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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: December 15, 2020

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Health and Human Services COVID-19 Response Update

ACTION REQUESTED

Receive an update on the Health and Human Services Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND

At the December 1st Monthly HHS COVID Update to the Board of Supervisors, HHS staff provided an update on COVID related-data and metrics; on HHS's COVID testing resources; on efforts to promote influenza vaccination, including County-run vaccination clinics; on preparations for COVID vaccine distribution; and on services through both the Adult and Children's Systems of Care related to COVID. At that presentation, Placer County's dramatic rise in cases and hospitalizations and assignment to the Purple tier by the State was also discussed.

Since our December 1st meeting, California has experienced a continued surge in hospitalizations and deaths from COVID, and is experiencing critical shortages of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in certain areas. On December 3rd, the Governor announced a "Regional Stay At Home Order" that would be triggered when a region's ICU bed capacity drops below 15%. The Governor also announced that Sleep Train Arena would be opened as an alternate care site (ACS). On December 9th, the Governor announced that the Greater Sacramento region (including Placer County) had triggered the Regional Stay At Home Order. In addition, since December 1st Board meeting, HHS has successfully added additional testing resources and additional information is now available about various vaccines and plans for their distribution.

FISCAL IMPACT

Potential fiscal impact projections related to COVID-19 were shared during the FY 2019-20 3rd Quarter Fiscal Update before the Board on April 21, 2020.

