



Community Health Commission
Sara Webber, Chair
Kellie Knox, Staff Secretary

Community Health Commission

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:30 – 9:00pm

Meeting Location:

Judge Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA 94703
Phone: 510-981-5170

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair
2. Roll Call by Secretary
3. Land Acknowledgement – Attachment 6
4. Announcements & Introductions
5. Confirm note taker – if needed
6. Public Comment

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Discussion and Action Items

Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

1. Approval of Draft Minutes from 3/28/2024 Regular Meeting - Attachment 1
2. Public Health Officer's Report – Attachment 7
3. Commission Chair's Report
4. Subcommittee Reports
5. Work plan Revision – Attachment 2
6. Add/Remove Subcommittees/ Members

Future Agenda items

Adjournment

Attachments

1. Draft minutes from 3/28/24 CHC Regular meeting
2. CHC 2023 Work Plan
3. CHC Subcommittee Roster 2024
4. CHC Meeting Calendar 2024
5. City Council and Community Health Commission Timeline 2024
6. Land Acknowledgement
7. Respiratory Disease Epi Overview, City of Berkeley for April 2024

A Vibrant and Healthy Berkeley for All

The *next meeting* of the Community Health Commission is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024 with a *deadline of Tuesday, April 16, 2024 for the public's submission of agenda items and materials for the agenda packet*. **Dates are subject to change.** Please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

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DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 28, 2024

The meeting convened at 6:50 p.m. with Commission Chair Webber presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Webber, Spigner, Lee, Katz.

Absent: Commissioners Bechtolsheim, Smart.

Excused: None

Staff present: Kellie Knox, Dr. Anju Goel

Community Members: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

ACTION ITEM

1. M/S/C (Katz/Lee): Motion to adopt minutes from the February 22, 2024 meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Webber, Spigner, Lee, Katz.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent from vote: Commissioners Bechtolsheim, Smart.

Excused: None

Motion Passed.

ACTION ITEM

5. M/S/C (Katz/Spigner): Motion to authorize the Commission Chair to send a letter to the City Manager with copies to the City Council, Commission on Aging and Parks and Recreation Commission, that requests implementation of Resolution

A Vibrant and Healthy Berkeley for All

No. 69,986 – N.S. To Accelerate the City of Berkeley’s Transition to Plant-Based Foods.

Ayes: Commissioners Webber, Spigner, Lee, Katz.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent from vote: Commissioners Bechtolsheim, Smart.

Excused: None .

Motion Passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2. Public Health Officer’s Report – *Review of submitted report and Discussion*
3. Commission Chair’s Report by Chair Webber - *Discussion*
4. Subcommittee Reports - none
5. Response to Resolution No. 69,986 – N.S. – Discussion/Motion
6. Add/Remove Subcommittees/Members – none

Future Agenda Items

- Review Workplan – Define priorities and goals.

This meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Minutes will be reviewed and approved on Thursday April 25, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Knox, Commission Secretary _____

Community Health Commission 2023 Work Plan

Guiding Philosophy: To look at health through the lens of equity, and to address, ameliorate, and abolish health inequities in Berkeley through our work while advancing other public health efforts.

Mission/Purpose:

1. Collaborate with the community and the Berkeley Health Officer Unit and Public Health Division, and City of Berkeley to eliminate health inequity by:
 - a. Advocating for good policy to council that has the potential to improve the health of Berkeley residents that can be implemented, monitored, and evaluated.
 - b. Representing the community through the diversity of this commission
 - c. Increasing the public education/social marketing efforts, understanding, and awareness of issues.
 - d. Advocating together with the residents of Berkeley most affected by institutional, social, organizational inequities/disparities.
 - e. Providing a public forum for all community members to share concerns, ideas
2. Achieve general public health progress by being responsive to community needs and facilitating general health and safety.

Overall goals, issues & priorities: All issues can be addressed through a health equity lens.

- Include a focus on the impact of COVID-19 and the city's response to it
- Increase healthy food security
- Advocate for the expansion of affordable housing
- Continue to urge that Alta Bates Berkeley Medical Campus remain open while also helping to suggest actions to address consequences of planned closure
- Be responsive in potential recommendations to help Berkeley residents, and care providers and clinics cope with potential federal disruption in healthcare policy and federal spending cuts
- Further address more social determinants of health
- Continue to be a community advocate to City Council to address structural, institutional, and health inequities impacting all underserved populations
- Work to have community health data measures documented in a timely manner and to promptly evaluate and act on novel data such as the Health Status Report
- Work to support policies and initiatives that advance UHC such as Medicare for all
- Advise the City Council as HHCS and Public Health Division develop their

strategic plans, community health assessment and community health improvement plan.

General steps and actions needed to meet priorities:

1. Conduct outreach to encourage Berkeley community members to engage with the CHC
2. Collaborate with other commissions to share resources and support recommendations
3. Focused/specialized ad-hoc subcommittees, as needed
4. Keep track of local, state, and federal policy and data flow

Specific steps and actions needed to meet priorities:

➤ Basic Needs Security

Focus on healthy food security and affordable/accessible housing

- In terms of healthy food security:
 - Advocate for policies to mitigate unhealthy food consumption
 - Advocate for affordability and accessibility of healthy foods in supporting programs like the Berkeley Food Institute, etc.,
- In terms of accessible/affordable housing:
 - Advocate for affordable housing
 - Advocate for increased rent control
- Connect with the community based organizations and appropriate city of Berkeley departments to acquire information about available resources for Berkeley residents.

➤ Chronic Disease Prevention

- Recommend interventions to address diabetes, obesity, heart diseases, and other chronic conditions highlighted by the Berkeley health status report.
- Recommend interventions to respond to deferred preventative care due to COVID-19

➤ Health Equity

- Review the Health Status Report- dialogues with staff and community to investigate the data and identify populations experiencing inequities, and recommend program interventions for the City Public Health Division
 - Engage Stakeholders on LGBT health equity issues to help complement findings of the Health Status Report
 - Investigate and implement efforts to improve immigrant access to health care
- Advocate for the implementation of strategies that will reduce health inequities:
 - Investigate community access to telehealth and other technologies to improve healthcare equity
 - Work on cultural competency for health care providers
 - Continue to support the development of the African American Holistic Resource Center

➤ Health Facilities

- Continue to recommend actions to keep Alta Bates open
- Consider ways to increase emergency care access in Berkeley
- Respond to City Council referral regarding Long Term Care Facilities

➤ Policy tracking

- Track City Council minutes, state, and national legislative actions
- Bring policy updated to the Commission as appropriate.

District	Last	First	Community Health Commission Subcommittees 2024			
			Health Facilities	Health Equity	Basic Needs Security	Chronic Disease Prevention
1	Webber	Sara		x	X	
2	Bechtolsheim	Benjamin	X			X
3						
4	Smart	Karma		X	X	
5	Spigner	Tora		X		x
6						
7	Lee	Eric	X			
8						
M	Katz	Andy	X			
			3	3	2	2

updated 2/22/24

2024 Commission Meeting Schedule

Name of Commission: Community Health

Commission Secretary: Kellie Knox

Example

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time	Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
February 2024	Wednesday 2/10/2024	7:00 pm	July 2024	No Meeting	

Month	Meeting Day	Meeting Date	Time
January 2024	Thursday	1/25/2024	6:30 pm
February 2024	Thursday	2/22/2024	6:30 pm
March 2024	Thursday	3/28/2024	6:30 pm
April 2024	Thursday	4/25/2024	6:30 pm
May 2024	Thursday	5/16/2024	6:30 pm
June 2024	Thursday	6/27/2024	6:30 pm
July 2024	Thursday	7/25/2024	6:30 pm
August 2024	No Meeting		
September 2024	Thursday	9/26/2024	6:30 pm
October 2024	Thursday	10/17/2024	6:30 pm
November 2024	Thursday	11/21/2024	6:30 pm
December 2024	No Meeting		

2024				Thursday 12:00 PM	Thursday 12:00 PM	Monday 2:30 PM	Wednesday 11:00 AM	Thursday 5:00 PM
COUNCIL MEETING DATE	Commission needs to take action by	Reports Due to Dept. Director	Reports Due to CAO	Dept. Reports Due to Clerk Day 33	Agenda Committee Packet to Print Day 19	Agenda Committee Meeting Day 15	Final Agenda Meeting - (Print Agenda on wed.) Day 13	Council Agenda Delivery Day 12
Winter Recess [December 13, 2023 through January 15, 2024]								
Jan 16	11/23	11/30	11/30	12/14	1/2 - Tue	1/4 - Thur	1/4 - Thur	1/5 - Fri
Jan 30	12/7	12/14	12/14	12/28	1/11	1/16 - Tue	1/17	1/18
Feb 13	12/21	12/28	12/28	1/11	1/25	1/29	1/31	2/1
Feb 27	1/4	1/11	1/11	1/25	2/8	2/13 - Tue	2/14	2/15
Mar 12	1/18	1/25	1/25	2/8	2/22	2/26	2/28	2/29
Mar 19	1/25	2/1	2/1	2/15	2/29	3/4	3/6	3/7
Spring Recess [March 20 through April 15, 2024]								
Apr 16	2/22	2/29	2/29	3/14	3/28	4/1	4/3	4/4
May 7	3/14	3/21	3/21	4/4	4/18	4/25 - Thr	4/25 - Thr	4/26 - Fri
May 14	3/21	3/28	3/28	4/11	4/25	5/1 - Wed	5/1	5/2
May 21	3/28	4/4	4/4	4/18	5/2	5/7 - Tue	5/8	5/9
Jun 4	4/11	4/18	4/18	5/2	5/16	5/21 - Tue	5/22	5/23
Jun 25	5/2	5/9	5/9	5/23	6/6	6/10	6/12	6/13
Jul 9	5/16	5/23	5/23	6/6	6/20	6/24	6/26	6/27
Jul 23	5/30	6/6	6/6	6/20	7/3 - Wed	7/8	7/10	7/11
Jul 30	6/6	6/13	6/13	6/27	7/11	7/15	7/17	7/18
Summer Recess [July 31 through September 9, 2024]								
Sep 10	7/18	7/25	7/25	8/8	8/22	8/26	8/28	8/29
Sep 24	8/1	8/8	8/8	8/22	9/5	9/9	9/11	9/12
Oct 1	8/8	8/15	8/15	8/29	9/12	9/16	9/18	9/19
Oct 15	8/22	8/29	8/29	9/12	9/26	9/30	10/2	10/3
Oct 29	9/5	9/12	9/12	9/26	10/10	10/15 - Tue	10/16	10/17
Nov 12	9/19	9/26	9/26	10/10	10/24	10/28	10/30	10/31
Nov 19	9/26	10/3	10/3	10/17	10/31	11/4	11/6	11/7
Dec 3	10/10	10/17	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/18	11/20	11/21
Dec 10	10/20	10/27	10/27	11/7	11/21	11/25	11/27	11/27 - Wed
Winter Recess [December 11, 2024 through January 14, 2025]								

VTO Affected Dates

Holiday Affected Dates

Religious Holiday Affected
Date

Updated 11/30/2023

Reports not submitted by the deadlines listed will not be included on the agenda.

Worksession	Thursday 12:00 PM	Thursday 5:00 PM
	Day 26 Dept. Reports Due to Clerk	Day 5 Council Agenda Delivery
Jan 23	12/28	1/18
Feb 6	1/11	2/1
Sep 17	8/22	9/12
Oct 8	9/12	10/3

Land Acknowledgement Statement

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County.

This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band.

As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay.

We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878.

As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.



City of Berkeley

Health, Housing, and Community Services

RESPIRATORY DISEASES EPI OVERVIEW

April 2024

This report is issued on the first Thursday of every month during respiratory virus season

COVID-19

Hospitalizations/Deaths

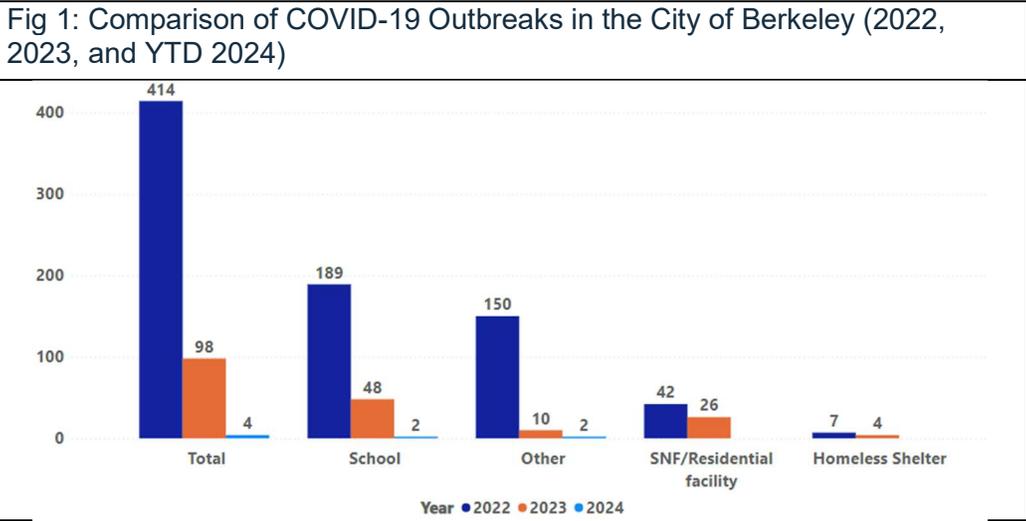
- As of April 1, 2024, there have been 49 COVID-19 hospitalizations in the last 12 months. There have been 7 COVID-19 hospitalizations since January 1, 2024. Cumulatively, there have been 381 Berkeley residents hospitalized due to COVID-19. Statewide, new COVID-19 hospital admissions declined by 15.8% in the last week.
- As of April 1, 2024, there have been 5 COVID-19 deaths in the last 12 months, and one death since January 1, 2024. Cumulatively, there have been 85 COVID-19 deaths.
- Both hospitalization and death reporting are subject to reporting delays. Therefore, the number of reported hospitalizations and deaths can change as data are updated.

Vaccine Uptake

- As of April 1, 2024, 35% of Berkeley residents have received the updated 2023-24 COVID-19 vaccine, an increase of 1% since the last report.
- Vaccine uptake is 45% for those 50–64 years old, 56% for those 65–74 years old, and 81% for those 75 years old and older.

Summary of Outbreaks in Berkeley

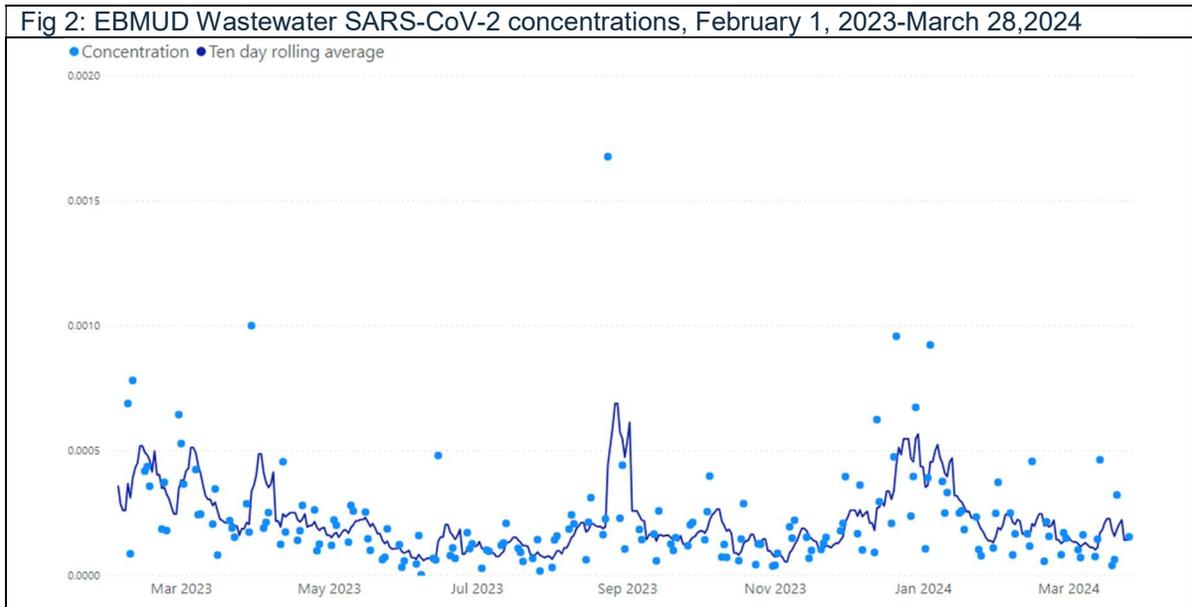
- As of April 1, 2024, there have been 4 COVID-19 outbreaks so far in 2024, 2 of which have occurred in schools and 2 in other settings. There have been no outbreaks since the last report.



- Note: Outbreaks range from 1 to over 200 cases¹ per exposure event².

Summary of Wastewater

- Wastewater monitoring data in the EBMUD sewershed through March 28, 2024, indicates that concentrations of SARS-CoV-2 have had a slight increase in the last 21 days (Fig. 2).



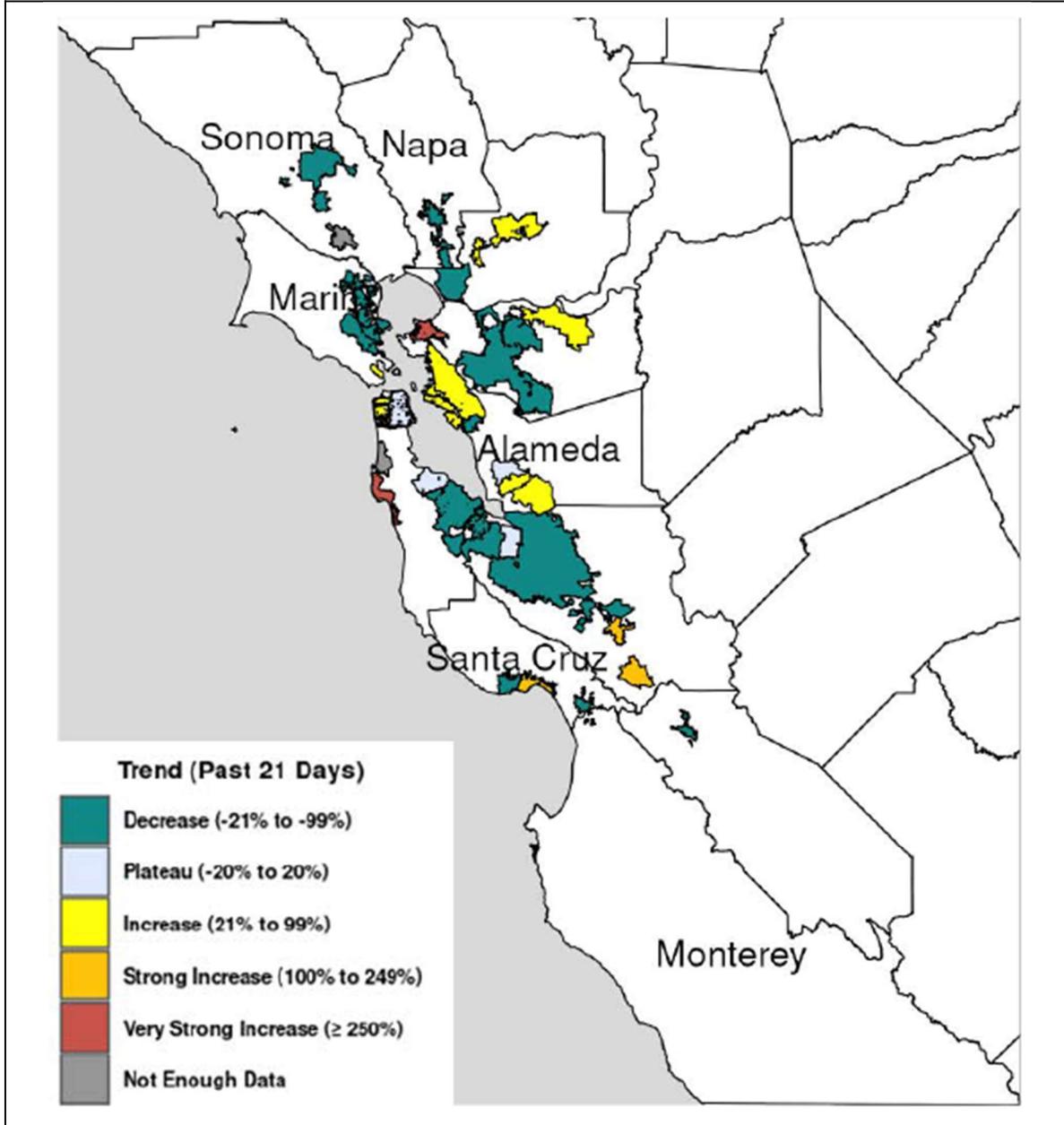
¹ COVID-19 case: A person who has received a positive result of the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus as confirmed by a COVID-19 viral test (PCR) or clinical diagnosis. Source: CDPH Isolation Guidance

² An exposure event is when there are fewer than three COVID-19 cases over a 7-day period in an “exposed group” (i.e., a classroom, worksite, etc.). It becomes an outbreak when there are three or more COVID-19 cases in an exposed group within 7 days (or one or more cases in higher-risk settings like homeless shelters, skilled-nursing facilities, or residential facilities). Source: CDPH Outbreak Definition and Reporting Guidance

Summary of Wastewater (continued)

- Data from the Cal-SuWers COVID-19 regional report through March 28, 2024, indicate that most of the sewersheds in the Bay Area region have decreasing COVID-19 concentrations, but some sewersheds are increasing (Fig. 3).

Fig 3: Cal-SuWers wastewater trends in the past 21 days in the Bay Area region, March 7, 2024 – March 28, 2024



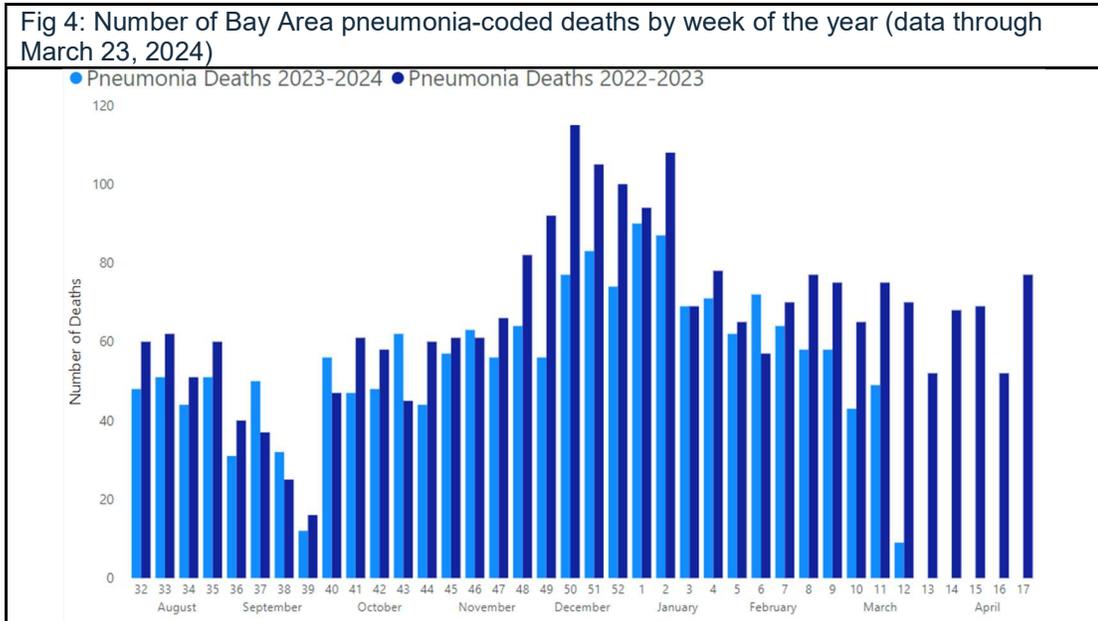
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA

Hospitalizations

- As of March 23, 2024, there have been 31 influenza-related hospitalizations among Berkeley residents since November 2023, the start of the 2023-2024 flu season. There have been no influenza hospitalizations since the last report.

Deaths

- Weekly pneumonia-coded deaths for the 2022-23 and 2023-2024 seasons in the Bay Area region are shown in Figure 4 (data through week 12, 2024). Note: There may be a reporting lag for the most recent reporting weeks.
- Pneumonia deaths may include those with influenza since many patients with influenza can go on to acquire bacterial pneumonia as a co/secondary infection of influenza.
- There have been 81 confirmed influenza deaths in the Bay Area region and 1 influenza death reported in Berkeley so far this season (through week 12, 2024).



Influenza Vaccine Uptake

Season	% of Population Vaccinated	Highly Vaccinated Age Groups
2023-24 Flu Season (Aug 2023 to present)	27%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75+ (51%) 65-74 (38%) 50-64 (32%) 12-17 (33%) Under 12 (36%)
2022-23 Flu Season (Aug 2022 through April 2023)	28%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75+ (52%) 65-74 (40%) 50-64 (34%) 12-17 (31%) Under 12 (30%)

RSV

Hospitalizations

- A total of 24 RSV-associated hospitalizations were recorded among Berkeley residents in 2023. As of April 1, 2024, 7 RSV-associated hospitalizations have been reported thus far in 2024.

Vaccine Uptake

As of April 1, 2024, 32% of 60+ years-old Berkeley residents have received the RSV vaccine this season; 17% for 60-69 year-olds and 44% for 70+ year-olds.