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### **Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of March 3, 2020**

*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>

#### **COVID-19**

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China continues to expand. Chinese health officials have reported thousands of infections with Covid-19, with the virus reportedly spreading from person-to-person in many parts of that country. Infections with COVID-19, which were previously associated primarily with travel from Hubei Province, China, are now being reported in a growing number of international locations, including the United States.

On February 25, 2020, Mayor London Breed declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19, reflecting a new phase of the outbreak, and to ensure the city is prepared considering the growing likelihood that San Francisco will see cases and experience community spread. This declaration ensures the mobilization of resources, speeds up planning, coordinates all city agencies and allows for reimbursement by state and federal governments.

On Wednesday, February 26, 2020 health officials announced a potential case of community spread in Solano County, in a person who had no contact or travel history with the virus. On Friday, February 28, 2020, we received the news of three new cases with unknown sources in the United States, one in Oregon, one in Washington, and one in the Bay Area (Santa Clara, California).

On Saturday, February 29, 2020 the U.S. announced its first death as a result of COVID-19, among one of the cases that had been reported positive the previous day, from King County, Washington. This patient was a man in his 50's and was considered medically frail. The CDC has confirmed that the elderly, immune compromised, and medically frail are most at risk for adverse effects of this virus. We will focus on these populations in our preparedness efforts.

Our Department Operations Center, activated since January 21, 2020, and the City's Emergency Operations Center, activated shortly thereafter, both opened their Community Branches in the last week. This activation extends the range of resources available, stepping up existing outreach to news media, schools, housing, shelters, neighborhoods and faith-based communities, to share our latest information more broadly, and to help community members understand how to prepare and protect themselves against the virus. We have been working especially closely all along with the Chinese community, which has been most impacted both by concerns here and for the welfare of friends and family members in China.

We are encouraging the public not to panic, but to prepare, and have the most up-to-date facts and resources available on our website at: <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp>



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### **Safe Consumption Services**

Mayor London Breed and Supervisor Matt Haney are proposing a DPH-administered permit process by which nonprofit organizations may seek to provide safe consumption services. Around the world, overdose prevention sites are successful in reducing harm and death among people who use drugs. They provide a clinically supervised, indoor setting for using drugs that can cause overdose and death if taken improperly or alone. Clients may also receive medical treatment and referrals to other types of care, and be connected to treatment for substance use disorder when they are ready. The City and County of San Francisco would, under this ordinance, stand ready to permit its first of these sites if Assembly Bill 362 passes the state Legislature.

For many years, DPH has supported the effort to establish safe consumption services in San Francisco as an evidence-based, harm reduction approach to drug use. That support has only become more urgent as overdose deaths have increased, to at least 330 in 2019, according to the most current verified data. We attribute this increase in large part to the arrival of the especially potent opioid fentanyl. Although people who use drugs, their friends, and first responders have reversed thousands of opioid overdoses with naloxone in the last several years, fentanyl poses an extraordinary threat and DPH is increasing its naloxone distribution and other overdose prevention efforts. Adding safe consumption sites to the spectrum of care would add a proven, life-saving resource to our work protecting and promoting health for all in San Francisco.

The ordinance is scheduled for introduction at the Board of Supervisors' meeting today [March 3]. As Mayor Breed noted in her announcement, "On Tuesday, February 25, the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia ruled in favor of a nonprofit organization in a suit brought by the federal government seeking to block the opening of the first safe injection site in the country. The court found that the nonprofit's proposed facility would not violate a provision of the federal Controlled Substances Act." While the Court's ruling does not apply directly to California, the legislation Mayor Breed and Supervisor Haney will introduce is consistent with this federal court ruling.

### **Joint Commission Consultative Survey at ZSFG**

During the week of January 13th, three surveyors from The Joint Commission (TJC) conducted a Mock Triennial Survey at ZSFG. The survey is intended to prepare ZSFG staff for the upcoming TJC Triennial Survey that will be taking place within the next five months. Following the exercise, the surveyors shared with the organization many notable accomplishments. For example, they acknowledged that for an organization of ZSFG's size, there are typically two times more findings than what they documented, which showcased ZSFG's "continuous regulatory readiness." Also, the surveyors were impressed with ZSFG's integration of behavioral health services into ambulatory services, a testament to the organization's dedication and focus on this critical aspect of treating "the whole person." Lastly, the surveyors commended the team on



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their proficient use of navigating care plans in Epic, especially this early into our implementation. The Quality Team reviewed the final report and will continue to collaborate with departments to ensure the organization is survey ready, and addresses any areas of improvement that were identified. Congratulations and many thanks to the ZSFG Quality and Regulatory Team for organizing and facilitating this important mock survey. Many thanks also to all ZSFG staff for their professionalism, teamwork, and dedication to patients.

### **Workforce Violence Prevention**

The ZSFG Workplace Violence Prevention (WVP) Committee organized three recent town halls focusing on Workplace Violence Prevention. The town halls took place during day, evening and night shifts, with the goal of reaching staff from all shifts. Over 150 staff attended the sessions and it was live-streamed for staff who were unable to attend in person. These town halls are a part of a series of activities planned for 2020 to address the issue of Workplace Violence on the ZSFG campus. Upcoming events include a Kaizen event in March, open sessions of the WVP committee and an additional town hall series in December. One of the more successful violence reduction programs at ZSFG has been the Behavioral Emergency Response Team (BERT), staffed by psychiatry Clinical Nurse Specialists and Nursing Educators, which began as a pilot in two medical surgical units in February of 2018. The team was created to respond to emergent behavioral situations and to decrease the number of calls to the SF Sheriff's Department (SFSD). As of January 2020, the team has responded to over 190 calls from inpatient nursing units and calls to the SFSD have decreased dramatically. In December 2019, the team began to pilot rounds in the ED. Although the team is not staffed on a 24-hour basis, or on weekends, the work that they have done during day shifts has contributed to better serve ZSFG patients.

Workplace violence was also a topic of discussion at a recent ED staff meeting. Many proposed solutions were discussed including adding Licensed Psych Techs, Expanding Behavioral Emergency Response Team (BERT) hours (see below), increasing Sheriff presence, increasing crisis prevention training, adding violence screening tools to Unusual Occurrence (UO) systems, and encouraging more staff participation in the Workplace Violence Prevention committee.

### **ZSFG Holds Annual Employee Dinner**

Hospital Staff who have worked 10, 15, 20, and more years were honored at the recent ZSFG Annual Employee Recognition Dinner. San Francisco Supervisors Shamann Walton and Ahsha Safai provided opening remarks. Public Health Human Resources Director Michael Brown and ZSFG CEO Susan Ehrlich recognized each honoree individually with a certificate and pin that denoted their years of service. In addition, Brenda Barros and Eunice Woo were recognized for their hard work and willingness to go above and beyond for the organization. A big thanks to Chef Mike, from ZSFG's Food Services and to the Care & Hospital Employees Activities, Recognition and Service Committee (CHEARS) for recognizing the dedication of our hospital staff.



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## SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER

February 2020

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary  
(2/20/20 MEC)

	2/2020	07/2019 to 07/2020
<b>New Appointments</b>	2	92
Reinstatements		
<b>Reappointments</b>	44	302
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
<b>Resigned/Retired:</b>	8	108
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>		
<b>Administrative Suspension</b>		1
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>		
<b>Deceased</b>		
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	7	66
Additions	8	73
Proctorship Completed	12	117

Current Statistics – as of 1/30/20		
Active Staff	553	
Courtesy Staff	566	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	284	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>1403</b>	

<b>Applications in Process</b>	9
<b>Applications Withdrawn Month of February 2020</b>	2
<b>SFGH Reappointments in Process 3/1/20 to 5/31/20</b>	167



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## LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

February 2020

### Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(February 6, 2020 Medical Exec Committee)

	February	(FY 2019-2020) Year-to-Date
<b>New Appointments</b>	1	10
Reinstatements	0	0
<b>Reappointments</b>	1	35
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
<b>Resigned/Retired/Separated</b>	1	10
<b>Disciplinary Actions</b>	0	0
<b>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</b>	0	0
<b>Deceased</b>	0	0
<b>Changes in Privileges</b>		
Additions	0	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	3	4
Proctorship Extension	0	1

<b>Current Statistics – as of 2/04/2020</b>	
Active Medical Staff	34
As-Needed Medical Staff	15
External Consultant Medical Staff	46
Courtesy Medical Staff	3
Affiliated Health Practitioners	13
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>111</b>

<b>Applications in Process</b>	0
<b>Applications Withdrawn this month</b>	0



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### DPH in the News:

Southland Girds Against Coronavirus as First U.S. Death Reported

<https://mynews1a.com/hollywood/2020/02/29/southland-girds-against-coronavirus-as-first-u-s-death-reported/>

As a second coronavirus case is confirmed in California, WHO upgrades risk to 'very high'

<https://www.asianjournal.com/usa/datetime-usa/as-a-second-coronavirus-case-is-confirmed-in-california-who-upgrades-risk-to-very-high/>

L.A. officials planning extra steps to prevent major coronavirus outbreak

[https://www.theeastsiderla.com/lifestyle/health\\_and\\_fitness/1-a-officials-planning-extra-steps-to-prevent-major-coronavirus/article\\_3e4c9d46-5b2c-11ea-b50c-f7d07dc886a3.html](https://www.theeastsiderla.com/lifestyle/health_and_fitness/1-a-officials-planning-extra-steps-to-prevent-major-coronavirus/article_3e4c9d46-5b2c-11ea-b50c-f7d07dc886a3.html)

Saturday Morning News Roundup

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Saturday-Morning-News-Roundup-15094676.php>

GDC and San Francisco's tourism industry association gave gaming conference attendees incomplete and outdated virus updates as big companies pulled out

<https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/sf-gdc-conference-incomplete-coronavirus-info-2020-2-1028950938>

Next Month's Game Developers Conference Has Been Postponed Over COVID-19 Threat

<https://mmos.com/news/next-months-game-developers-conference-has-been-postponed-over-covid-19-threat>

Stomach Virus Outbreak Closes Middle School In Richmond District

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Stomach-Virus-Outbreak-Closes-Middle-School-In-15092760.php>

"Without it, we are flying in the dark": Why the US needs better coronavirus testing, fast

<https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2020/2/28/21155917/preparing-for-coronavirus-in-the-us-cdc-diagnostic-testing>

Coronavirus updates: Latest outbreak developments as California case raises concern

<https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/california/article240731281.html>

LA Officials Preparing For Coronavirus, Urge Public Not To Panic

<https://patch.com/california/northhollywood/s/h15xx/la-officials-preparing-coronavirus-urge-public-not-panic>

San Francisco Declares State of Emergency Amid Coronavirus Outbreak

<https://www.parents.com/syndication/san-francisco-declares-state-of-emergency-amid-coronavirus-outbreak/>

Presidio Middle School closed due to stomach virus outbreak

<https://www.sfxaminer.com/news/presidio-middle-school-closed-due-to-stomach-virus-outbreak/>



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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Boston

<https://www.boston.gov/news/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-boston>

States and Cities Improvise With Few Virus Test Kits to Be Found - BNN Bloomberg

<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/states-and-cities-improvise-with-few-virus-test-kits-to-be-found-1.1397785>

I'm Sick: How Do I Know If It's the Coronavirus? | KQED

<https://www.kqed.org/science/1957767/im-sick-how-do-i-know-if-its-the-coronavirus>

San Francisco Leaders Seek To Revive Controversial Safe Injection Site Plan

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/02/28/san-francisco-leaders-seek-to-revive-controversial-safe-injection-site-plan/>

Even with few U.S. cases, coronavirus fears spark restaurant business downturn

<https://www.restaurantbusinessonline.com/operations/even-few-us-cases-coronavirus-fears-spark-restaurant-business-downturn>

San Francisco Declares State of Emergency Because of Coronavirus

[https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/San-Francisco-Declares-State-of-Emergency-Because-of-Coronavirus-.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+emergencymgmt%2FHvhi+%28Emergency+Management%29](https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/San-Francisco-Declares-State-of-Emergency-Because-of-Coronavirus-.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+emergencymgmt%2FHvhi+%28Emergency+Management%29)

Here's how Bay Area hospitals are preparing for a coronavirus outbreak

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/Bay-Area-hospitals-scramble-to-prepare-for-15087370.php#>

SF gets closer to opening drug injection sites in wake of court ruling

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/local-politics/article/SF-gets-closer-to-opening-drug-injection-site-in-15089793.php>

SF mulls how to regulate ghost kitchens, food delivery apps

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/SF-mulls-how-to-regulate-ghost-kitchens-food-15087687.php>

SF gets closer to opening drug injection site in wake of court ruling

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/local-politics/article/SF-gets-closer-to-opening-drug-injection-site-in-15089793.php>

SF to introduce legislation authorizing safe injection sites

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/sf-to-introduce-legislation-authorizing-safe-injection-sites/>

San Francisco Mayor London Breed moves forward with safe injection site

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/san-francisco-mayor-london-breed-moves-forward-with-safe-injection-site/>

Supervisor Mandelman Introduces Ordinance That Could Bring Gay Bathhouse Culture Back to SF

<http://sfbaytimes.com/supervisor-mandelman-introduces-ordinance-bring-gay-bathhouse-culture-back-sf/>



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San Francisco declares state of emergency over coronavirus. Here's what that means

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/02/27/san-francisco-declares-state-of-emergency-over-coronavirus-heres-what-that-means/>

Why San Francisco has declared a coronavirus state of emergency: Your questions answered

<https://m.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/coronavirus-San-Francisco-state-of-emergency-15086435.php>

'Panic doesn't help anyone': An interview with the director of SF's Emergency Management Dept.

<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/coronavirus-San-Francisco-state-of-emergency-15086435.php>

Mayor Breed, Supervisor Haney Renew Push for Safe Injection Sites

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Mayor-Breed-Supervisor-Haney-Renew-Push-For-Safe-15090558.php>

[https://www.ebar.com/news/latest\\_news/288749](https://www.ebar.com/news/latest_news/288749)

US cities and counties are declaring emergencies to free up funding in case the coronavirus outbreak grows

<https://www.businessinsider.com/us-cities-declared-coronavirus-emergencies-to-free-up-funds-2020-2?r=US&IR=T>

Here's why it's not necessarily a reason to panic

<https://us.cnn.com/2020/02/26/health/san-francisco-coronavirus-emergency-declaration/index.html>

San Francisco's coronavirus state of emergency won't halt Game Developers Conference

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/video-games/2020/02/26/san-franciscos-coronavirus-state-emergency-wont-halt-game-developers-conference/>

San Francisco Declares Emergency Over 'Growing Likelihood' Of Coronavirus Cases

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/02/26/coronavirus-san-francisco-emergency-mayor-london-breed/>

SF mulls how to regulate ghost kitchens, food delivery apps

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/SF-mulls-how-to-regulate-ghost-kitchens-food-15087687.php>

San Francisco declares local emergency amid coronavirus outbreak

<https://www.fox21news.com/news/san-francisco-declares-local-emergency-amid-coronavirus-outbreak/>

San Francisco Mayor Declares State Of Emergency Due To Coronavirus

<https://kmel.iheart.com/content/2020-02-26-san-francisco-mayor-declares-state-of-emergency-due-to-coronavirus/>

OC Declares Coronavirus Emergency, So It Can Be 'Nimble And Flexible'

[https://laist.com/2020/02/26/oc\\_orange\\_county\\_coronavirus\\_emergency\\_declaration.php](https://laist.com/2020/02/26/oc_orange_county_coronavirus_emergency_declaration.php)





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防疫 金山宣布進入緊急狀態 (SF Declares Emergency)

<https://www.worldjournal.com/6807044/>

Texas: El Paso records significant increase in syphilis, other STDs

<http://outbreaknewstoday.com/texas-el-paso-records-significant-increase-in-syphilis-other-stds-40528/>

Sen. Wiener Proposal Would Offer Rewards To Meth Users Who Stay Sober

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/02/26/sb888-meth-crisis-contingency-management-cash-rewards-sober-clean/>

Pedestrian struck in Tenderloin Friday dies of injuries

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/pedestrian-struck-in-tenderloin-friday-dies-of-injuries/>

Lawsuit claims Michelin-star SF restaurant Angler stored food in dusty basement with rodent feces

<https://m.sfgate.com/food/article/Angler-lawsuit-Jonathan-De-Wolf-rodent-feces-15080342.php>

In San Fran, drug overdose deaths surpass 300

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/in-san-francisco-drug-overdose-deaths-surpass-300/>

Pelosi Lunches in SF Chinatown, Lending Support to Businesses Amid Coronavirus Fears | KQED News

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11803203/pelosi-lunches-in-sf-chinatown-lending-support-to-businesses-amid-coronavirus-fears>

Misguided virus fears hitting Asian American businesses hard in Chinatowns across U.S.

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/02/23/business/economy-business/misguided-virus-fears-hitting-asian-american-businesses-hard/>

Verizon just became the third major sponsor to pull out of one of the biggest cybersecurity events of the year over coronavirus fears (VZ, T, IBM)

<https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/verizon-att-ibm-pullout-rsa-virus-fears-2020-2-1028928272>

Coronavirus patient from cruise ship brought to San Francisco hospital

<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/wires/coronavirus-patient-from-cruise-ship-brought-to-san-francisco-hospital-san-francisco-chronicle/>

SF hospital treating case of novel coronavirus

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/sf-hospital-treating-case-of-novel-coronavirus/>

Coronavirus patient from cruise ship brought to San Francisco hospital

<https://m.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Coronavirus-patient-Japan-cruiseship-San-Francisco-15073476.php>

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/coronavirus-patient-being-treated-at-san-francisco-hospital/>



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Santa Clara County declares first coronavirus case fully recovered

<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2020/02/20/santa-clara-county-declares-first-coronavirus-case-fully-recovered/>

Supervisor Candidate Sean DeVries Addresses the Rumors and Allegations About His Past

<https://lostcoastoutpost.com/2020/feb/20/supervisor-candidate-sean-devries-addresses-rumors/>

Resistance to Putting Billionaire Doris Fisher's KIPP Hunters Point Charter On TI by Repost

<https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2020/02/20/18830850.php>

SF to provide \$350K to help struggling nonprofit care for youth in crisis

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/sf-to-provide-350k-to-help-struggling-nonprofit-care-for-youth-in-crisis/>

Coronavirus patient from Travis Air Force Base now being treated at San Francisco hospital

<https://abc7news.com/health/coronavirus-patient-from-travis-afb-now-at-san-francisco-hospital/5953104/>

Asian American student, 16, is attacked by high school bullies in 'racial backlash' over coronavirus

<https://expressdigest.com/asian-american-student-16-is-attacked-by-high-school-bullies-in-racial-backlash-over-coronavirus/>

Misguided Virus Fears Hitting Asian American Businesses

[https://atlanticcity.edgemedianetwork.com/business/corporate/288342/misguided\\_virus\\_fears\\_hitting\\_asian\\_american\\_businesses](https://atlanticcity.edgemedianetwork.com/business/corporate/288342/misguided_virus_fears_hitting_asian_american_businesses)

Overdose Deaths Continue To Rise in San Francisco

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/02/19/overdose-deaths-continue-to-rise-in-san-francisco/>

DPH Data Shows Overdose Deaths Continue To Rise

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Dph-Data-Shows-Overdose-Deaths-Continue-To-Rise-15069006.php>

<https://www.kron4.com/san-francisco-homelessness/data-shows-dramatic-increase-in-fentanyl-overdose-deaths-in-san-francisco/>

Katz Bagels closing next month after 27 years

<https://www.jweekly.com/2020/02/18/katz-bagels-closing-next-month-after-27-years/>

Online Extra: SF Pride kicks off 50th celebration

[https://www.ebar.com/news/latest\\_news/288335/online\\_extra\\_sf\\_pride\\_kicks\\_off\\_50th\\_celebration](https://www.ebar.com/news/latest_news/288335/online_extra_sf_pride_kicks_off_50th_celebration)