

SUD Medical Directors COVID-19 WebEx
Thursday, April 30, 2020 | 1-2pm
Executive Summary

Dr. Nicole Esposito, County Behavioral Health Services Department (BHS) Assistant Clinical Director, convene DMC-ODS Medical Directors (MDs) on a 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, April 30th at 1pm.

The County shared the current COVID-19 numbers that are accessible via the [County of San Diego's ArcGIS COVID-19 Dashboard](#). Local guidance has since been released regarding the [All Facilities Letter \(AFL 20-44\)](#) that is also referenced in the California Health Alert Network ([CAHAN](#)) [San Diego's Advisory Update #13](#) and [Table: Priority Level for Testing Criteria: Federal, State, and County Recommendations](#), discussing the expansion of COVID-19 testing priority groups in the San Diego region.

MDs dialogued on a variety of topics, including their experiences on testing patients through FQHCs (assigned and unassigned) and discussion on how to broach the subject of testing with patients within vulnerable populations who may have disparate access to healthcare while avoiding stigmatizing situations.

The County shared that the asymptomatic positive statistic for the children's system of care at Rady's is 2%. The County will follow up with Public Health Services on available data on the asymptomatic positive adult population.

Dr. Esposito reiterated that while expanded testing has now been made available, sanitation and social distancing guidance are unchanged and should still be followed.