

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
May 13, 2021**

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<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/FINDINGS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION/ACTION/ FOLLOW-UP</b>
<b><u>I. Call to Order</u></b>	<i>The meeting was called to order remotely at 10:35 a.m. by Chair Colopy</i>	<i>Information only.</i>
<b><u>II. Announcements and Introductions</u></b>	The Commissioners and DPH staff introduced themselves.  Meeting minutes	<i>Information only.</i>  <i>March Minutes were approved, and April minutes were moved to next month</i>
<b><u>III. Public Health Report</u></b>	LA County has officially qualified and entered the yellow tier in the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy. LAC’s adjusted case rate was 1.6 new cases per 100,000 and the seven-day average test positivity rate was down to 0.7%. New Health Officer Orders came out on Thursday that allowed for increased capacity for a range of sectors. This includes fitness facilities, indoor dining, card room, racetracks, movie theater, family entertainment centers, breweries, wineries, and craft distillers. They can expand their indoor capacity to 50%. This also includes indoor malls, shopping centers, hair salons, barber shops and personal care providers. Although restrictions are loosening, people will still have to be mindful and business will	

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	<p>still need to allow for physical distancing amongst staff and customers. LAC is in one of the least restrictive tiers.</p> <p>Additional guidance has been released related to masking and vaccinated people, dining indoors with friends or with people outside of the household. Fully vaccinated individuals are still required to mask at crowded and outdoor events like live performances, parades, or sports events.</p> <p>Although the County's hospitalization rates are at its lowest, we are still aggressively moving forward with a strong vaccination strategy to get shots into everyone's arms. Pfizer received EUA approval to start vaccinations for those 12 and up. LAC will offer the vaccine to children 12-17; but the child must be accompanied by a parent. Some of the sites are offering walk-ups without an appointment to get vaccinated.</p> <p>CDC issued new guidance indicating that vaccinated people can do many outdoor activities in uncrowded spaces unmasked including attending small gatherings with unvaccinated people, dining outdoors with friends from multiple households, and walking, running, or cycling outdoors. Fully vaccinated individuals are required to mask up at crowded outdoor events, like live performances, parades, or sports events. The HOO is aligned to reflect this.</p> <p>June 15<sup>th</sup> is the anticipated date the Emergency Order will be lifted. Protocols will still be in place to provide recommendation to the public.</p> <p>As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, LAC has administered more than 8.4 million doses of vaccines. More than 5 million of those were first doses and more than 3 million were second doses. A large rate of low</p>	
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	<p>vaccine confidence still exist. A lot of folks want to “wait and see”. LAC will continue to facilitate connections with residents that are most impacted by Covid-19, to encourage and provide right information.</p> <p>LAC has received \$15 million from the state to support 41 community-based organizations, local pharmacies, FQHCs, faith-based organizations that are working in our hardest hit communities with a particular focus on South LA, East LA Southeast LA, Northeast San Fernando Valley and Antelope valley. LAC is working to continue Community Health Worker efforts. An application was submitted for the CDC Health Disparities Grant for \$27.2 Million to do health disparities work and sustain the Community Health Worker Outreach initiative. In addition, funding will continue the work for 29 community-based organizations with systems navigation and contact tracing work.</p> <p>Public Health recently launched Public Health Councils (PHC) Initiative and in collaboration with Liberty Hill Foundation, UCLA Labor Occupation Safety and Health Program, and the Southern California Coalition for Safety and Health, is partnering and training ten community-based organizations to provide outreach, engagement, and technical assistance to workers in the following sectors: food manufacturing, apparel manufacturing, warehousing and storage, restaurants, and grocery stores and supermarkets. The initiative supports workers from “Public Health Councils” to help ensure employees in hard hit industries are protected by Los Angeles County Health Officer Orders.</p> <p>PHC are comprised of workers that conduct peer-to-peer education with their co-workers regarding required safety measures and worksite compliance.</p>	
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<p><b><u>IV. Presentation:</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Youth Vaccination</i></b></p>	<p><b>PRESENTATION OVERVIEW</b> Dr. Nava Yeganeh</p> <p>In the U.S., almost 4 million children have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Although hundreds of children have died, they don't have the severe outcomes as adults. The pandemic has directly and indirectly impacted their health and wellbeing and there may have been tremendous harm done to their mental and emotional health as they missed out on so many experiences during the pandemic with the closure of schools and important activities for their development from specialized therapy services for those who have developmental delays to birthday parties, sports, and prom. And more importantly, the loss of a loved one due to COVID.</p> <p>Children and adolescents comprise of 21% of the population in the US. There are 250,000 16-17-year-old in LAC. LAC saw 4 deaths in the 12-17 years of age. This age group can now be vaccinated. It is estimated about 30% received one dose of vaccine.</p> <p>The hope is for pediatricians to encourage their patients to visits their offices and educate them and their families on the benefits of receiving the vaccine.</p> <p>It is hard to get teens to see a doctor. So, we will focus on school-based initiatives and hope to capture them in the school-based clinics. There are 62 permanent school-based clinics. Most are in the Healthily Place Index zip; 18 of them are now actively administering the COVID vaccine. They can administer anywhere from 100-500 vaccines per day.</p> <p>Public Health has wellbeing centers as well, which work with Planned Parenthood Los Angeles to staff the clinics once a week. Planned Parenthood was using Moderna but will switch</p>	
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to Pfitzner this week and plan to have a vaccine event at Torres High School this week.

Many schools have expressed interest in hosting vaccine events but don't have the bandwidth or the ability to host a regular clinic. LAC have done pop-up school clinics using parking lots, gymnasiums, and auditoriums. Then provided them with either a pharmacy or acute care hospital or federally qualified health clinic that will do the vaccine delivery.

The schools have also helped with outreach with using their robocalls and social media to let the kids and parents know about these events.

We are working on parenting consent. We want to make sure that children are protected and have consent from their guardian and have them present. This does promote a challenge for some of our partners. Some school sites don't let adults/parents on campus. So, we have a written consent also made sure to have the right language available.

The biggest difficulty is making sure that right information is getting out and addressing all the myths. The school districts has hosted events, which Public Health is present to answer questions that arise.

Youth want to protect themselves. They don't like being quarantined. Being able to skip quarantine if they have a known exposure as long as they are asymptomatic, not doing the screening testing and then doing more traveling, more outdoor activities with friends and protecting their loved ones are the biggest motivators to get vaccinated.

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<p><b><u>V.</u>    <u>New Business</u></b></p>		
<p><b><u>VI.</u>    <u>Unfinished Business</u></b></p>	<p>2021 Public Health Commission Annual Report</p> <p><i>Commissioners voted to finalized report:</i></p>	<p><i>SD1 – Yea</i></p> <p><i>SD2 – Yea</i></p> <p><i>SD4 – Yea</i></p> <p><i>SD5 – Yea</i></p> <p><i>2020 Annual report approved</i></p>
<p><b><u>VII.</u>    <u>Public Comment</u></b></p>		
<p><b><u>VIII.</u>    <u>Adjournment</u></b></p>	<p><b><i>MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING</i></b></p> <p><i>The PHC meeting adjourned at approximately 11:43 a.m.</i></p>	<p><i>Commission Colopy called a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and was seconded by Commissioner Rodrigues. All in favor.</i></p>