



Community Health Equity & Promotion Branch Updates

HIV Community Planning Council Meeting on October 23, 2023

Announcements & Resources

- On September 13th, SFDPH announced that all San Franciscans 6 months and older are encouraged to receive both a new COVID-19 vaccine and the flu shot this fall. For more vaccine information, visit <https://sf.gov/topics/coronavirus-covid-19>.
- San Francisco will be hosting the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting & CEO Summit (Nov. 11-18). Dr. Grant Colfax shared the City will ensure continuity of services and SFDPH is working with other City departments to minimize the impact on San Franciscans. For more information, visit <https://sf.gov/apec-2023>
- CHEP is working with our HAPs to build out and improve their ability to conduct rapid syphilis testing at their sites and in community outreach settings.
- CHEP is collaborating with UCSF and the Latino Task Force to implement innovative ways to expand STI testing in the Latinx community, with particular emphasis on the immigrant community, MSM and people not engaged in routine medical care with take-home testing kits for gonorrhea and chlamydia provided at health fairs and a fixed health hub.

Organized Events & Learning Opportunities

- The International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users (INHSU), with support from CHEP and End Hep C SF, is hosting a [Hepatitis C Intervention Symposium](#) on Nov 2nd from 9:30am-3:00pm. This free, in-person event will bring together frontline workers, program coordinators, clinicians, and peer workers to highlight hepatitis C (HCV) elimination interventions and discuss strategies for improving outcomes in the context of San Francisco's unique priorities and environment. It is intended to support anyone working with people who use drugs (program managers, doctors, nurses, frontline workers, peer workers, pharmacists, and policymakers) with implementing or scaling up interventions for HCV in their service setting. Please visit [INHSU's website](#) for event details, and register online [here](#).
- **[STI/HIV/HCV Skills Certification Training](#) is scheduled for November 13th – November 17th.**
 - To learn more, visit learnsfdph.org
 - Priority for this training is given to SFDPH-funded CBO partners. The training is intended for people with prior experience in the field of sexual health and drug user health. Please reach out to TrainingAcademy@sfaf.org with questions and requests for additional information.