

SUD Medical Directors COVID-19 WebEx
Thursday, May 14, 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 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, May 14th at 1pm.

County BHS shared the current COVID-19 numbers that are accessible via the [County of San Diego's ArcGIS COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

County BHS continued to encourage programs to leverage partnerships for testing patients. County BHS shared that there has been considerable testing progress at Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), that there has been a large surge in independent testing, that the County HHSA PHS-Epidemiology branch has deployed many testing resources, and clarified that per [CAHAN San Diego Health Alert #14](#): *"All antibody test results should be reported to the County of San Diego Public Health Services with test type, test result, antibody level, and patient demographics."* The County shared a list of [local COVID-19 testing resources](#).

The MDs dialogued on a variety of topics, including experiences and barriers enlisting Public Health's assistance on screening new clients within facilities, submitting take home exemption requests on C-SAT for OTPs, and Health Homes. County BHS will send out an informational document on referral steps to Health Homes to the group once it is available.

The MDs reached a consensus to transition the meeting from a weekly to biweekly recurrence, with ad hoc meetings to be scheduled when urgent updates become available.