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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of April 17, 2018

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco
<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Local News

Health Department's Puerto Rico relief mission reaching communities isolated by the storm

The Health Department's team of 14 providers and staff departed for Puerto Rico on April 6 and have been at work every day since providing medical relief to communities hard hit by Hurricane Maria. They were warmly received upon arrival by the Mayor of Utuado and a representative of the Mayor of Hatillo. The DPH team has worked side by side with providers from [Corporacion Servicios Medicos](#), Federally Qualified Health Centers that include Clinica Hatillo and Clinica Utuado, serving communities where the storm damage and health impacts are still very present. On one mission, the DPH team crossed a river on foot in order to reach a family in need of medical care. The DPH and CSM teams saw 40 people in their homes in one day, reaching communities that were isolated after the hurricane. The DPH team, led by Dr. Hali Hammer, brought suitcases full of medical supplies and donations with them, and will return with recommendations for San Franciscans who want to contribute to the relief effort. They will report out on their experience at a City Hall event Tuesday April 24 at 11am.

Regional measles outbreak a good reminder to be vaccinated

Six cases of measles in unvaccinated patients have been confirmed in the Bay Area, with five cases in Santa Clara County residents and one in an Alameda County resident. One additional case has been confirmed in Nevada. All cases are linked to an unvaccinated traveler who was exposed in Europe and developed measles after returning to the Bay Area in March. San Francisco and other local health departments are conducting contact investigations, and have issued health advisories to providers alerting them to be on the lookout for measles. The risk to the general public is very low, but this is a good reminder to people to ensure that children are vaccinated and for adults who are unsure if they are vaccinated to check their immunity and get vaccinated if necessary. Vaccination for measles (2 doses of "MMR vaccine") is the best protection against measles, and most people are vaccinated routinely as children. Measles is very infectious, and airborne transmission can occur in settings with large numbers of people like health care facilities, schools, childcare, shopping centers, public transportation, airports and amusement parks.



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DPH staffer gives CDC Grand Rounds on eliminating Hep B and Hep C

Katie Burk, Viral Hepatitis Coordinator for the Health Department, gave a presentation today at the CDC Public Health Grand Rounds live webcast on San Francisco's leading efforts to become Hepatitis B free, and to end Hepatitis C in our city. She represented the many DPH staff and community partners who have given their time, energy and passion to this work over the last several years. Find more information here <https://www.cdc.gov/grand-rounds/pp/2018/20180417-eliminate-hepatitis.html>

DPH in the News

SF Examiner, Apr 11 2018, SF may create new subacute beds at St. Mary's, Chinese hospitals
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sf-may-create-new-subacute-beds-st-marys-chinese-hospitals/>

SF Examiner, Apr 7 2018, London Breed claims she secured \$500K grant to open SF's first safe-injection site
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/london-breed-claims-secured-500k-grant-open-sfs-first-safe-injection-site/>

CIDRAP, Apr 6 2018, San Francisco officials report measles cluster, plus related case in Nevada
<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2018/04/news-scan-apr-06-2018>

East Bay Times, Apr 6 2018, Measles outbreak reported in Santa Clara
<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2018/04/06/measles-outbreak-reported-in-santa-clara-county/>

KQED, Apr 6 2018, Trauma surgeon who treated YouTube victims
<https://www.kqed.org/stateofhealth/363159/trauma-surgeon-who-treated-youtube-victims-every-day-there-are-people-who-are-getting-shot-and-hurt>

SF Business Times, Apr 5 2018, New mental health center doubles conservatorship beds in city for seriously ill
<https://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/news/2018/04/05/san-francisco-healing-center-doubles-beds.html>

SF Weekly, Apr 4 2018, A radical reversal
<http://www.sfweekly.com/topstories/a-radical-reversal/>

SF Gate, Apr 4 2018, Growing voice against gun violence: trauma surgeons
<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Growing-voice-against-gun-violence-trauma-12806508.php>



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Selected coverage of the April 3 press briefings after YouTube shooting:

ABC: <http://abc7news.com/video-surgeon-treating-youtube-shooting-victims-speaks-out-on-gun-violence/3298347/>

SF Gate: <https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/YouTube-Shooting-Doctor-treating-victims-laments-12803413.php#item-85307-tbla-5>

Daily Mail: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5576663/Doctor-treated-YouTube-shooting-victims-blasts-gun-violence-update-conditions.html>

Yahoo: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/surgeon-treating-youtube-shooting-victims-134646693.html>

WRAL: <http://www.wral.com/doctor-says-gun-violence-is-a-real-problem-in-the-united-states/17462467/>

NY Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/03/technology/youtube-shooting-suspect-headquarters.html>

CBS: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/04/03/sf-general-surgeon-outrage-youtube-mass-shooting/>

ABC, Apr 3 2018, Needle, drug use epidemic prompts action from BART

<http://abc7news.com/needle-drug-use-epidemic-prompts-action-from-bart/3298988/>

ABC, Apr 3 2018, San Francisco health workers travel to Puerto Rico in Hurricane Maria relief effort

<http://abc7news.com/san-francisco-health-workers-travel-to-puerto-rico/3284566/>

US News and World Report, Apr 3 2018, To Fight Addiction, Cities Want Safe Spots for People to Shoot Up

<http://www.cetusnews.com/news/To-Fight-Addiction--Cities-Want-Safe-Spots-for-People-to-Shoot-Up.rk5wlfWjf.html>

ITE Talks Transportation Radio Podcast, Mar 27 2018, Health, Transportation and Vision Zero with Megan Wier

<https://transportationradio.wordpress.com/2018/03/27/health-transportation-and-vision-zero-with-city-of-san-franciscos-megan-wier/>