



May 5, 2025

Meeting: California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO)
Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Committee
Meeting

Date: May 15, 2025
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: 1515 Clay Street Oakland, CA
Conference Room 9

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CCLHO Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Agenda

10:00 am: Welcome and Introductions

Barbara Cole, RN, PHN, MSN, Riverside; and George Han, MD, MPH, San Francisco

- Co-Chairs Report
- **Action Item: Minutes – March '25**
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment
 - Vote

10:05 am: Legislative Stakeholder Updates

Health Officer Association of California (HOAC) – Kat DeBurgh, MPH, Executive Director

- Discussion
- Public Comment

10:20 am: Center for Infectious Diseases (CID) Update, California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

*James Watt, MD, MPH, State Epidemiologist, Acting Deputy Director, CID, CDPH;
Assistant Deputy Director, CID, CDPH*

- Discussion
- Public Comment

Eric Sergienko, MD, MPH, Division of Communicable Disease Control, CID, CDPH

- Discussion
- Public Comment

10:50 am: Surveillance Data Systems Update

James Watt, MD, MPH, Assistant Deputy Director, CID, CDPH

- Discussion
- Public Comment

11:00 am: Office of Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response

James Heffelfinger, MD, Chief, OIDPR, CDPH

- Discussion
- Public Comment

11:10 am: COVID-19 Control Branch Update

Darpan Sachdev, MD, Chief, COVID Control Branch, Division of Communicable Disease Control, CID, CDPH

- Discussion
- Public Comment

11:20 am: Immunizations Update

Robert Schechter, MD, MPH, Chief, Immunization Branch, CDPH

- Discussion
- Public Comment

11:30 am: Infectious Diseases Update

Alexander Yu, MD, MPH Acting Chief, Infectious Diseases Branch, CDPH

- CA Association of Communicable Disease Controllers (CACDC) Report
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment

11:40 am: Infectious Diseases Laboratory Update

Katya Ledin, PhD, Chief, Infectious Diseases Laboratory Branch, CDPH

- CA Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors (CAPHLD) Report
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment

11:35 am: Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Review and update list of potential agenda item topics
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment

11:58 am: Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

*****Please see written reports from CDPH branches and affiliates not presenting today.*****

- Healthcare Associated Infections
- TB and CTCA
- STD and CSHCA
- HIV/AIDS
- Corrections

12:00 pm: Adjourn

Next Meeting: September 18, 2025 (Oakland)

Additional Meeting Locations:

Butte County Public Health – Dr. Beaudoin
2080 E 20th Street #190
Bidwell Conference Room
Chico, CA 95928

Riverside County Public Health – Barbara Cole
4065 County Circle Drive, 1st Floor
Riverside, CA 92503

Santa Clara Public Health – Dr. Vaidya
976 Lensen Avenue, Suite 1800
San Jose, CA 9512

CCLHO Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Committee Co-Chairs

Barbara Cole, RN, PHN, MSN, Riverside

George Han, MD, MPH, San Francisco

Affiliates

California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers (CACDC)
California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors (CAPHLD)
California STD HIV Controllers Association (CSHCA)
California Tuberculosis Controllers Association (CTCA)
Directors of Public Health Nursing (DPHN)
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC)

California Department of Public Health and Other State Department Staff

Erica Pan, MD, MPH, Director and State Public Health Officer
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James Watt, MD, MPH, Acting Deputy Director, Center for Infectious Diseases, State Epidemiologist
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Anthony Tran, Deputy Director, Center for Laboratory Sciences

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Jennifer Flood, MD, MPH, Chief, Tuberculosis Control Branch
Robert Schecter, MD, MPH, Chief, Immunization Branch
Katya Ledin, PhD, Chief, Infectious Diseases Laboratory Branch
Erin Epton, Chief, Healthcare Associated Infections Program
Abigail Kroch, PhD, MPH, Chief, Communicable Disease Emergency Response Program
Vicki Kramer, PhD, Chief, Vector-Borne Disease Section
Curtis Fritz, DVM, State Public Health Veterinarian, Veterinary Public Health Section
Heidi Bauer, MD, MPH, Public Health Epi/Surveillance Lead, CA Correctional Health Care Services

Other Stakeholders

Kat DeBurgh, MPH, Health Officers Association of California

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