

## Health Officer COVID Duties

Sept 2020

- Review new state guidances and executive orders, and write HO orders and other local COVID guidance as needed
- Attend Emergency Operations Center Policy Group calls, CDPH/CHEAC/CCLHO/HOAC calls, BOS meetings, CA Legislator calls
- Regular updates to the Board of Supervisors on COVID
- Media availability/interviews
- Consult with local Tribes on their COVID response and collaborate when cases occur
- School reopening guidance and process with HCOE and district superintendents, college planning with College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University
- RANCHO – collaborate with other HO's in the northern region
- Review latest info on COVID – research, disease data globally, nationally and locally, CDC and CDPH guidance
- Review local epi indicators, track need for new data
- Work in consultation with Deputy HO on Alternate Care Site, hospital surge planning, etc
- Attend various internal public health operations meetings
- Participate in testing and contact tracing planning and efforts in the Emergency Operations Center and PH- Optum, Testing Task Force, contracting, PH Lab testing
- Provide guidance on contact investigations as needed
- Issue isolation and quarantine orders
- Provide clinical consultation to medical providers in the community on COVID
- Planning for COVID response with vaccine and/or treatment developments
- Meet with stakeholders of various interests- business, childcare, education, health care, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities, etc.

### State and Local Codes:

- California Health and Safety Code for the statutory authority of the local Public Health Officer: [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=101.&title=&part=3.&chapter=2.&article=1](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=101.&title=&part=3.&chapter=2.&article=1)
- County Code section that addresses local PHO: <https://humboldt.county.codes/Code/2415-1>

### HEALTH OFFICER PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT BEYOND COVID

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES AND DHHS/PUBLIC HEALTH (PH) BRANCH WORK

Health Data- review health outcomes and work with PH Administration and epidemiologists to analyze health outcome data.

Community Health Improvement Plan-Involvement in developing the CHIP with partners to improve health outcomes countywide and address disparities and health equity

Jail- annual jail site assessment/certification for the State

Participate in countywide initiatives and coalitions such as those related to Substance Use Disorder, Housing and Homelessness, Children and Families, racial and health equity.

Climate change

### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAM AND PH CLINIC**

Clinical oversight of infectious disease investigations with PH Nursing and rabies cases

Clinical oversight of Family Nurse Practitioner and clinical services

On Call 24/7

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) and a point of contact for the CA Region II

Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist

Reviews and approves ambulance license renewals

Participates in the Health Care Coalition

Declares local emergencies when applicable, On Call 24/7

### **PH NURSING DIVISION**

Maternal Child Adolescent Health- Fetal Infant Mortality Review/Child Death Review Team

Review MCAH/CHDP Related items (Birthing Report, hospital by location and Nursing Related Services)

California Children Services Medical Health Officer-CCS is a statewide program that provides case management for children with certain physical limitations and chronic health conditions or diseases.

CCS can authorize and pay for specific medical services, equipment and travel expenses for out of the area special medical care. The Deputy HO position fulfilled this role part time. A full time HO will assume this function.

### **LAB**

NGHA application review and sign-off

Clinical consultation – This can be any time of day and/or weekend

The HO is listed as our Clinical consultant on our cLIA certificate

Participate in Homeland Security grant funding local allocation determination including Public Health Branch needs (i.e. lab, Emergency Preparedness)

After hours contact

Program Planning –Expanding or evaluating services (i.e. TB testing)

Grand Rounds presentations with lab

### **DIVISION of ENV HEALTH**

Rabies, rabies exemptions, and other vector consultations with crossover to PH Communicable

Disease Nursing

Occasional lingering substandard housing issues or issues where HO has the authority (i.e. approving vaulting as a temporary solution for wastewater, but not allowing it to be long term)

Childhood Lead program support

Foodborne illness outbreaks

Illegal manufacturing (meth, honey oil, etc) in houses or businesses that pose a health hazard and need to be quarantined

### **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES DIVISION**

Health policy work (i.e. county smoking ordinance)

Syringe Services Program