



## San Francisco Department of Public Health

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# Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of June 2, 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.*

### **DIRECTOR OF HEALTH HELPS RAISE AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

On May 17, DPH Director of Health Daniel Tsai joined the National Alliance on Mental Illness San Francisco (NAMI) at its annual walk to raise awareness about the importance of mental health care. The event also raised funds for local NAMI programs that support people with mental health conditions and their loved ones. At the event, Director Tsai was proud to present a proclamation from Mayor Lurie declaring May 17, 2025, as National Alliance on Mental Illness Day in San Francisco. The walk, held at Crissy Field, created a visible alliance of the many people in our community who care about improving the lives of people who live with a mental health condition.

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR**

Over Memorial Day Weekend staff and volunteers from across SFHN and community programs participated in bringing our health services to the Western Addition at a pop-up Community Health Fair at the Fillmore and Turk Mini Park. Community members were able to get health screenings, CPR training, watch "Stop the Bleed" demonstrations, as well as gain stroke awareness, learn about overdose prevention, and get access to nutrition resources, and vocational guidance. We were joined by our partners at UCSF, DEM, the Wraparound Project, Max 415, and Project Open Hand in sharing critical health information and increase awareness of an engagement with our services. Thanks to the organizers of this wonderful event and to all the people who came out to lend a hand to help empower health, opportunity, and connection.

### **OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY HOSTS TRAINING FOR AANHPI MONTH**

Nearly 70 DPH employees celebrated Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Month by joining a training on AANHPI health. The training, hosted by the Office of



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Health Equity (OHE), focused on the leadership and resilience of AANHPI communities as they work to achieve health equity. DPH is proud to honor AANHPI communities and is committed to ensuring that every San Franciscan can live a long, healthy life

### **HEAR FROM A DOCTOR**

Pride is quickly approaching and DPH is building awareness about mpox. In the first of our “Hear From a Doctor” social media video series, Dr. Oliver Bacon of San Francisco City Clinic discusses mpox risk, symptoms, and vaccination.

“Hear From a Doctor” is a video series in which DPH doctors educate San Franciscans about important public health topics such as heart disease, heat-related illnesses, and mental health. The videos will be posted on DPH social media channels.

View the video in full [here](#).

### **ZSFG WELCOMES GLOBAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE LEADERS**

On May 13, ZSFG hosted disaster and emergency management professionals from 22 countries as part of the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in collaboration with Global Ties U.S.

These global leaders visited the ZSFG campus to explore how a local trauma hospital prepares for and responds to community needs during disasters and major crises. The visit included a tour of campus facilities and a rich exchange of ideas with ZSFG hospital leadership, Emergency Department staff, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) team.

DPH proudly coordinates across all internal and city departments to prepare for any emergency—earthquakes, fires, pandemics, or mass casualty events—so we are ready for our community when it needs us most.

### **ZSFG CELEBRATES NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK (MAY 12-16)**

During National Infrastructure Week, ZSFG celebrated the Capital Projects Team, who are the driving force behind the improvements shaping the future of ZSFG. From state-of-the-art labs and clinics to seismic safety and sustainability upgrades, the team is building a safer, more resilient hospital that meets the evolving needs of the San Francisco patient community and ZSFG staff.

Highlights include:

- A fully modernized Clinical Lab supporting high-speed robotic testing.



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- A new Dialysis Clinic underway, designed to expand capacity and upgrade equipment.
- The 11,000+ sq. ft. Public Health Lab now under construction, bringing critical testing back on campus.
- A redesigned Psychiatric Emergency Services unit, doubling capacity in a brighter, more coordinated care space.
- Building 5's seismic retrofit is 70% complete, advancing our commitment to safety.
- Expanded IT infrastructure and a new cooling tower and chiller system are laying the foundation for future innovation and energy efficiency.

### **ZSFG RECOGNIZES TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH**

As the only Level 1 Trauma Center that serves San Francisco and northern San Mateo County, ZSFG is the hub of emergency care, disaster response, and recovery for our region. During Trauma Awareness Month this May, ZSFG brought awareness to the Trauma Informed care the hospital and trauma center provides – encouraging everyone to stay trauma informed. Last fiscal year, ZSFG helped 3,413 trauma patients with serious, life-threatening injuries. Every one of those patients received coordinated, expert care from a highly trained, multidisciplinary team of trauma surgeons, emergency physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, radiology and lab staff, counselors, and many more. During this Trauma Awareness Month, ZSFG put a spotlight on three teams within the Trauma Team – Trauma Registry, the Wraparound Project, and the Orthopaedic Trauma Institute (OTI). The impact of our Trauma Teams are made possible through deep partnerships with city agencies and community-based organizations. Together, they're not just treating injuries—they're working to stop violence before it happens and build healthier, safer futures for everyone, and are here when the community needs them the most.

### **DR. ERIC SILVERMAN, EMERGENCY AND EMS PHYSICIAN AT ZSFG IS AWARDED HOSPITAL PROVIDER DURING EMS WEEK 2025**

On May 20 during Emergency Medical Services Week, Dr. Eric Silverman, an emergency and EMS physician at ZSFG, was recognized with the EMS Hospital Provider Award, which honors emergency department staff who demonstrate exceptional patient care. This award, given by the SF Emergency Medical Services Agency, highlights the often-unseen work of ZSFG and its EMS partners in delivering critical, high-quality care from the field to the ED.

Dr. Silverman began his career at ZSFG in 2015 as a UCSF EMS & Disaster Medicine fellow and has served as a full-time Emergency Medicine attending physician since 2017. In addition to providing clinical care, he teaches students, residents, and fellows, and serves as the ZSFG EMS Base Hospital Medical Director, where he leads quality improvement efforts, EMS education, and



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advisory committee work. Reflecting on the award, Dr. Silverman shares, “Receiving the EMS Hospital Provider Award is a profound honor. It reflects the collaboration, dedication, and shared mission of our ED and EMS teams to deliver excellent care from the field to the bedside. I’m grateful to work alongside such a skilled and committed team at ZSFG.” Congratulations to Dr. Silverman.

### **VALUES IN ACTION AWARD: CHRIS ROSS**

The “Values in Action” award honors a leader who embodies ZSFG’s core values: Joy in our Work, Thirst for Learning, and Compassionate Care. This month, ZSFG recognized **Chris Ross**, Director of Performance Excellence in the Kaizen Promotion Office (KPO).

Chris has long been a driving force behind ZSFG’s improvement efforts, helping guide ZSFG toward its true north with clarity, compassion, and commitment. He’s a steadfast champion of continuous improvement and a valued mentor who brings humor, humility, and heart to everything he does.

Chris, thank you for your dedication, mentorship, and reflective leadership.

### **POPULATION HEALTH DIVISION LEADERS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN SEXUAL HEALTH**

Dr. Stephanie Cohen, Director of the HIV and STI Prevention Branch, and Dr. Hyman Scott, the Clinical Research Medical Director at Bridge HIV, both under the DPH Population Health Division, have been nationally recognized for their significant contributions in the field of sexually transmitted infections, specifically for their groundbreaking work on a novel, effective biomedical STI prevention tool, doxy-PEP.

Dr. Cohen has been selected as a recipient of the 2025 American Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ASTDA) Achievement Award. ASTDA is the preeminent professional association for sexually transmitted infection researchers, practitioners, and prevention specialists in the United States. During her time at DPH, Dr. Cohen has helped lead multiple research studies on biomedical HIV and sexually transmitted infection prevention, including the US PrEP demonstration project and the doxy-PEP study.

San Francisco’s early adoption of doxy-PEP continues to receive praise. As a result of his significant contributions implementing doxy-PEP in the City and sharing its effectiveness at national conferences and in medical literature, Dr. Scott was recently named to TIME Magazine’s



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2025 [TIME100 Health list](#). The annual list recognizes the 100 most influential individuals in health, and followed months of the magazine consulting sources and experts from around the world.

Doxy-PEP is an effective tool to prevent sexually transmitted infections. It has been [associated](#) with declines in reported syphilis and chlamydia infections in San Francisco following the Department's first in the nation doxy-PEP guidance in 2022.

These prominent recognitions reflect not only the work of Dr. Cohen and Dr. Scott and their incredible scholarship and leadership, but also the work of the entire Population Health Division, where public health research is turned into action for the benefit of all who live in San Francisco and beyond.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 5/28:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 1.5%.
- Thirty percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.