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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of July 6, 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.

DPH Pride Month Celebrations

DPH celebrated Pride Month through department-wide events, community engagement, health promotion, and staff education reinforcing the department's commitment to equitable, affirming care.

- Department Engagement
 - Nearly 300 staff, community partners, family members, and supporters joined the DPH Pride Parade contingent.
 - Staff organized internal Pride celebrations and educational programming including a "Generations" event highlighting Black LGBTQIA+ history and lived experiences.
 - Staff training reinforced culturally responsive behavioral health and gender-affirming care.
- Community Health Outreach
 - Population Health and SF City Clinic partnered to promote sexual health resources during Pride Month through coordinated social media outreach highlighting doxy-PEP, HIV testing, vaccinations, and other prevention services.
- DPH also produced a brief Pride 2026 recap video showcasing staff participation and community engagement. Watch the video here on [SF Public Health on Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

One City Day, Saturday July 11

One City Day is an opportunity for San Franciscans to come together in service, connect with one another, and demonstrate what's possible when we show up for our city.



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Across San Francisco's 11 districts, volunteers of all ages are invited to participate in meaningful service projects—from picking up trash, to beautifying your local park, or showing up for neighbors when they need it most. Whether you are a first-time volunteer or a long-time community champion, there's a place for you to make a difference.

You can sign up for one of the beautification sites DPH will be hosting:

- Laguna Honda Hospital: Through trail clearing and dedicated planting work, staff are welcome to help maintain these essential healing grounds for our residents, staff, and community. *This event is open to DPH staff only.* 375 Laguna Honda Blvd (Forest Hill), 10:30 AM – Noon.
- Zuckerberg San Francisco General: Volunteers will pick up trash, remove graffiti, and weed to create a safer, cleaner campus frontage road on the Potrero Ave. walkway between 22nd and 23rd Streets. 1001 Potrero Ave. (Mission District), 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.
- Community Lifesaver Training (CPR + Narcan): DEM's Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) and the Department of Public Health will co-host a CPR/Narcan training for 40-50 volunteers. 4703 3rd St. (Bayview), 10:00 – 11:45 AM.

PHD APP Grants Team Invited to Present in Sacramento

The County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) invited the Population Health Division – Administration, Policy, and Performance (APP) Grants Team to facilitate and present at a Fiscal Training Panel Discussion in Sacramento. More than 80 attendees from local health jurisdictions across the State of California participated to learn best practices and methodologies for effective grants and budget management.

During the session, the APP Grants Team provided an overview of the City and County of San Francisco's governance structure, including the role of the Health Commission within the Department of Public Health. The team also outlined how the Population Health Division evaluates new funding opportunities and collaborates with internal stakeholders—from central administrative fiscal staff to program teams—to support coordinated grant development and management. Additional topics included best-practice tools for collaboration and project management, compliance and reporting processes, and quality improvement initiatives such as the Federal Impacts Taskforce, which synthesizes and responds to federal funding changes related to terminations, reinstatements, delays, and modifications to award terms.

The presentation was well received, and CHEAC along with attendees requested additional resources to help other jurisdictions strengthen and enhance their grants management practices.



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Communicable Disease Branch Tabletop Exercise with School District

On June 23, the Communicable Disease Branch of the Population Health Division met with San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) central administration from health services, emergency planning, and communications for a tabletop exercise to walk through the response to a case of measles at a school. Topics covered included measles transmission and epidemiology, contact identification and immunity status determination to assess need for post-exposure prophylaxis or quarantine, data collection and management systems including for vaccinations, initiation of emergency operations, communications channels, and notifications to parents and staff. The exercise met its objectives of strengthening our collaboration and increasing SFUSD's preparedness to respond to measles in a school.

Environmental Health Helps Prevent Invasive Insect Outbreak

The DPH Environmental Health Branch (EHB) Agriculture Program is actively responding to reports that grapevine plants and citrus plants infested with the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) were shipped from a nursery in Oakdale, CA to multiple Costco locations statewide. CDFA notified County Agricultural Commissioners on May 21, 2026, prompting coordinated investigations across California. GWSS is a high-impact invasive pest capable of damaging grapevines, citrus, and many landscape plants. The outbreak could cost the wine industry approximately \$100 million annually if not controlled.

EHB quickly confirmed that the San Francisco Costco did not receive any affected shipments; however, several San Francisco residents purchased grape plants from nearby out-of-county Costco stores. The Agriculture Program subsequently received multiple calls and emails from concerned residents. Investigators conducted prompt site inspections, collected samples, and removed and destroyed grape plants when appropriate. One early sample initially suspected to be GWSS was later confirmed by CDFA's laboratory to be a native sharpshooter species, meaning GWSS has not been detected in San Francisco to date.

As a precaution, EHB staff will deploy GWSS traps at all reported locations, including relevant Costco stores and residential properties, and will continue monitoring them in accordance with state-recommended standards. Weekly statewide coordination calls with CDFA are ongoing as the situation evolves, particularly since the nursery shipped infested citrus plants in addition to grapevines. EHB will continue responding to resident reports and following established protocols.

Throughout this response, the EHB Agriculture Program has demonstrated rapid mobilization, high-quality field investigation, and strong collaboration with CDFA and local residents. Their proactive inspections, early detections, and effective communication have been critical in protecting San Francisco from potential establishment and spread of this invasive pest.



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Joint Commission Survey at ZSFG

Congratulations to the Clinical Lab, Blood Bank, Anatomic Pathology, and the Quality Management team at ZSFG for earning outstanding praise from the Joint Commission surveyors during the 3-day Biennial Hospital-Wide Survey the week of June 22. Their excellence, attention to quality, and remarkable collaboration were repeatedly highlighted. Out of 908 elements of practice reviewed, only six preliminary findings were identified, an extraordinary achievement. The lead surveyor commended the strong leadership engagement, the exceptional stewardship of the Quality team, and the close partnership with nursing and human resources. She even noted that she would confidently choose ZSFG for her own care.

Special recognition goes to CEO Dr. Susan Ehrlich, Dr. Barbara Haller, Dr. Zane Amenhotep, Chi Prijoles, Dr. Stephen Nishimura, Mark Weinstein, and all leaders and team members who contributed to this success. The Quality Management team also earned high praise for guiding the organization through another successful survey and fostering a strong culture of safety. ZSFG celebrates these teams for exemplifying excellence, continuous improvement, and the high level of trust placed in them by patients.

Biannual CLIA Laboratory Inspections

The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) program is the federal regulatory framework that oversees all laboratory testing performed on human specimens—including the work of public health laboratories—to ensure accuracy, reliability, and quality in diagnostic testing. Both our SF City Clinic and DPH Public Health Laboratory operate under these CLIA requirements and undergo inspections every two years to verify compliance with testing standards, personnel qualifications, quality systems, and documentation practices. On June 25, 2026, both facilities successfully completed their CLIA inspections, and we are pleased to report that both the SF City Clinic and the Public Health Lab passed without any deficiencies, reflecting our strong commitment to quality laboratory practices and regulatory compliance.

ZSFG Receives Perfect LGBTQIA+ Healthcare Equality Score

During Pride Month, ZSFG announced that the hospital earned a perfect score of 100/100 on the Human Rights Campaign's Healthcare Equality Index (HEI), achieving the designation of LGBTQIA+ Healthcare Equality Leader. This recognition places ZSFG among 384 hospitals nationwide that reached the top rating out of more than 1,000 participating facilities. The HEI evaluates how hospitals support LGBTQIA+ patients, visitors, and staff by reviewing nondiscrimination policies, training, care practices, and organizational support.

A top score reflects ZSFG's commitment to treating every person with respect, ensuring safety and belonging, responding to community needs, and fostering an inclusive environment for LGBTQIA+ staff. This achievement highlights the everyday actions of staff who show kindness, understanding, and care, helping patients feel supported and coworkers feel safe being themselves. This



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accomplishment belongs to the entire team at ZSFG whose dedication makes the hospital a welcoming place for all.

CHEP at the 80th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration

On June 13, Community Health Equity & Promotion (CHEP) staff tabled at the 80th annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration in the Fillmore District. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans in Texas. This year's theme was joy and freedom. The event spanned eight blocks and featured retail and food vendors, free carnival rides and games, and live music performances. The CHEP team distributed sexual health and tobacco cessation information and supplies. Also, on June 16, CHEP and Office of Health Equity teams partnered to participate in the annual Juneteenth Bayview Father's Day Festival at Gilman Park.

CHEP Co-sponsors Community Hepatitis Testing Event at the Gubbio Project

On May 15, CHEP co-sponsored a community Hepatitis Testing event at the Gubbio Project in partnership with Glide and the End Hep C Coalition. The team was able to perform 17 HCV rapid tests, 15 HIV rapid tests, and other STI testing. A Glide Health Systems Navigator was on hand to do an intake for HIV navigation and two intakes for HCV navigation. Director Dan Tsai joined the team at the event.

Emmy Nominations for DPH's Living Proof Campaign

DPH relaunched its Living Proof campaign for the third season of outdoor, transit, digital, radio, cable, and streaming advertisements promoting the effectiveness and availability of substance use treatment. Funded through a CDC grant and developed in partnership with Behavioral Health Services and DPH Communications/Public Affairs, the campaign features real DPH clients whose recovery stories demonstrate that treatment works, and recovery is possible.

Since its launch in 2024, the campaign has generated nearly 200 million impressions across multiple media platforms, and the accompanying videos have received two Northern California Emmy nominations in Public Service category. Watch the videos here: [Living Proof - YouTube](#).

Celebrating ZSFG and UCSF's Partnership

On June 10, ZSFG celebrated its long-standing partnership with UCSF at the annual Medical Staff Meeting and Awards, an event hosted by Dr. Mary Mercer, Chief of Medical Staff. The program highlighted more than 150 years of collaboration between the hospital and the university. Director of Public Health Dan Tsai remarked on the importance of this partnership in serving communities with the greatest need. UCSF Vice Dean Jeff Critchfield offered a tribute to Dr. Talmadge E. King, Jr., recognizing his years of leadership as Dean of the UCSF School of Medicine and his unwavering support of ZSFG and health equity as he prepares to step down in June. Dr. Laurie Green, President of the Health Commission, also honored Dr. Susan Ehrlich with a commemorative token marking her 10 years as ZSFG's CEO. The event concluded with the presentation of the Rapaport Award for



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Commitment to ZSFG to Dr. Alan Gelb, recognized for his decades of service and contributions to emergency medicine education.

HEAL Team at the Heart of the City Farmers Market

On June 24, the CHEP Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) team with support from other Population Health Division staff conducted its annual survey at the Heart of the City Farmers Market where 89 Market Match program participants responded to questions about food security and eating habits. Through the San Francisco's Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax, DPH funds the Market Match program, a nutritional incentive program that doubles CalFresh EBT dollars for fresh produce at the farmers' market.

Since 2019, DPH funding has enabled the Farmers' Market to distribute more than \$3.4 million in free fruit and vegetable vouchers to low-income shoppers. During the first quarter of 2026, Heart of the City Farmers' Market has distributed \$530,000 in produce vouchers enabling over 10,000 unduplicated program participants to make healthy food choices while supporting local, sustainable farming. The annual survey allows DPH to track progress on programmatic goals to reduce food insecurity and increase consumption of fresh produce.

CHEP Team's Abstract Accepted for STI Prevention Conference

The CHEP team's submitted abstract "SLAY: Building Trust Through Youth-Led Sexual Health Messaging for Black Young Women" was accepted for a poster presentation at the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Prevention Conference which will be held in Atlanta, GA on August 31 to September 2, 2026. CHEP developed the Sistas Leadership for African American Youth (SLAY) program in response to surveillance data showing disproportionately high STI rates among Black/African American young women in San Francisco. The program annually leads a cohort of Black/African American women between the ages 15–20 years old through a nine-week curriculum where the participants strengthen their STI knowledge and learn communication strategies to effectively educate their peers about STI prevention, testing, and treatment.

COVID-19 Update

As of 07/01:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of COVID test positivity is 1.3%.
- Twenty-six percent of SF residents are fully up to date on their COVID vaccinations and have received the updated vaccine.