



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Disaster Council

Thursday, January 7, 2021

2:00 PM

Access the meeting remotely: Use this URL
<https://zoom.us/j/586541650>

Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

1.A. Roll Call

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar Jr.
Councilmember Corina Lopez
San Leandro Police Department
Alameda County Fire Department
San Leandro School District
San Lorenzo School District
Alameda County Office of Emergency Services
Alameda County Health Services
California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
CalTrans
American Red Cross
PG&E
EBCE
EBMUD
AT&T
San Leandro Chamber of Commerce
San Leandro Hospital
Kaiser Hospital
Kindred Hospital
San Leandro ARES/RACES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar
Councilmember Corina Lopez
Alameda County Fire Department – Deputy Chief J. Hoskins
SLUSD – R. Medeiros, E. Gonzalez, L. Sheridan, D. Prola*

SLZUSD – D. Marr
American Red Cross – R. Fateman
Kaiser Hospital – A. Apodaca
San Leandro Hospital – L. Byrd
RACES – J. Carbino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fran Robustelli – Interim City Manager
Liz Warmerdam – Assistant City Manager
Amanda Cusick – City Attorney
Katie Bowman – Economic Development
Debbie Pollart – PW Director
Hoi-Fei Mok – Sustainability Manager
Theresa Mallon – Library Director
Keith Cooke – E&T Director
Michael Hamer – IS Assistant Manager
Police Chief Tudor
Police CPT Torres
Catrina Christian – Emergency Services Specialist

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS and OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Davis Street Family Resource Center– R. Johnson, Claudia Gabaldon
Unity Church – D. McDaniel

1.B. Announcements

Members of the Disaster Council introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.A. City of San Leandro response to COVID-19

- San Leandro City Council

Mayor Cutter thanked everybody joining the meeting and reminded everyone that the information being shared is important for the city and to make sure that the City is ready to assist in any way when the vaccines are available and to provide them in an equitable way. The Mayor introduced Fran Robustelli the new interim City Manager.

Vice Mayor Aguilar thanked his colleagues for electing him as vice mayor. The state has secured over 450,000 doses and dentists will be able to administer vaccines, along with pharmacists and the national guard. Where in the process is the City and what happened with the outbreak at San Jose Kaiser?

Councilmember Lopez mentioned that we are excited for the COVID vaccines and wondered about the timelines and how the tiers will come through. She also requested that if there is some way the city can assist to get messages to the public in real time as the information comes through. Will there be training for medical people to provide the vaccine?

2.B. Alameda County

- Office of Emergency Services
- Alameda County Fire Department
- Alameda Public Health Department

Alameda County OES was not available, so Catrina Christian (City of San Leandro Emergency Services Specialist) provided the update. The county has 55,441 cases, 681 deaths, 424 hospitalized. The positivity rate is 7.6% overall, and 11.3% in lowest quartile. There are 35.5 cases per 100,000, which is down from a high in December. Testing at a rate of 10,000 per day, though it declined during the holidays. ICU availability is at 19% for adult beds and in the Bay Area region, it was 7.4% (as of 1/6). Southern California is at 0% and the county expects to receive some patients from this region. We have not seen the impact from the holidays. The message with the new strain is to continue wearing a mask and maintain social distancing. The state order was to be lifted on 1/8 for the Bay Area region, but that may not happen because of the current numbers in the ICU. The order is based on the projected percentage of available ICU beds within the next four weeks.

The numbers for the vaccines delivered into the county are an estimate because numbers are reported up to the state and are not broken down by county. Currently, ~60,000 doses have arrived, with 8,000 being delivered by the county. They did set up a POD to deliver to the Phase 1A, tier 1 personnel, including healthcare workers, paramedics/first responders, dialysis centers, and those with direct patient contact. Tier 2 of 1A will include ambulatory clinics, homeless outreach, test sites, and those with face to face patient contact. Tier 3 of 1A includes dental and pharmacy staff, in order to increase the number of personal able to vaccinate people. Phase 1b will include essential workers and the state will be meeting on 1/8 to further determine the definition.

There is some flexibility in the distribution based on how many doses are available and how many people have been given the vaccine, because they are having a difficult time trying to obtain lists of professionals to invite to get vaccines, but they are working with professional associations and groups to get the word out. The county is asking employers to start prioritizing staff in order to allow for the staff to be vaccinated when the county is ready. The county expects that they will be needing more volunteers to give the vaccines and SLKindness may be a way to get the word out.

During the elected officials call, a question about how many people are refusing the vaccination and why was asked, and the county said that the numbers and reasons vary depending on the sector. There was also a question about just providing one dose to increase the number of people vaccinated and Dr. Moss said that the CDC discourages that based on the trial findings.

Questions/Comments –

- What is the timeline to put out the call for citizens, including 75 and older? Possibly late spring and early summer. It depends on how many vaccines are available.

Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) reported the state is allowing paramedics to assist with providing COVID vaccinations. ACFD paramedics are down in Los Banos assisting in hospitals, in conjunction with Cal OES. The department has provided two rounds of vaccinations to frontline staff and academy recruits and will be starting a third round to include administrative staff.

2.C. San Leandro City

- San Leandro City Manager
- San Leandro Police

Interim City Manager Robustelli shared that she is looking forward to working with this group and she has been trying to get out into the community safely and welcomes anyone reaching out to her.

San Leandro Police reported that there was a meeting with the county in December to discuss vaccine deployment and what the city's role will be. The county has identified 40 sites for PODs within the county and there are a couple of sites within the City. The flu shot clinic was at SCC and that might be a spot that can be used for vaccines. The shelter in place order for county expired but we are under the state order. ICU availability in the region is 3% and all southern regions is 0%.

Emergency Services had a meeting with ACFD and will hope to start providing virtual CERT training this year and looking to develop annexes for the emergency operations plan. We will be reaching out to county health to get the link for the form to have essential workers sign up for vaccines once they are available and will be sharing it with partner agencies including school districts and Katie Bowman (City of San Leandro Economic Development Manager).

RHS reported that the flu clinic was a success, and it was set up in view of a mass COVID vaccine. The vaccinators were volunteers with ACPHD, and city staff did participate.

2.D. Healthcare Services

- Hospitals
- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- Red Cross
- SL Elder Care Alliance

Kaiser Hospital reported that they are going through 1A tier with clinicians and are on schedule. They are looking ahead to get through 1B and then moving on to members but are waiting for what the state says. The original plan to provide drive thru clinics to deliver the vaccines is being re-evaluated due to logistics. They are developing messaging for members, though it may be a few weeks before it goes out. They are doing an internal investigation of what happened in San Jose, including doing the contact tracing and treating those infected.

San Leandro Hospital – no report

Davis Street Family Resource Center shared that they have been designated as a County testing site and will be receiving and administering the Moderna vaccine soon. The clinic will be deploying the vaccine like it was done for H1N1 and all medical assistants and nurses will be providing an estimated 150 vaccines per day, while following all CDC guidance. The clinic may be reaching out to ACFD to get paramedics to help with administering the vaccines. The clinic continues to do testing.

There is one childcare center at Jefferson and 400 family daycares within the community and they continue to give out 80-100 food boxes daily. The center received an angel donor of \$100,000 and families were given \$100 bill and they were grateful.

Questions/Comment –

- If your organization needs assistance with volunteers to fill out documentation, please reach out. Rose (Davis Street Executive Director) will follow up if there is a need. The plan is to initially use medical students and some of the volunteers from the flu clinic.

2.E. School Districts

- San Leandro
- San Lorenzo

San Leandro Unified shared that they will be opening the 5th ASES at Garfield, supporting 12 students. The District submitted school re-opening plan to the Alameda County Office of Education, which recommends a phased approach to in person instruction. The scheduled date is March, and if the county has entered the Orange Tier and internal labor negotiations allow. The plan looks to ensure the safety of staff and students.

Questions/Comments

- Is there a timeline for when the food distribution program will be discontinued? It will continue even after the schools open up with small cohorts.

San Lorenzo Unified – no report

2.F. Utilities

- PG&E
- EBCE

No Utilities were available

2.G. Other Agencies within the City

- Chamber of Commerce
- Faith Based Organizations
- Building Futures with Women and Children

RACES shared that they are developing a new deployment plan for the city in order to ensure that there are enough personal and equipment to cover the city and are also checking with the federal government to see which frequencies are available.

Unity Church thanked everyone for all they do.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m. with the Mayor reminding everyone the real work is happening in the background to keep San Leandro safe. It is good to know that we have partners to call on and that planning is going on.

