



Construction Townhall

Friday, December 18, 2020, 12:00PM-1:00PM

Agenda

Introduction and Welcome

Patrick O’Riordan, Interim Director of the Department of Building Inspection

Big Picture Overview on COVID

*Patrick Fosdahl, Acting Director of the Population Health Division
and Jonathan Piakis, Industrial Hygienist - Department of Public Health Environmental Health Branch*

Overview on Infections, Risks and Trends on Construction Sites

Jacque McCright, Deputy Director, COVID-19 Community Branch - Department of Public Health

DBI Inspections and Working with DPH

Joseph Duffy, Acting Chief Building Inspection & Deputy Director for Inspection Services, Department of Building Inspection

COVID Health Order Compliance

Peter Keith, Chief Attorney, Neighborhood & Resident Safety Division of the City Attorney’s Office

Q&A and Wrap-Up

Jennifer Johnston, San Francisco COVID Compliance Officer & Deputy City Administrator

Additional Information and Resources

Questions: dbi.covid19safetyplans@sfgov.org

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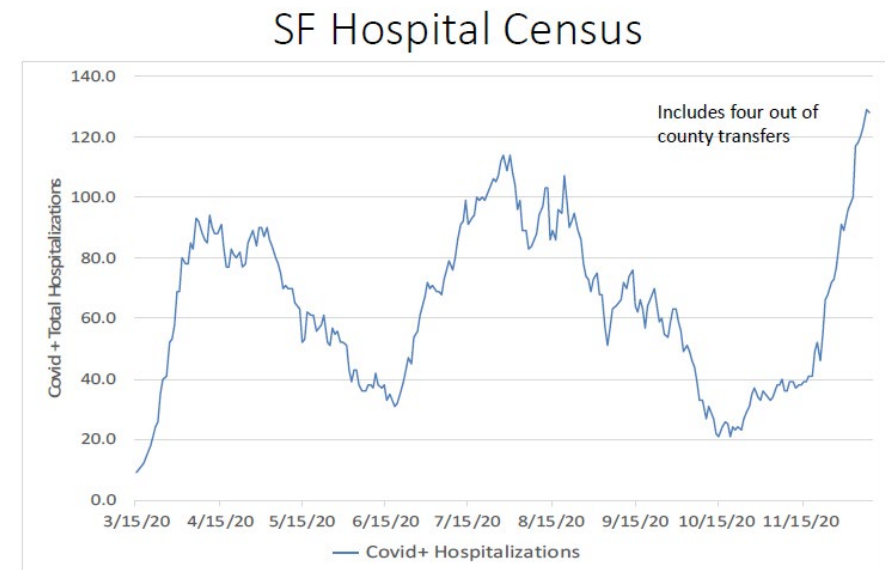
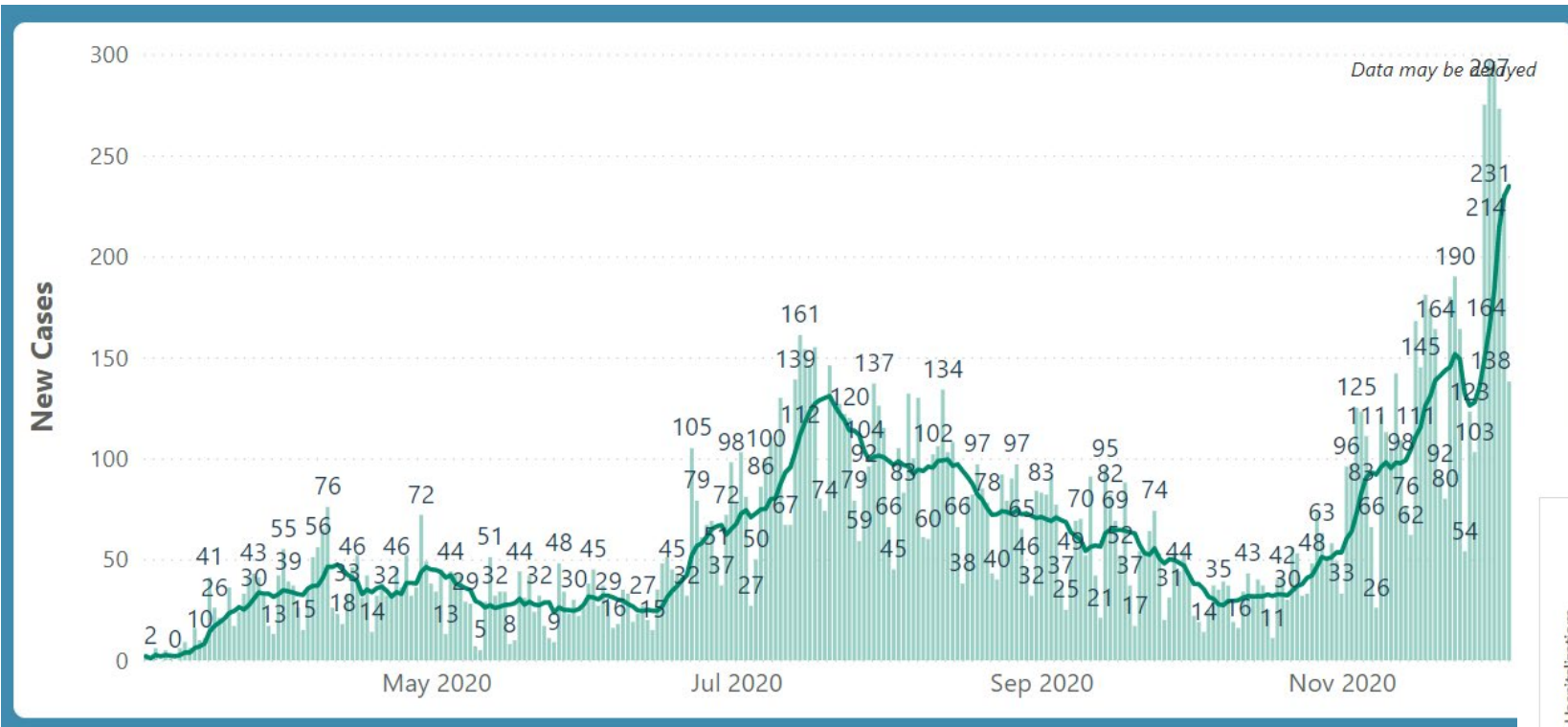


COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS

- FIVE KEY INDICATORS

- HOSPITAL SYSTEM CAPACITY – 25% Increase
- NUMBER OF CASES – 28.3 per 100K
- NUMBER OF TESTS – 8,000 per day
- ABILITY TO MANAGE CONTACT TRACING – 70%
- AMOUNT OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT – 100%

New COVID-19 Cases in San Francisco





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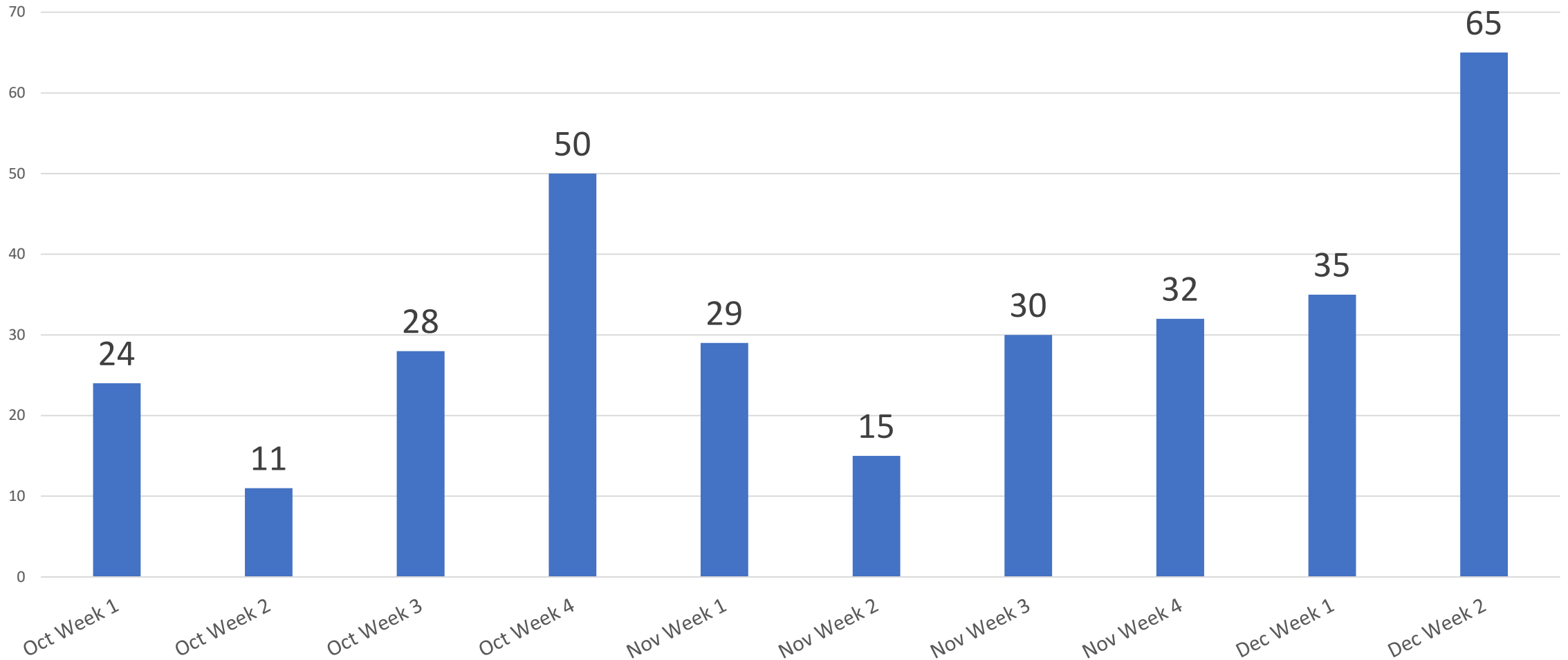


COVID-19 Community Branch - Workplace Hub

- Preventative/Proactive:
- Provide updated COVID-19 policy guidance
- Educate community stakeholders on informational guidance and disseminate guidance to community
- Foster stakeholder engagement using information strategies such as webinars, social media, community street outreach
- Respond to concerns & questions of community settings, creating linkages with COVID Command Center (CCC) partners

- Response/Reactive:
- Engage and conduct COVID-19 exposure notification and guidance with point of contacts in settings (i.e. employer/businesses, etc.) throughout San Francisco
- Identify and implement interventions for cluster and/or outbreak prevention in community

Reported COVID-19+ Cases for Construction By Week (Oct 1, 2020 - Dec 11, 2020)



COVID -19 Prevention Tips to Maintain the Health & Safety of Your Employees

- COVID-19 is preventable
- Wear a face covering correctly (covering the nose & mouth), whenever you leave home
- Stay 6 ft. apart from others not living in your household
- Wash your hands frequently
- Stay home if you feel sick
- If you must carpool, everyone wear a mask correctly the entire trip, and ventilate the car, by riding with all the windows down.

COVID-19 Prevention Tips to Maintain the Health & Safety of Your Employees

- If you have symptoms or get exposed, get tested
- Isolate until you receive test results
- If you test positive for COVID-19, isolate, stay home, do not go to store etc.
- Encourage employees to stagger lunch hours, and refrain from taking smoking breaks together
- Report positive COVID-19 cases and close contacts to stop the spread
- Sanitizing & Disinfecting – Often for all frequently high touched surfaces & other items
- We appreciate you doing a great job reporting the cases/contacts. Thank you!



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DBI's Role in COVID Health Order Compliance

Our goal is to ensure the safety of contractors, workers, the public, and DBI employees.

In order to ensure that contractors continue to comply with the Health Order. DBI Inspectors are:

- Distributing information about the requirements
- Documenting non-compliance and providing information to the Department of Public Health

DBI's Role in COVID Health Order Compliance

Our Building Inspectors are checking for compliance with the following requirements:

- Proper mask wearing
- Construction site screening protocols
- Social distancing
- Posting of required signage
- Providing handwashing stations or facilities for workers
- Posting of Health and Safety Plan
- Other requirements as outlined in the Health Order

DBI's Role in COVID Health Order Compliance

If we observe failure to comply with any of these requirements, we:

- DBI will report the issue to the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Team; and the Department of Public Health
- the inspector reserves the right to cancel the scheduled inspection.



COVID Health Order Compliance

*Peter Keith, Chief Attorney, Neighborhood & Resident Safety
Division of the City Attorney's Office*



Key Resources - Construction Safety Rules

- Cal/OSHA – Construction Industry Guidance & Checklists
<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Guidance-by-Industry.html>
- San Francisco Health Orders (go to [sfdph.org](https://www.sfdph.org) and click Coronavirus)
<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus-healthorders.asp>
Health Order No. C19-07q (12/16/20)
 - Appendix B-1 (small projects), B-2 (large projects) – Construction Rules
 - Appendix A-1 – Personnel Screening Form
 - Appendix A-2 – Visitor Screening Form

Enforcement

“The violation of any provision of this Order ... constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. The San Francisco Department of Public Health is authorized to respond to such public nuisances by issuing Notice(s) of Violation and ordering premises vacated and closed until the owner, tenant, or manager submits a written plan to eliminate all violations and the Department of Public Health finds that plan satisfactory. Such Notice(s) of Violation and orders to vacate and close may be issued based on a written report made by any City employees writing the report within the scope of their duty.”



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