINGTON—The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)
a. awarded three-year grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to address the social isolation of older Americans through engaged: The National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults. nation.<https://www.engagingolderadults.org/>
- 2. FEMA, John Chavez
heavily involved in wildfires..
Total registration for FEMA assistance/recovery, declaration 4558
FEMA money. 111 people got max grant award.
Two registration centers that are still open.
Make sure victims contact FEMA and update records if they receive other damages.
Register online (fema.gov) then direct to disasterassistance.gov. Answer FEMA within 60 days. Recommend calling 1-800-FEMA. Register with FEMA - call 800-621-3362, Get FEMA App, www.disasterassistance.gov.

Attendance:

- Lynn Pesely – Presiding, SacVOAD
- Mary Lynn Perry – Vice President, SacVOAD
- Valeri Mihanovich – Coordinator, SacVOAD
- Bruce Anderson – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Holly Brown – JustServe.org
- Mika Guevarra – HandsOn Sacramento
- Zachary Corbo – DART
- Linda Baldwin – St. John’s Lutheran
- Joan Cardellino – DOVIA
- Susan Taylor – Mercy Faith & Health Partnership, Dignity Health & Faith Community Nurse, St. John’s Lutheran Church
- Susan Ramsden – North America West Area Rep for LDS Church
- Valerie Erwin – Elk Grove Food Bank Services
- Tammy Hayes – Child Life Disaster Relief
- Pastor Jeff Irwin – Davis Lutheran Church
- Mark Jansson – City of Elk Grove Provisions Task Force
- Amada Deardoff – District School Nurse , Pacific Charter Insititute
- Mark Eshoff – Fremont Presbyterian Chruch
- Jean Siemens
- Dr. Olivia Kasirye – Sacramento County Public Health
- Dave Halen – Team Rubicon
- John Chavez – FEMA
- John McCormack
- Karen Abrego – Senator Pan’s Office
- Paula Kiefer Badham
- Selena
- Valerie
- Bill Taylor – Northern California Koyasan Buddhist Temple
- Meeks – Williams Memorial COGIC Northern CA Jurisdiction
- Spencer Family Phone
- Jeannie Anderson-West – St. Ignatius
- Bill Doughty – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints – Stockton State
- San Joaquin VOAD Exec Team: Ron Pepperman
- Unidentified caller

Adjourned: 10:41am