Agenda

• Local COVID Update
  • Variant Update
  • Shelter in Place
• State and Federal Vaccine policy updates
• COVID Testing
• RoomKey
• Mega PODs
Variants Updates

• AC variants of concern or interest
  • 1 known B.1.351 (SA Variant); investigation pending – media interest
  • 7 known B.1.1.1.7 (UK variant)
  • Multiple B.1429/B.1427 (West Coast)
  • No known Brazil variants

• Investigating each reported case

• No changes to local prevention and vaccine policy related to variants
  • FDA: Pfizer and Moderna vax should be effective against these variants
  • Diligent face coverings and physical distancing the most important measure
  • Continue to vaccinate as fast as supply allows
Alameda County Shelter in Place

• Currently in Purple Tier
  • Timeline for Red Tier uncertain – likely weeks
• Supreme Court ordered State to allow indoor worship on 2/5
  • Can be limited to 25% of capacity
• K-6 schools with approved safety plan could open as of 2/5
  • State school guidance in effect for Alameda County
  • Vaccination of staff and students not required for safe school operations
  • State launching schools and districts dashboard
• Expect changes to youth sports, including more sports in Purple
State vaccine updates

• Attempting to characterize dose utilization and inventory in LHJs
  • Expected to publish utilization data by LHJ and provider
  • Expected to tie allocations to utilization
  • AC staff working to make sure our provider data is accurate

• LHJs should not reserve second doses beyond 7 days

• Launching TPA vaccine allocation program in Central Valley
  • My Turn Required
  • Vaccine allocations will be tied to utilization
  • Full details and timeline for AC not clear yet
  • Equity impacts unclear
CDC Modified Quarantine Guidance

• Fully vaccinated persons who are close contacts to known cases do not need to quarantine within 3 months of last vaccine dose in series
  • Also applies to vaccinated healthcare workers
  • Does not apply to inpatients and residents in health care facilities

• No other changes to public health measures for vaccinated persons

• Awaiting state comment on this change
RoomKey

- On January 21, 2021, the Biden Administration announced 100% FEMA reimbursement for COVID-19 non-congregate shelter, such as Project RoomKey
- FEMA reimbursement is retroactively available from the start of the pandemic through September 2021
- As discussed at a prior briefing, following this announcement, we paused implementation of the phase down plan
- We have been working on a budget and FEMA claiming plan to maximize federal funding, which we plan to bring to your Board briefing next week
- In the interim, we plan to resume referrals to accept new guests to rooms that were slated for closure
- Keeping hotels open will help to keep people safe, slow community spread, and get more people vaccinated while they shelter in place.
Fairgrounds Mega POD

• Planning soft open on February 15th
• Will close on Tuesday to focus on Coliseum and analyze soft launch findings
• Will reopen late week of 15th or week of 22nd
• Staffing with firefighters and HCSA staff
• Agreement in process with GSA that grounds costs will be covered by the three partners, one third each
• Partners are reserving 1/3 of their appointments to accept our priority populations
Coliseum Mega POD

- CalOES is lead on the operation
- Federal partners reached out to pull health care closer
- HCSA is:
  - Representing County as health lead in Coliseum Unified Command – *Colleen Chawla lead*
  - Working to compile CBO lists and develop prioritization framework to suggest to the state – *Kimi Watkins-Tartt lead with support of Carol Burton*
  - Interfacing with state and federal partners to implement CBO prioritization – *Aneeka Chaudhry lead*
Coliseum Mega POD

• Anticipated 8 week operation
• Site open to 1a, and 1bT1—it “mirrors” eligibility authorized by the County
• 2 mobile units to come online in a week or two
• Site is not limited to Alameda County
  • Publicly-available appointments will not be “geo-fenced”
• 50% of appointments to be reserved for CBO-outreached appointments
  • CalOES intends to hold a call w/CBOs
  • Will share appointment codes on 2/14 to enable CBOs to fill appointments
• 2/15 media availability— not interested in a press conference at this time
• Site live on 2/16