



## San Bernardino County Community-Based Partner Collaborative

### Meeting Summary

January 9, 2024

#### Purpose

To enhance outreach and promotion efforts specific to the COVID-19 vaccine and its benefits to the County and our most vulnerable populations through collaboration with community-based partners and trusted messengers.

#### Special Message

- The Director of San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Josh Dugas, shared a special message thanking our partners for their constant participation and support in this collaborative. Without our partners the Department of Public Health would not have been able to expand our services to as many residents as we did in 2023 and for that we thank you!
- A video was presented expressing gratitude to all the organizations that partnered with us in 2023. The video displayed pictures of the events we attended and highlighted partners that collaborated with us throughout the year.
- We look forward to collaborating with our partners even more in 2024. Any partners who would like more information on collaborating with the Department of Public Health please send an email to the Health Ambassadors at [communityevents@dph.sbcounty.gov](mailto:communityevents@dph.sbcounty.gov) .

#### San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Updates

##### COVID-19 General Update

- On January 9, 2024, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated the [COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidance](#). Below are the summarized updates, for the complete updates please refer to the documents attached in the email.
  - Those who test positive and **are** symptomatic should stay at home until the fever is gone for more than 24 hours without medication and other symptoms are improving. Wear a mask around others for 10 days. Avoid contact with those that are high-risk. Seek treatment within 5-7 days of symptom onset if you are at high-risk for developing severe COVID-19 symptoms. Higher-risk individuals include the elderly, those who live in congregate care facilities, those who have immunocompromising conditions, and that put them at higher risk for serious illness.
  - Those who test positive and are **not** symptomatic should wear a mask indoors for 10 days. Mask can be removed if you test negative twice before the 10 days. Avoid contact with those that are high-risk.
  - Close contacts do not need to quarantine. If COVID-19 symptoms are present close contacts should test and mask immediately. If close contacts do not present COVID-19 symptoms they should mask indoors and test within 5 days if they are at higher risk for infection.
- The current positivity rate is 12.5%, this is an anticipated uptick as previous years have demonstrated. Despite the increase in cases the hospitalization rates have not changed indicating progress in broad immunity due to vaccines and prevention methods.

- The commercialization of COVID-19 treatments, vaccines, and test kits has started since the end of the Public Health Emergency. We are now seeing these once free resources begin to be limited. Please call the San Bernardino County COVID-19 Hotline (909) 387-3911 to get more information about current free resources available to residents.
- For general information about COVID-19 and related resources, check out the main page. Our COVID-19 ArcGIS dashboard is updated once a month:
  - [SBCOVID-19 – San Bernardino County Covid-19 Response \(sbcovid19.com\)](https://sbcovid19.com)
  - [Vaccinations | COVID-19 Dashboard Hub \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

### Health Equity

- The Joint COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Workgroup meets every first Wednesday of the month. Community members and organizations are invited to join us at the next meeting on **February 7, 2024**.
- A lot of progress has been made with promoting the COVID-19 vaccine throughout the County since the initial vaccine rollout, despite the progress we are aware that residents still face barriers and hesitations in getting vaccinated. The goal of this workgroup is to understand the barriers and provide an open space for these concerns to be recognized and discussed.

### Fentanyl/Opioid Dashboard

**Presenter: Dr. Sequeira and Serene** ([Serene.Ong@dph.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Serene.Ong@dph.sbcounty.gov) GIS Strategy and Technical Lead | BSA III)

- The Opioid crisis started with over prescription of opioids, heroin, and fentanyl.
- Fentanyl overdose is the number one killer in adolescence.
- ODASH stands for Opioid Data Analytics and Surveillance for Harm Reduction dashboard.
- The dashboard was created by San Bernardino County ODASH Team to inform and strategize harm reduction within the County.
- The metrics within the dashboard will allow users to see where hotspots of overdoses are within the County. Data can be filtered by gender, geographical locations, rate and count by region, deaths, year, and demonstrate the criteria of what clarifies a fentanyl-related death.
- Future plans for the dashboard include developing an app for public users, provide Narcan distribution sites and treatment sites. The hope is to use the dashboard to prioritize what areas of the County need education, community outreach, and response teams.
- Dashboard is not live yet; updates will be shared as they become available.

### Community Partner Roundtable

- Providence St. Mary Medical Center – Apple Valley: Vaccines for Children (VFC) 1/30/2024 at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Adelanto: VFC 2/1/2024 at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Victor Valley College: 2/03/2024 COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, please contact: [Marcela.Redde@providence.org](mailto:Marcela.Redde@providence.org)
- Healthy Heritage – January and February: first and second cohorts of Broken Crayon Still Color Project. For more information, please contact: [ronyah@healthyheritage.org](mailto:ronyah@healthyheritage.org)
- Young Visionaries – All about Children’s Day 1/20/2024 at 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thankful Thursday on the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., High Desert MLK

award ceremony 1/15/2024 at 6 – 8 p.m. For more information, please contact:  
[tstone@yvyla-ie.org](mailto:tstone@yvyla-ie.org)

- Victor Community Support Services/ Board of Directors DEV Partnerships Inc – Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: 1/15/2024 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, please contact [vickie.davis@victor.org](mailto:vickie.davis@victor.org)

\*Event flyers have been sent out already.

**Next meeting will be on  
February 06, 2024**