HEALTH UPDATE: HEALTHY SUPER BOWL 50
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The San Francisco Dept. of Public Health (SFDPH) provides this guidance based on current information. Recommendations may change, and SF recommendations may differ from those issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). For updates, forms and FAQs visit: sfcdcp.org/flu

SITUATIONAL UPDATE

The San Francisco Bay Area will soon host Super Bowl 50. Game day is Sunday February 7th in Santa Clara, but many additional activities, celebrations, and visitors from around the globe will be in San Francisco from January 30th through February 8th. General information and schedules of events are available at www.sfgov.org/sb50 and www.sfbaysuperbowl.com. In addition, El Niño may bring extensive rainfall and wind that week.

SFDPH is working to support Super Bowl activities to ensure that visitors and local residents have a safe, positive, and healthy experience. We would like to highlight potential public health issues:

- **Influenza virus** is active both locally and nationally, and visitors will be arriving from regions with extensive influenza activity (see [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/)).

- **Norovirus** is active locally and nationally. Norovirus is highly contagious and spreads through close person-to-person contact, contaminated food or water, contaminated surfaces, objects and utensils, and via aerosol particles from vomitus (see [http://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/php/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/php/index.html)).

- **Inebriation** could be an issue during Super Bowl events. The SF Sobering Center provides safe sobering for acutely intoxicated individuals. The Sobering Center is expanding capacity to augment its existing 24/7 sobering services, and will have an overflow area during the peak drinking times and days. To refer clients, please contact the center at (415) 734-4227.

ACTIONS REQUESTED OF ALL CLINICIANS

1. **Encourage and provide influenza vaccination** for all persons 6 months of age and older who have not already received 2015-16 vaccine.

2. **Emphasize standard precautions and common sense measures that reduce disease transmission**, for example, staff and patients should avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth, use proper hand hygiene, practice cough etiquette, and stay home and limit contact with others when ill. Surfaces contaminated with vomit, diarrhea, or respiratory secretions should be immediately cleaned and disinfected.

3. **Report communicable diseases and outbreaks** in a timely manner to the SF Communicable Disease Control Unit (CDCU) so that CDCU can follow-up to prevent further spread. A list of legally-reportable conditions, along with forms and time windows for reporting, is available at [www.sfcdcp.org/disease_reporting.html](http://www.sfcdcp.org/disease_reporting.html). CDCU may be reached 24/7 by calling (415) 554-2830.

4. **Be on the lookout for temporal or geographic clusters of illness** that could be clues to an intentional release of a biologic agent, and immediately report cases to CDCU 24/7 by phoning (415) 554-2830. See [www.sfcdcp.org/idemergencyguide.html](http://www.sfcdcp.org/idemergencyguide.html) for more information.

**Categories of urgency levels**

**Health Alert**: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention

**Health Advisory**: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

**Health Update**: provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action