



The San Francisco Department of Public Health

# Post-Election

Supporting DPH patients, clients, and staff

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# Barbara Garcia's message to patients & clients

- The election has not changed our commitment to you to provide quality health care.
- Please continue to seek services with your San Francisco Department of Public Health providers, including care at our clinics and hospital services at Zuckerberg San Francisco General and Laguna Honda.
- We will continue to provide health care to all San Franciscans in need, regardless of immigration or insurance status.



# What we are doing

## Outreach to patients, clients, and staff

- Committed to ensuring our patients, clients and colleagues are supported and informed.
- Disseminating consistent messages to reduce anxiety and uncertainty
- Issuing updates and providing managers with tools like this presentation to keep staff updated and informed

## Preparing for potential change

- Working closely with the Mayor's Office to conduct a risk assessment
- Working with our associations and coalitions to monitor developments
- Convening internal planning groups



# What we know now

No changes have been implemented yet.

We are not sure what changes are coming.

There is speculation about changes that could impact SFDPH and those we serve, including:

- Sanctuary City and federal grants
- Affordable Care Act

# Sanctuary City and Federal Funding

The incoming administration has indicated its intention to defund sanctuary cities.

**Mayor Lee has reinforced his commitment to ensuring that San Francisco is and always will be a sanctuary city.**

- It is unclear what “defunding” would look like.
- Sanctuary City is not a program that receives federal funds, but rather a policy position taken by cities across the country to support and protect immigrants.
- Federal funds San Francisco currently receives strengthen programs that the new administration supports -- such as veterans’ housing and health, public safety, infrastructure, and education.



# Affordable Care Act (ACA)

The incoming administration has indicated its intention to repeal and replace the ACA.

The situation is fluid and likely to keep changing.

It is unclear what “repeal and replace” would look like. The new administration supports some of the ACA’s existing provisions:

- coverage for pre-existing conditions
- extension of dependent coverage to age 26

Medicaid expansion could be reversed, but it is also possible that expanded eligibility could be retained with states and counties assuming a greater share of the cost.

# State and Local Initiatives

## ■ State initiatives

- Three initiatives (**Propositions 52, 55, and 56**) that provide funding stability for existing Medi-Cal programs passed.
- Though these initiatives support existing rather than new Medi-Cal programs, their passage bolsters California's financial position in the event of changes to Medicaid.

## ■ Local initiatives

- **Proposition K**, which would have raised the city sales tax to fund homelessness and transportation, failed, putting the city's current 2-year budget out of balance by \$37.5M in FY16-17 and \$155.3M in FY17-18.
- **Propositions V and W**, passed, providing \$14.1M in FY16-17 and \$32.8M in FY17-18 in new revenues.
- **Propositions E and I**, which establish general fund set-asides also passed, constraining some of the City's flexibility to rebalance the budget.

# Healthy San Francisco remains in place

***San Francisco remains committed to health care access for all residents.***

- Before the ACA, San Francisco had Healthy San Francisco, Healthy Workers, and Healthy Kids to provide health care to our residents.
- These programs will still be there in the event of changes to the ACA.
- San Francisco promotes inclusiveness, diversity, and respect in all of our public services and programs and we will continue to provide health care to all San Franciscans in need, regardless of immigration or insurance status.




# What you can do

- Continue to support your patients, your clients, and your colleagues.
- Use only SFDPH-approved communication materials
  - You're Safe Here! flyer (thank you Primary Care)
  - Message from Barbara Garcia postcard
  - PowerPoint presentations for staff
- EAP resources for staff (1-800-795-2351)
- Email questions or topics you would like covered in future updates to [post-election@sfdph.org](mailto:post-election@sfdph.org)
- Check for updates on the DPH website under "About DPH"

Worried since the election? Here are the facts.

## You're Safe Here!




Your health coverage has not changed.

You can continue to receive care here.

San Francisco is and will always be a sanctuary city.

We are here for you.



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