

Tracking COVID-19 Cases and Vaccinations in SBC

- According to available data, COVID-19 Testing Positivity Rates as of May 2024 were at 3.8%. Hospitalization data as of April 30, 2024, the Federal Mandate to report COVID-19 and Flu hospitalization data to the CDCs National Healthcare Safety Network expired.
- Vaccination goal progress:
 - Children 0 – 5 Years: **0.4%** (Goal: 15% by June 2024)
 - Adults 65+ years: **26.3%** (Goal: 25% by June 2024)
- Vaccination goals achieved by some 65+ racial/ethnic groups are as follows:
 - American Indian or Alaska Natives (27.2%).
 - Black or African American (27.5%).
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanders (43.4%).

Discuss Workgroup Goals

- As we approach the end of our timeline for our COVID-19 Vaccination goals, future discussion of extending the deadline to reflect the newest formulation timeline is set to come out between August-September.
- The next workgroup in August will discuss this extension and timeline.
- Current S.M.A.R.T.I.E. goals are as follows:

Specific:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children 6 mo. – 5 yo • Seniors 65+ • By racial/ ethnic groups
Measurable:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percent of vaccination by age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% - Children 6 mo. – 5 yo • 25% - Seniors 65+ • Percent of vaccination by age racial/ ethnic groups
Attainable:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need adjustments to be attainable
Relevant:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, achieving vaccination goals ensures equal access to life-saving preventive measures, irrespective of economic status, thereby reducing health disparities and promoting overall well-being.
Timebound:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~1 year (September 2023-2024)
Inclusive:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Bernardino County residents
Equitable:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health equity is providing COVID-19 vaccines to all of San Bernardino County and specifically most vulnerable communities. It ensures fair and just access to preventive measures, irrespective of economic status or other determinants, thus promoting equal opportunities for good health.

<p>Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Event Success Story</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We highlighted the Apple Valley Lions Club Community Health Fair and Vision Screening event. <u>13</u> COVID-19 vaccinations were administered at the Community Health Fair and Vision Screening event. We also invited Pastor C.J. from Community Health Action Network (CHAN) whose organization attended the event, and attributed some of the success to providing the community with a wide variety of resources and services, and incentives provided by this partner to increase vaccination participation at the event. • Have a COVID-19 vaccination event you would like us to highlight? Let us know at: EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov
<p>Current COVID-19 Variants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 “FLiRT” Variants are a group of COVID-19 variants, including KP.2, JN.1.7, and others. • Research shows FLiRT variants spread more quickly than previous variants have before. • As of May 2024, KP.2 accounts for 28.2% of cases, and JN.1.7 accounts for 13.3% • The newest COVID-19 vaccine has the XBB.1.5 spike protein, which helps protect against these FLiRT variants.
<p>Latest Updates in Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Bridge Access Program (BAP) has provided free COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured or underinsured adults. • The BAP is set to end August 2024, while San Bernardino County COVID-19 Response will continue providing free COVID-19 vaccines without insurance constraints. • To find free COVID-19 vaccine appointments please visit myturn.ca.gov
<p>Reminders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The July 10 Vaccine Equity Workgroup will be rescheduled to Wednesday, August 7, 2024 from 2pm to 3pm. • All communications will be coming from the Health Equity email: EquityInAction@dph.sbcounty.gov • Please visit the SBCOVID-19 Website: sbccovid19.sbcounty.gov. This site hosts the pages for COVID-19 updates from the County, Testing and Vaccine resources, Vaccine Equity Dashboard, and Community Resources.