

Building Healthier and Stronger Communities in the Cali Baja Region

JULY 8, 2021

VICE CHAIR NORA VARGAS

Agenda:

Countywide Vaccination Status and District 1 Update

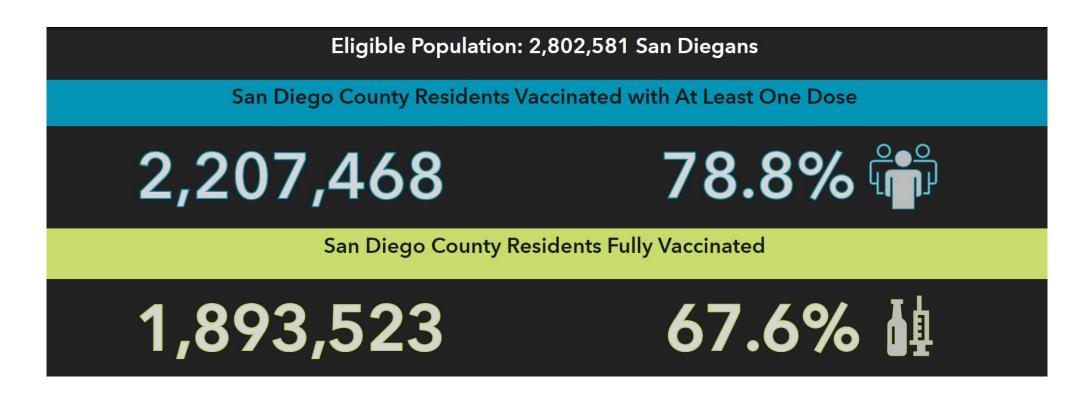
Partnerships: Key to Vaccination Success Efforts

Reopening of State/County and Impact to Cali Baja Region

Collaboration with Local, State, Binational Officials on Key Economic and Environmental Justice Issues



Countywide Vaccination Status and District 1 Update



As of July 7th, 2021, 85.2% of South Region's eligible population has been vaccinated with at least one dose.

Countywide Vaccination Status and District 1 Update

Vaccine Barriers and Interventions

Barriers Included:

- Technology
- Difficulty navigating appointment system
- Language

Interventions Implemented:

- > 2-1-1 expansion
- Project SAVE (engagement of community health workers/promotores)
- > Walk up/No appointment sites/ Mobile events limited to surrounding zip codes

Partnerships: Key to Vaccination Success Efforts Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce

- Collaboration between County of San Diego, Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce, UC San Diego Health
- Goal: Vaccination events held to benefit Otay Mesa working community, especially essential workers from the food industry

Result: 10,000 vaccinations





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Vaccination Site at Consulate General of México

- Key trusted location for residents to receive their vaccine
- Served San Diego community from March to June 2021
- Result: 2,615 vaccinations



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Cross-Border Vaccination Pilot Program

- Collaboration between County of San Diego, Consulate General of México, UC San Diego Health and 6 U.S. subsidiary companies operating in Baja
- Goal: Vaccinate employees of Baja California maquiladoras
- Result: 26,414 people were safely vaccinated, including 40 deported veterans

Program was replicated in El Paso, Texas





Reopening and Impact to Cali Baja Region

- Ongoing advocacy to end border travel restrictions
- > Impact to border economy:
 - 198 business have closed
 - 1900 jobs lost
 - 72% revenue loss





Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

As Supervisor of the First Supervisorial District in San Diego County, I write to request that the



Local, State, Binational Collaboration on Key Issues State Route 11 (SR 11)/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project

- MOU signing to advance construction and completion by 2024. The new port of entry will:
 - Enhance regional mobility
 - Fuel economic growth and binational trade
 - Provide fast and secure border crossings
 - Improve wait times
 - Improve air quality in the region



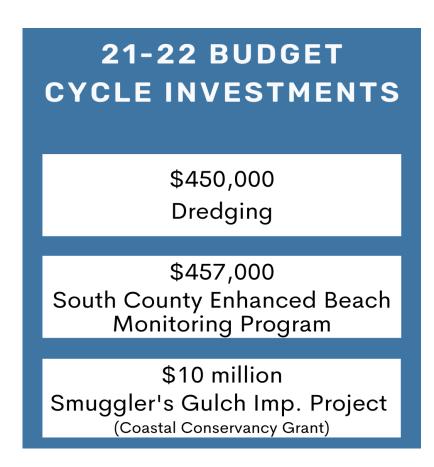




Local, State, Binational Collaboration on Key Issues

Tijuana River Valley – Environmental Justice Taskforce

- Environmental Justice Policy Package
 Declaration of Public Health Crisis
- Advocacy of short-term and longterm structural improvements
- Creation of Task Force as strategy to elevate issue



Q & A

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