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## **Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of June 15, 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.

### **Chinatown Public Health Center to Relocate Temporarily to Fourth Floor of Chinese Hospital**

As Chinatown Public Health Center (CPHC) prepares for a major retrofit, it will close on Friday, June 5, and services will temporarily relocate to Chinese Hospital at 845 Jackson Street, 4th Floor.

CPHC, a primary care clinic in the San Francisco Health Network, offers culturally competent health care with a focus on serving limited or non-English speaking patients. The clinic provides patient-centered services to nearly 4,000 patients annually with nearly 20,000 patient visits, including primary medical and behavioral health care services, dental care, podiatry, acupuncture, nutrition services, clinical pharmacist visits, and a nurse clinic.

The important upgrades to CPHC will not only increase the building's earthquake safety, but they will result in a more modern health care setting with modernized and improved elevators, heating and cooling systems, fire safety systems, and additional exam rooms, consult rooms, and a new dental station.

The project, which will take place over the next 2 ½ years, is fully funded. It was made possible by the voters of San Francisco who overwhelmingly passed the Healthy, Safe & Vibrant San Francisco bond that included \$71 million for the retrofit. The San Francisco Department of Public Works is managing the retrofit and upgrades at the Chinatown Public Health Center.

In the interim period after CPHC closes on June 5 and before it resumes full operations temporarily at Chinese Hospital on July 6, DPH is informing patients of alternate care options at our many health clinics, including ZSFG Hospital Urgent Care and Maria X. Martinez Health Resource Center.



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CPHC Dental Clinic will temporarily close on June 5. Dental services will remain available at other DPH dental clinics during the construction project.

### About the Chinatown Public Health Center (CPHC):

CPHC has proudly served San Franciscans with a focus on the Chinese and Asian American community since 1969 at its current location, providing medical and dental care and mental health services. The Chinatown Public Health Center provides patient-centered services with a focus on serving limited or non-English speaking patients, immigrants and low-income residents. It is owned and operated by DPH.

### **DPH Advocates for Critical Public Hospital Funding**

DPH joined California Association of Public Health, SEIU, UCSF, and regional public hospitals including San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Contra Costa County, and Alameda County at ZSFG Hospital on June 5 to highlight the urgent financial strain facing California's public health care systems. As San Francisco's safety-net hospital and only Level 1 Trauma Center, ZSFG provides care to more than 100,000 patients each year and relies on stable state support to ensure access to lifesaving services.

DPH Director Dan Tsai and ZSFG Chief Medical Officer Dr. Gabriel Ortiz emphasized that without additional funding, public hospitals statewide risk reduced access, longer wait times, and greater preventable illness. With two-thirds of ZSFG patients on MediCal, leaders underscored the essential role public hospitals play in delivering equitable care.

DPH will continue working with partners across California to advocate for the resources needed to keep our communities healthy and ensure we're here when patients need us most.

### **Communicable Disease Branch and PHEPR Organize Citywide Measles Preparedness Workshop**

The Communicable Disease (CD) Branch and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) Branch of the DPH Population Health Division organized a three-hour citywide measles preparedness workshop for 40 San Francisco healthcare providers on June 3, 2026, in response to the rising measles infections in the U.S. Importantly, this workshop was planned prior to the detection of two measles cases in San Francisco during April 2026, which were the first measles cases in San Francisco since 2019.

As measles is rarely seen in San Francisco, many healthcare providers do not have any experience recognizing or responding to the disease. DPH routinely partners with healthcare systems to support preparedness and coordinate a response when situations arise. The measles workshop goals were to increase key healthcare providers' knowledge of this highly transmissible airborne virus and strengthen healthcare system readiness for timely detection and response to a measles case.



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The workshop covered a wide range of measles topics, from epidemiology and clinical guidance (identification, testing) to response to a case (infection control, contact tracing, post-exposure prophylaxis, communications, incident management). Small group discussions were facilitated to walk through different scenarios and help cement key points with participants, including identifying gaps and areas of improvement for the healthcare systems. The workshop highlighted that responding to even one case of measles can be complex, resource intensive, and time sensitive. It is important for healthcare systems to prepare their providers through education and practice now.

Workshop attendees included providers from acute care hospitals, primary care clinics, urgent care, and congregate settings. Healthcare systems represented included Kaiser, SF VA Medical Center, SF Health Network (Whole Person Integrated Care, Jail Health), DPH Behavioral Health Services, SF Community Clinic Consortium, Sutter Health CPMC, UCSF Health, and ZSFG Hospital. Participants were well engaged and expressed gratitude for the workshop, which will help improve future responses to measles and other infectious diseases, and deepened DPH's relationships with the city's healthcare systems and leaders.

### **Cal OSHA Issued a Citation and Notification Event of Penalty to ZSFG**

Following the tragic death of our colleague Alberto Rangel at Ward 86 at ZSFG on December 4, 2025, Cal OSHA visited the hospital and initiated a review. ZSFG welcomed and fully cooperated with this thorough review. They issued their findings on June 5. The findings are in line with our own rigorous internal assessment. The vast majority of their findings to overall safety and security have been addressed, some within days of the incident. Countless additional security measures have been initiated or expedited to strengthen workplace safety, including enhanced physical security measures, expanded security staffing, increased crisis prevention and response training, and a fundamental change in security structure governance to better connect leadership to frontline staff and their concerns.

### **Laguna Honda Resident and Family Survey Highlights**

DPH is pleased to share highlights from the March 2026 Laguna Honda Hospital Resident and Family Survey.

Following are key findings demonstrating meaningful gains for strong continued improvement in family and resident satisfaction:

- **Courtesy and respect:** Positive responses to whether residents feel treated with courtesy and respect increased by 20%, now exceeding the national skilled nursing facility average by 10 points.
- **Clinic satisfaction:** 46% of residents reported that LHH clinics are meeting their health needs, a 7% increase since September 2025.



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- Activities and programming: 40% of residents feel that activities and programming improve their quality of life, a 5% decrease from September 2025, reflecting an opportunity for improvement in the coming year.
- Family perceptions of quality-of-life activities: Half of family members said activities improve their loved ones' quality of life.
- Teamwork: Families reported a 10% increase in confidence that staff work well together.

### Family testimonial:

"LHH is an amazing comprehensive facility that the rest of the country should utilize as an example of how to do it for those among us in need."

Many thanks to the Care Experience Team for conducting the survey and compiling these insights.

### **Carnaval 2026**

On May 23 and May 24, 2026, DPH staff participated in Carnaval, a two-day street festival and parade in the Mission District. The life and legacy of DPH employee Alberto Rangel was honored during the opening ceremony. Community Health Equity and Promotion (CHEP) Tobacco Free Project staff partnered with the UCSF Center for Tobacco Control Research & Education to perform tobacco prevention and cessation outreach to commemorate World No Tobacco Day. Also, the CHEP Sexual Health Teams promoted STI/HIV testing and other sexual health resources.

### **Bayview Mental Health Bash**

On May 30, CHEP in partnership with Youth United Through Health Education (Y.U.T.H.E) hosted a mental health awareness community event at the Bayview Opera House. The event featured family friendly activities such as live entertainment and a kids zone in addition to onsite STI/HIV testing in partnership with Glide and the UCSF Alliance Health Project.

### **Third Annual Equity Awards at ZSFG**

ZSFG held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Equity Awards in June, honoring individuals and teams advancing equity across the organization. ZSFG CEO Susan Ehrlich joined to present awards and congratulate awardees. Chief Nursing Officer Gillian Otway received the Career Achievement Award, highlighting her work advocating and striving towards building a diverse workforce that reflects the San Francisco community. Additional awards recognized the Family Health Center Health Workers Quality Improvement Team for reducing preventive care disparities; the Trauma Recovery/Rape Treatment Center Medical Forensic Team for strengthening language access, disability accommodations, and trauma-informed support; and Norlissa Cooper for expanding mentorship and professional development through the Nursing Research Symposium. The event celebrated staff whose work reduces barriers to care and fosters inclusion and belonging. Appreciation was shared for the Equity Council and all who helped make the event a success, as well as the many employees who uphold ZSFG's mission of equity every day.



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### **In Solidarity with Gun Violence Awareness Day**

The ZSFG Trauma Team and Director Dan Tsai joined the Mayor, Supervisor Stephen Sherrill, and other city leaders on the steps of City Hall on June 5 to call attention to the ongoing public health impacts of gun violence. As San Francisco's only Level 1 Trauma Center, ZSFG treats many of the city's most serious injuries and witnesses daily how preventable this crisis is. Trauma Surgeon Dr. Caitlin Collins underscored the need for collective action, noting that the issue persists not for lack of solutions, but for lack of urgency. DPH reaffirms its commitment to trauma-informed care, long-term healing, and raising awareness. The department encourages the community to join efforts to prevent violence, support survivors, and build safer, healthier communities for all.

### **SDDT Annual Meeting**

On May 28, 2026, the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Committee held its annual Learning and Networking Meeting. Population Health Division Director Dr. Susan Philip gave opening remarks at the meeting. Members of the CHEP Healthy Eating Active Living Team led a participatory session to review community-informed research on chronic disease prevention.

### **Celebrating the ZSFG Speech Language Pathology Month**

During Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Month in June, ZSFG recognized and celebrated the outstanding speech-language pathologists for their invaluable contributions to patient care and rehabilitation. SLPs play an essential role in helping patients regain and strengthen communication, cognition, voice, language, and swallowing abilities following illness, injury, or complex medical conditions. Through their clinical expertise, compassion, patience, and advocacy, SLPs help patients reconnect with their families, participate more fully in daily life, and achieve greater independence and quality of life.

SLPs are vital members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team, collaborating closely with physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers, and caregivers to provide comprehensive, patient-centered care. Whether supporting patients recovering from stroke, traumatic brain injury, neurological disorders, head and neck cancer, critical illness, or developmental and communication challenges, their impact extends far beyond therapy sessions.

### **LATIDOS 2026**

On June 3, at the SF Main Library, the Community Health Equity and Promotion (CHEP) Branch in partnership with the Office of Equity and Community Engagement and several Latine-serving community based organizations hosted the L.A.T.I.D.O.S (Latinos Americanos Trabajando por la Inclusión, Diversidad, Organización y Salud) Conference which is translated as "Latin Americans Working for Inclusion, Diversity, Organization, and Health." This annual Spanish-language community conference joins community health workers, service navigators, and social service staff to provide resources to support the Latine LGBTQ+ community and promote health and well-being in Latine families.



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### **QTAPI Strong**

On May 27, San Francisco Community Health Center's The Lotus Project and Stop the Hate Program, in collaboration with the UCSF Alliance Health Project, the DPH CHEP Branch, Office of Transgender Initiatives and the San Francisco Human Rights Commission held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Queer and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander (QTAPI) Strong Press Conference. Mayor Daniel Lurie and Supervisor Connie Chan presented a resolution from the SF Board of Supervisors recognizing the week of May 27, 2026, through June 7, 2026, as Queer and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander Week in the City and County of San Francisco. Asa King, Deputy Director of Community Health was also a featured speaker at the event.

### **COVID-19 Update**

As of 06/10:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 1.0%.
- Twenty-five percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.