



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT

November 2019

ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM	OCTOBER 2019	NOVEMBER 2019
Medi-Cal/PHC	49,738	49,762
CMSP	2	1

Communicable Disease

- Our branch has successfully hosted four public flu immunization clinics to date! The Immunization Program's clinics have administered 346 doses so far, with a high of 182 doses given in West Sacramento. The Emergency Preparedness Program was also able to administer 64 doses as part of this year's public P.O.D. exercise. One more public flu vaccine clinic is scheduled for Winters on November 6, 2019.
- If you have not received your flu vaccine, do not wait! We are seeing a marked increase in flu-like illnesses at Yolo County emergency departments, which could mean an early and bad flu season. Our Immunization Program recommends everyone get a flu vaccine now, well in advance of the holidays, before traveling or attending any large group gatherings. There is some good news for those who have an aversion to needles – FluMist is back and should be available through your healthcare provider. And no, no matter what may tell you, you CANNOT get the flu from the flu vaccine.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

- The rollout of the new WIC Card continues in WIC and fewer and fewer paper checks are being seen in California. After 5 weeks we have issued 1,096 WIC Cards to WIC families in Yolo County. Transactions are happening at local retailers and we now have access to data that shows us what our clients are purchasing. \$21,435.54 in sales since our rollout on September 23rd. Honey Bunches of Oats, string cheese, strawberry yogurt, apple juice, fresh bananas, grapes and tomatoes top out our most popular in their categories. The rollout has had a few challenges, mostly related to our new computer system, but each week the WIC staff are more confident with the new system and wait times for appointments are getting shorter. One of the nice benefits of the new WIC Card is it allows WIC staff the ability to make quick changes to client benefits by phone. This is more convenient for clients as it decreases the amount of times they may have to walk in to the office. Yolo County was in Wave 3 of 10 for the California rollout. Wave 5 kicks off in Southern California November 12th.

Maternal, Child Adolescent Health (MCAH)

- On September 26th, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency in partnership with the Yolo County Children's Alliance hosted the 2019 Yolo County 4th Annual Community Baby Shower Fair. A total of 180 community participants (68 families), 25 agencies and 19 volunteers attended the event. Each year of the event we have seen an increase in participation from various Yolo County agencies that serve parenting families, as well as an increase in community participants. The collaborating agencies provide education for families regarding how to apply and best utilize local services. Additionally, educational information on health prevention and safety is offered to pregnant and parenting families. A community survey is completed, and based on the past four survey results, community outreach efforts show an increase in participation. Since 2016, we have more than doubled the number of participating families at this annual community event. Planning for the next event will begin in March or April 2020. If interested in participating or for more information on the survey results, please contact Raquel Aguilar, Supervising Public Health Nurse at 530-666-8340.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) / Emergency Preparedness (EP)

- On Monday, October 7th, PG&E announced that they would be starting a Public Safety Power shutoff (PSPS) due to high winds and dry conditions producing a high wildfire risk to residents of Yolo County and number of counties in our Region. While PG&E was working on providing Yolo County with a list of their medical baseline customers, the leadership from HHSA worked with their staff to gather a list of clients that may be affected by loss of power due to dependence on electricity for their medical needs. Working with OES and GIS mapping, we were able to overlay our identified clients with the medical baseline customers identified by PG&E and identified 348 residents in the power shutoff areas that rely on electricity. This list was shared with the respective HHSA leadership to contact their clients to ensure their medical needs were met during the power shutoff. Throughout the PSPS event on Wednesday and Thursday, there were no significant impacts to our clients due to the pre-planning efforts of HHSA leadership and OES to ensure our impacted cities were provided with resources as well as knowing the location of PG&E's Community Resource Center. By late [Thursday afternoon](#), we were informed from PG&E that [Yolo County's](#) power was 100% restored.
- On October 11th, HHSA Emergency Preparedness partnered with Woodland Fire and Law Enforcement to run an emergency preparedness Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise. The exercise took place during the Movies on Main event and was intended to test our emergency response protocol for the distribution of prophylaxis during a public health emergency. During the event, we administered influenza vaccines to 65 individuals ranging in age from 4 to 79. We successfully tested our emergency response plan and identified strengths as well as areas for improvement. Strengths identified included vaccination of target populations such as school-age children and critical workforce first responders, communication among responders prior and during the event, and the incredible willingness and ability of volunteers to serve the greater Yolo community. Areas of improvement included development and dissemination of additional training materials prior to the event, increased advertisement signage during the event, and better preparation of resources that allow us to respond to unexpected environmental conditions that may arise during the event.

Health Education

- Tobacco Prevention – The newest cohort of the Saving Lungs, Saving Lives Tobacco Prevention Coalition assembled for the first time in the beginning of October. The coalition consists of 10 undergraduate UC Davis students and meets once a week to get training on topics including: secondhand smoke policy development and advocacy, the importance of social norm change in tobacco prevention efforts, and public opinion poll collection. The students will carry out public opinion poll collection during the Davis Farmer’s Market at the end of October and beginning of November. The poll aims to gauge perceptions and knowledge about the harms of secondhand smoke and what proportion of Davis residents are impacted by secondhand smoke in their homes. The results of these polls will help Davis City Council understand the importance of a smoke-free policy for multi-unit housing residents.

On October 28th, tobacco prevention program staff and the Community Health Branch Director met with Supervisor Don Saylor to discuss current and potential tobacco control efforts in the County. The primary subject of the discussion were the flavored tobacco bans being considered by Woodland and West Sacramento City Councils. Additionally, two new tobacco prevention initiatives were discussed: a minimum tobacco product package size policy and a policy to protect all multi-unit housing residents from secondhand smoke in the unincorporated areas. We are thankful to Supervisor Saylor and his team for their continued support in our tobacco prevention efforts.

UPCOMING HHSA MEETINGS & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
November 14	9:00 am	Health Council
November 18	5:00 pm	Community Engagement Work Group – Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
November 20	8:30 am	Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH) Advisory
November 23	10:00 am	Worm Composting Basics Gardening Class
December 9	7:00 pm	Yolo County Local Mental Health Board
December 10	4:30 pm	Community Services Action Board (CSAB)