

SUD Medical Directors COVID-19 WebEx
Thursday, October 1, 2020 | 1-2pm
Executive Summary

Dr. Nicole Esposito, County Behavioral Health Services Department (BHS) Assistant Clinical Director, convenes DMC-ODS Medical Directors (MDs) on a bi-weekly basis via WebEx to provide updates regarding the County's COVID-19 response efforts as well as to dialog on issues faced by MDs during the COVID-19 emergency. The group reconvened on Thursday, October 1st at 1pm.

At this meeting, the dialogue included Title 9 regulation on residential facility admissions for clients with a positive drug screen, noting appropriate Level of Care assessment and documentation. Preparing for flu season was also discussed focusing on infection prevention strategies (e.g., program staff to receive flu vaccinations, etc).

County Public Health Services Medical Consultant Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan shared the latest COVID-19 updates on: 1) SD County COVID-19 case rates; 2) expansion of testing sites countywide, noting sites designated for routine surveillance testing for school staff; 3) school-aged children testing, noting work in progress for testing capability for infants; and 4) antigen testing.

The group agreed that the biweekly recurrence of the meeting is still valuable for timely discussion and updates on COVID-related issues.

Current COVID-19 numbers can be accessed anytime via the [County of San Diego's ArcGIS COVID-19 Dashboard](#).