



## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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### Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of November 3, 2025

*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 [test positivity](#) and will monitor other indicators including hospitalizations.*

#### **BEAKER, SOFTBANK, AUTOMATION TRACK GO-LIVE A SUCCESS!**

On Saturday, October 25, the DPH laboratory information systems (ZSFG Clinical Lab, ZSFG Pathology Lab, and Public Health Lab) successfully transitioned to the Epic Beaker application. The Blood Bank also transitioned to Soft Bank software.

This was an enormous and complex undertaking, years in the making and involving many departments and staff. What made this go-live particularly complicated was that it was paired with go-live for the automated track for Chemistry and Hematology instruments. This automated track utilizes robotics and software that guide specimen tubes so they can be centrifuged, uncapped, sampled, tested, and then recapped and stored in a refrigeration unit. Meanwhile test results flow from instruments into Beaker and then into Epic where providers can see results.

We extend gratitude to everyone who contributed to ensure a successful go-live. We now have integrated Beaker software in place, which will increase efficiency, improve communication, allow for better management of shared specimens, and help with utilization management across all three labs.

#### **NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

On October 30, 44 families who successfully completed Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health's Nurse-Family Partnership program were honored in one of the program's largest graduation ceremonies to date.

DPH's Nurse-Family Partnership program pairs low-income, first-time parents with a Public Health Nurse from pregnancy through age 2, offering home visits and vital support to boost health and economic outcomes. Program participants that stay with the program until their child's second birthday are celebrated at one of our two yearly graduation ceremonies. In 2025, a total of 72 families have successfully completed the program.



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Over the course of the Nurse Family Partnership, Public Health Nurses regularly check on the health of parents and baby, providing information on topics such as prenatal care, the signs of postpartum depression, child development and breastfeeding, to name a few. The nurses also help connect clients with resources to improve the economic self-sufficiency of their families, such as helping them develop a vision for their future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work.

Because the program runs for more than 2 years, the nurses are able to establish trusting relationships and partner with clients on preventative health efforts, for example improving nutrition, family planning and reducing use of habit-forming substances. Public health work like this aims to reduce health disparities by addressing the upstream socioeconomic factors that contribute to poor health outcomes. Thank you to our participating Public Health Nurses and congratulations to the graduating families!

### **GREAT SHAKEOUT DRILL AND TABLETOP EXERCISE STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

DPH took part in the annual Great ShakeOut commemorating the anniversary of the 6.9 magnitude Loma Prieta Earthquake that struck the Bay Area on October 17, 1989.

At 10:17 a.m. a campuswide announcement and DPH-ZSFG Everbridge text alert prompted staff to drop, cover, and hold on.

Following the drill, ZSFG Hospital held an emergency response tabletop exercise simulating a mass casualty event following a major earthquake. The HICS team — led by ZSFG's Emergency Department Disaster Coordinator & Hospital Disaster Liaison, Amber Quelvog — coordinated logistics and resource planning under simulated disaster conditions.

The exercise provided a valuable learning experience for trainees and staff new to HICS operations, including hands-on coordination of patient transfers to Laguna Honda Hospital under disaster conditions. Throughout the simulation, representatives from multiple departments discussed essential operations such as maintaining fuel and water supplies and preparing contingency plans for limited power, communications, and road access.

The exercise strengthened inter-hospital coordination and emergency response protocols between two key DPH facilities, reinforcing preparedness across the City's public health system.

### **PROMOTORES WELLNESS DAY**

On October 18, DPH hosted *Reencuentro y Bienestar* (Reunion and Wellness), a community



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wellness day for participants of the Promotores Community of Practice. This network represents over 18 community-based organizations and independent promotores who serve San Francisco's underserved communities through health promotion and advocacy. Held at Mission Neighborhood Centers' Wolfsohn Campus, the event was coordinated with support from the Office of Equity and Community Engagement, the Center for Learning and Innovation, and the Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch.

The purpose of *Reencuentro y Bienestar* was to create a restorative space for promotores, many of whom are immigrants, to reflect on their vital contributions to community health, foster collective healing amidst federal budget constraints and heightened immigration activity, and strengthen unity within the field.

The event opened with welcoming remarks from Health Officer Dr. Susan Philip and concluded with an inspiring musical performance by Francisco Herrera, local artist. The gathering closed with heartfelt expressions of appreciation from the promotores, who spontaneously joined together in a chorus of "*¡Viva DPH!*", a celebration and recognition of their enduring partnership with the Department of Public Health.

### **13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL D10 HEALTH FEST**

On October 18, staff from DPH joined community partners and neighborhood residents at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual District 10 Health Fest. The event featured free health screenings, family-friendly activities, wellness hubs, and cultural performances all focused on promoting wellness and connection.

Staff from the Stroke Program, Trauma Program, and Pulmonary Clinic were on-site alongside community partners to provide valuable education and resources. Together, our teams performed 81 blood pressure screenings and educational sessions, conducted 128 motivational interviewing style surveys for stroke awareness, and provided 144 boxes of Narcan.

DPH extends sincere thanks to the many volunteers who made this outreach possible.

### **CELEBRATING NOVA12 SF WALKERS**

On Saturday, October 25, 125 walkers braved the rain for a 12-mile walk around San Francisco followed by a health fair. The annual 12-mile NOVA12 walk represents the 12% of women who develop breast cancer and highlights disparities in health care access while helping to build strong community partnerships.

Over 90% of the funds raised directly support ZSFG's most vulnerable patients fighting breast cancer by providing financial assistance for groceries, living expenses, and treatment supplies. We thank everyone who supported the event, including organizers, walkers, and donors.



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### COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 10/30:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 2.2%.
- Fourteen percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.