CBO COVID-19 CALL NOTES JUNE 11, 2020

New items in RED.

Department of Public Health

Fresno Co. Stats as of Wed 6/10/20 3:22pm

Last Week 6/4/20
- Total Cases: 1,944
- 61 (Travel-Related)
- 894 (Close Contact)
- 759 (Community-Spread / Unknown)
- 230 (Under Investigation)
- Total Deaths: 37
- Ever Hospitalized: 211
- Recovered: 575*

Detailed Information: www.fcdph.org/covid19data
- Data & Surveillance Dashboard

This week Numbers:
- Total Cases: 2,318 (+374)
- 68 (Travel-Related) (+7)
- 1,091 (Close Contact) (+197)
- 879 (Community-Spread / Unknown) (+120)
- 280 (Under Investigation) (+50)
- Total Deaths: 49 (+12)
- Ever Hospitalized: 241 (+30)
- Recovered: 685* (+110)

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NEW: The State is flagging counties on a watch list which are not meeting the positivity criteria for variance. Fresno County is on the watch list. It is supposed to be less than 8% - Fresno County is 8.3% today. More to come on this.

Testing Updates

- New Testing Site list on health department website
  https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19/covid-19-testing-sites
- Today’s No Cost Mobile Testing site
  - Coalinga June 11- 9am-10:30am
    West Hills Medical Group
- Upcoming Communities:
  - Prather June 16th - Central Valley Indian Health
  - Squaw Valley June 18th - Dunlap Mono Indian Group
  - Hmong – currently working on scheduling

NEW: Zip code information is now available in the Additional Surveillance tab of the Dashboard.

NEW: Fresno County is opening up 9 new sectors, including the Zoo. The Zoo opens Friday and requires pre-purchased tickets for timed entry from 9 AM – 6 PM. Go to https://fresnochaffeezoo.org.

Movie theaters and family entertainment centers will not open until June 26. An attestation is needed.

Dr. Vohra on media call June 10: Although opening, continue to be careful. Fatalities are increasing. Cases are still rising. Continue washing hands, wear masks or use the masks when with other people, and maintain physical distancing.

An Advisory to update the community is now on-line at https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=45165.

There will be an update posted regarding the opening of community pools later today. An attestation and an operational permit document will need to be provided.
Health Department Updates
Open Sectors with State Variance and Health Officer Approval

**Health Officer Approved to open Friday, June 12**
- Restaurants
- Wineries and bars
- Zoos and museums
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Hotels (for tourism and individual travel)
- Card rooms and race tracks
- Campgrounds and outdoor recreation
- Movie theaters and family entertainment centers — [Health Officer approved to open on June 26](https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/)
  - In the interest of public safety and to protect movie theaters and family entertainment centers, more time is needed to ensure they reopen safely.

**Stage 3-Not approved to open at this time**
- Personal services such as nail salons, tattoo parlors and body waxing
- Indoor playgrounds such as bounce centers, ball pits and laser tag
- Saunas and steam rooms
- Live theater
- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Festivals
- Theme parks
- Higher education

**A Health Officer Advisory in regards to State variance coming soon.**
FOLLOW-UP FROM JUNE 4 COVID-19 CALL QUESTIONS

Rental Assistance.
Q: Is the rental assistance available for people who rent a room in another person’s home?
LC: Yes.

United Farm Worker Foundation – Funding Assistance
Q: Could you verify that the $500 gift card has a $2.50 addition for the first transaction fee?
UFW: We provide applicants who are approved the information regarding the cash card.

Q: Assuming the rate of processing of applicants happens at the same rate as now, when you will you run out of money?
UFW: We will be working through June 30th, most likely.

Q: Is there anything that can be done or communicated to the State about why so much documentation is needed, when others who received stimulus checks, it was given freely.
UFW: This has been communicated to the state. CDSS has been responsive. We cannot share what documentation is being requested.

Q: Where can folks find the hiring link? (It does not appear to be on the Job Posting link on the UFW Foundation website.)
UFW: Positions are posted on Indeed.

Q: Can you create a link which will take Spanish speakers directly to the disaster relief fund? Exactly like it does for English version. It appears the Spanish version toggles through several programs.
UFW: I’ve already asked the California Department of Social Services and they have responded saying that they will make the change.

Q: Any possibilities for extension?
UFW: Not sure. That has been requested.

COVID-19 RE-OPENING – JAMES BORETTI, BORETTI INC. Business Safety Solutions

Agenda

• Cal/OSHA
  – What are they looking for
  – Recording COVID cases
  – Reporting to COVID cases to Cal/OSHA (?)

• WC
  – Alignment with Cal/OSHA
  – Importance of accident investigation

• Reopening for Business
  – Things to consider
  – What to include in your response plan

• Examples and Resources


For a template developed locally through the Network of Networks, contact Brooke Frost at brookefrost@live.com. It is attached to the email with the June 11 Call Notes.
What We Know ...

About the risk (COVID-19)
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome
- Spread mainly from person to person
  - Mainly through respiratory droplets
    - Coughs or sneezes, talking
  - Contact
    - Landing in mouths of people; surfaces then wiping into nose and eyes
  - Very easily and sustainably between people
    - More efficient than influenza, but not as efficient as measles

Confidence Challenge!

OSHA / Cal/OSHA

Recordkeeping
- Required to record cases of COVID-19 if all the following are met:
  - The case is a confirmed case of COVID-19
  - The case is work-related, and
  - The case involves one or more of the general recording criteria (i.e., medical treatment beyond first-aid, days away from work)

OSHA / Cal/OSHA

COVID-19 likely work-related if:
- Several cases develop among workers who work closely together
- Contracted shortly after lengthy, close exposure to customer or coworker who has a confirmed case of COVID-19
- Job duties include frequent, close exposure to the general public in a locality with ongoing community transmission

COVID-19 likely NOT work-related if:
- Is the only worker to contract COVID-19 in vicinity and job duties do not include having frequent contact with the general public, regardless of the rate of community spread.
- Outside the workplace, closely and frequently associates with someone who (1) has COVID-19; (2) is not a coworker, and (3) exposes the employee during period in which the individual is likely infectious

Background: This applies to those that fall under the OSHA 300 log requirement or referred to as the log for Work Related Injury. All employers are required to complete Form 300 when an incident occurs, with the exception of retail stores, doctor’s offices, car dealerships, insurance, finance, and real estate offices, day care centers and gas stations.

Everyone has to report, even if they don’t have to keep records.

An agricultural bill is underway in the State Legislature for a Cal/OSHA standard that will begin in February 2021.
Q: What if we know the individual’s family member has tested positive. The employee did not show symptoms, but was sent home the day we were made aware. Employee is still awaiting test results for themselves. Would we need to call CAL OSHA anyway?

JB: Yes, you can let them know you are aware of the situation, but until the test results come back and you complete your investigation, then you can call them back. From their perspective, they might think how do you know the employee wasn’t asymptomatic and caused the family member to become ill? Definitely tell them the situation and your presumption based on the information you have.

After your investigation and the test results come back, then call them back with the update. It is taking CalOSHA about 3 weeks to show up at a site for an investigation. This is likely to allow contact tracing and an investigation to occur.

Worker’s Comp and OSHA are two different legal systems. There is a lot of overlap, but they are not the same.
Space includes ventilation. Reconfiguration. Cal/OSHA when visiting sites is known to have actually measured the six feet distance required in various spaces.

Consider staggered schedules, rotated schedules.

Communication is key – include the why.

Can you have entries and exits that are different than the public?

Conduct a risk assessment.

The guidance is recommending temperature checks. What do you do if someone has one? How do you protect those taking the temperatures? See guidance link below.  

*Note: On May 29, the CDC made temperature checks for offices optional. For more info see “Reducing the Spread of COVID-19” and sub-head “Should we be screening employees, such as temperature checks” at [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html#Reducing-the-Spread-of-COVID-](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html#Reducing-the-Spread-of-COVID-)*
Risk Assessing

What Do We Focus On?

- People:
  - Exposure
  - Risk

- Place:
  - Congregation
  - Choke Points

- Process:
  - Program
  - Training

Proximity – i.e., lobbies, breakrooms, workstations, etc.
Surfaces – i.e., counters, computers, timecards, etc.
External – i.e., contractors, visitors, multiple entry, etc.
Layouts – i.e., hallways, timecard areas, etc.
Air Flow – i.e., side fans, exchanges, makeup, etc.
Travel – i.e., ride sharing, overseas, hot spots, etc.
Process – i.e., capacity, who does what by when, etc.
Work – i.e., physically present vs. WFH, etc.
Procedure – i.e., training, communication, etc.

Community spread, distancing ability, PPE requirements, exposure (home, care), quarantining

Elements for Plan

2. Site-Specific Protection Plan
   Elements of a plan could be as follows:

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<td><strong>Responsibilities / Roles</strong></td>
<td>Lists who is responsible for what by when</td>
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<td><strong>Access</strong></td>
<td>Who can access the facility when (i.e., employees, contractors, visitors), working from home, screenings, PPE and distancing expectations, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Cleaning</strong></td>
<td>How is this done, frequency, what surfaces (hard vs. porous), post-COVID suspected or confirmed, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Precautions</strong></td>
<td>Social distancing, PPE, washing / sanitizing, staggered shifts and breaks, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Travel</strong></td>
<td>If necessary / approved, precautions to take, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Carpooling / Vanpooling / Ridesharing</strong></td>
<td>If necessary, cleaning and disinfecting after each ride, self-screening, barriers / PPE, ventilation</td>
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<td><strong>Resources</strong></td>
<td>Items the company will provide to employees, customers (within its ability)</td>
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<td><strong>Communication</strong></td>
<td>For confidence on cleaning, following suspected / confirmed COVID cases, etc.</td>
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This program should establish the base minimum requirements, expectations and best practices and where it applies.
This provides the knowledge of why and how. There is a lot of great training info at the Fresno County DPH or CDC or CA Dept of Health.

It is becoming more and more apparent that the proper face coverings are having an impact.

Also communicate what has changed in the workplace, because this is a performance expectation here.

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Q: What is the virus length of time on a surface where it is infectious?

JB: At this point, it appears to be several minutes at most. It diminishes quickly in the first 90 seconds, although it can stay on surfaces for up to 3 days.

Q: When you work in a center where bathrooms are shared and there is no employee restroom.

JB: In shared lobby space or bathrooms, that may be where you wear masks and someone might be constantly cleaning the bathroom. It is going to be a challenge, there is no one right answer.

Q: Masks?

JB: There are lot of different masks and they are not all the same. Some are as thin as tissue, others are N95 level with several layers. If there is an exhale valve then whatever the person exhales, could still go out. Face shields are excellent but need to be in addition to wearing a mask, not a substitute.

Q: Is it appropriate to use a face shield instead of a face mask?

JB: I wouldn’t recommend a face shield only because it has gaps. While some face masks have gaps, they are much smaller than shields. There may be areas in your site where you can take off a mask if you are alone and have good ventilation. Here are some links for further information:


OSHA information on types of masks and Q&A: https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/covid-19-faq.html#cloth-face-coverings
Comment: Our office is redesigning work stations to acrylic cubicle units with sliding doors made by the Pi Shop.

**Distancing**

**Phasing based on roles and priorities**
- Alternating work weeks at facility / remote
- Staggered schedules
- Enable teams to determine ‘in-office’ schedules

**Space usage**
- Specify workstation assignments to ensure minimum work distances
- Redesign spaces, alternate workstation usage, etc.
- Add panels between workstations
- Enforce stringent cleaning protocols for shared spaces
- Reduce capacity
- Prohibit shared use of small rooms (single-occupant use only)
- Uni-directional flow

*See handout of slides for pictures of different spaces.*

Think through how to handle breakrooms and items in the break room. Some break rooms have dividers and slots. Some allow only one person at a table.

Other shared spaces – child care. Some employers are saying – we will provide you with good materials and our expectation is that you will use it.

Child care – scheduling for drop-offs and pickups, screening questionnaire, also how you can group children into small groups and keep them together all day. See guidance on [Fresno Co DPH website](https://fresnocountyca.gov/). Teachers should wear masks and do temperature checks.

Food should not be shared, but rather individual packets in any community meeting, child care, or congregate settings.

*New: The Fresno EDC is working with both the County and the City of Fresno. The website [www.revivefresnocounty.com](http://www.revivefresnocounty.com) will be live on Tuesday, June 16, 2020.*

**Good examples of meeting spaces:**

[Image of meeting spaces]
Meeting spaces can sometimes get stuffy, which is a sign of poor ventilation.

100% preferred outside air before reoccupying. It depends upon the system you have. Get as much outside air as possible. Run on minimum outside air only when unoccupied.

Fans? Think about it – is it now spreading the 6 ft norm and projecting droplets further, if someone is asymptomatic. Be careful about use.

Q: What is Cal/OSHA doing to ensure that employers/businesses provide non-English speaking workers COVID-19 training in the language they understand?

JB: Cal/OSHA already has language in the regulations that training must be provided in the language they understand.

Suggestion for close quarters, you should have masks on. Remember desks and chairs can be frequently touched and need cleaning. This example might require working with masks on.

Q: What are the rules of thumb for numbers of people per square foot?

JB: If you can keep a linear distance of 6 ft from persons, that will help. In the past it used to be about 2-1/2 ft per person, much smaller. If you use 6 ft x 6ft = 36 sf – you might need to double it to 72 ft. Allow for more room for people to move around.

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COVID-19 Additional Resources

- California COVID Page: https://covid19.ca.gov/
- California Health Department: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx
- ASSP: https://www.assp.org/resources/covid-19/latest-resources
  - Resources
  - Return-to-Work Matrix (WISE)
  - Webinars, Podcasts, etc.
  - COVID-19: Return to Work Strategies

OSHA / Cal/OSHA / EPA Links

- OSHA
  - OSHA: https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/

- Cal/OSHA
  - Cal/OSHA: https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/

- EPA

COVID & Safety Guidance

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