



District Highlights

February 26, 2021



SUPERINTENDENT

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OCEAN VIEW HILLS SCHOOL - VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE EVENT

On February 23rd Ocean View Hills School held their Virtual Open House Event. Principal Consuelo Carranza and Assistant Principal Erika Meza thanked parents, students and staff with a recorded message to the San Ysidro community. Afterwards, parents had an opportunity to visit with their child's classroom teacher & Sci Phy teacher via Google Meeting links.

Please click on the link to watch Principal Consuelo Carranza and Assistant Principal Erika Meza recorded message:

- Admin Video (English): <u>https://youtu.be/PGWJIoUPISE</u>
- Admin Video (Spanish): <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yrUXkfrtyQ</u>





OCEAN VIEW HILLS PRESCHOOL - VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE EVENT

On February 23rd Ocean View Hills Preschool held their Virtual Open House Event. Director Lorena Varela-Reed thanked parents, students and staff with a recorded message to the San Ysidro community. Afterwards, parents had an opportunity to visit with their child's classroom teacher via Google Meeting links.

Please click on the link to watch Director Lorena Varela-Reed's recorded message: https://www.google.com/url?g=https://youtu.be/YRgfCw5M17M&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1614013820634000&u sg=AOvVaw20V4DYVva0yyOZBB5wcA2m





SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE EVENT

On February 24th San Ysidro Middle School (SYMS) held their Virtual Open House Event. Principal Maria Connie Rodriguez and Assistant Principal Maria Preciado thanked parents, students and staff. San Ysidro Middle School also welcomed South Bay Community Services to their open house/wellness fair. As a school site, SYMS has been focusing on wellness the entire school year. The wellness fair focused on understanding teen wellness. By teaming with South Bay Community Services (SBCS), we were able to bring awareness to our community, parents, teachers, and staff on how to support our teens. Thank you to the entire team at SBCS for making this night a success. GO VIKINGS!



VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE EVENT

On February 25th Vista Del Mar Middle School held their Virtual Open House Event. Principal Irene Herrera-Cevallos thanked parents, students and staff with a recorded message to the San Ysidro community. Afterwards, parents had an opportunity to visit with their child's classroom teacher.

Please click on the link to watch Principal Irene Herrera-Cevallos recorded message:

- Open House Video (English): <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVrTzIQQN5M</u>
- Open House Video (Spanish): <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Stp47IxoNQw</u>



SUNSET SCHOOL - VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE EVENT

On February 25th Sunset School held their Virtual Open House Event. Principal Efrain Burciaga thanked parents, students and staff with a recorded message to the San Ysidro community. Afterwards, parents had an opportunity to visit with their child's classroom teacher.



SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

On Friday, February 26th, San Ysidro Middle School welcomed Elena Quintanar from the County of San Diego and Human Resources Department as a guest speaker. Ms. Quintanar spoked to our families about the Covid-19 vaccine, who's eligible, the different vaccines, myths and facts, and when to schedule an appointment. We would like to thank our community partners for making this presentation happen. Go Vikings!



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs. March 4	La Mirada School Virtual Open House 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	La Mirada School (Virtual Links)
Tues. March 9	Vista Del Mar Middle School Virtual Coffee with the Principal 6:00 p.m.	Vista Del Mar Middle School (Virtual Link)
Fri. March 12	La Mirada School Sci Phy Virtual Open House 1:00-1:30 p.m.	La Mirada School (Virtual Links)
Fri. March 19	Sunset School Sci Phy Virtual Open House 1:00-1:30 p.m.	Sunset School (Virtual Links)

SPECIAL VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., March 4th @ 6:30pm - *Virtual Zoom Board Meeting*

On Thursday, March 4th beginning at 6:30p.m. there will be a special board meeting. This governing board meeting will be held virtually (Board Workshop).

REGULAR VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., March 11th @ 5pm - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting

On Thursday, March 11th beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be a board meeting. This governing board meeting will be held virtually.

DISTANCE LEARNING & SCHOOL REOPENING SURVEY DATA

The week of February 22nd SYSD successfully surveyed students, families, and employees to gather feedback to help determine the district's Phase III Instructional Program/s for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year from approximately April through June.

The County is currently under the 25/100,000 case rate metric (at 10.8/100,000 as of 3-2-21) which permits the districts to submit an application to CPHD and the County

Health Department for the re-opening of elementary schools. When the County returns to the Red Tier (7/100K or less) then elementary through high schools may reopen within current state school safety guidelines. All schools may open at any time for Specialized Cohorts statewide which allows for up to 25% of student enrollment at each school to receive in person instruction, primarily for at-risk students.

It is projected that the County may possibly return to the Red Tier on or around March 9th. Local COVID case rates have also notably dropped to: 33.7/100,000 in zip code 92173 and 19.8/100,000 in zip code 92154 from February 7th - 13th.

The Board will make a decision regarding our district's Phase III instructional program options for the last few months of the school year during a Special Board Meeting on March 4th.

Below are summaries for each stakeholder survey. Note, the surveys were administered prior to the district knowing that all school employees would begin to have access to a vaccine appointment as early as Saturday, February 27th.

Student Survey

Key Findings:

- Over 2,646 participants
- 40% Blended & 59% Distance
- 84% Great or Okay in Distance
- 16% Having a hard time in distance
- 14% Not okay with staying on distance
- 86% Yes/maybe okay staying on distance

Question 6: What would you like to do for the rest of this school year?



Blended Learning at School 2 days a Week and online 3 days a week, with a possible teacher change

Online Distance Learning with my Teacher
Did Not Answer

Families Survey

Key Findings:

1903 Respondents 36.5% Blended & 63.5% Distance

Zip Code 92154 (630 total respondents)

- 41% (256) Blended Learning
- 59% (372) Distance Learning

Zip Code 92173 (1265 total respondents)

- 34% (426) Blended Learning
- 64% (813) Distance Learning

Schools range 20% to 43% (Blended) and 57% to 80% (Distance)

6) If the state and county health departments allow our schools to reopen to provide a Blended Learning Program option from approximately April 5 - June 10 (almost 10 weeks) we would like our child to: / Si los departamentos de salud del estado y del condado permiten que nuestras escuelas vuelvan a abrir para ofrecer una opción de Programa de Aprendizaje Combinado desde aproximadamente el 5 de abril al 10 de junio (casi 10 semanas) nos gustaría que nuestro/a hijo/a:

1,868 responses



Staff Survey

Key Findings:

447 Participants
50% Classified
47% Certificated
3% Management
Almost all SYSD teachers took the survey
81% Remain in distance w/cohorts
19% Launch blended if allowable

4) I think it would be best for the district to do the following for the rest of this school year? / ¿Pienso que sería mejor para el distrito hacer lo siguiente por el resto del año escolar?

447 responses



Please click on the link to access the Feb. 24th Board Presentation titled, "Distance Learning & School Reopening Survey Results & Information: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1iA/mcifXI5QNR9BBx/mrOYkdCzbHZds37bddE-SwrTY/edit?usp=sharing

EDUCATION SECTOR VACCINES APPOINTMENTS NOW AVAILABLE TO HPI QUARTILE 3 & 4 SCHOOLS

On February 24th, during a County Supervisor press conference, Chairman Nathan Fletcher announced that vaccines became available to the next Tier (Education/Childcare, Emergency Responders, & Agriculture) on Saturday, February 27th. He also indicated that the County will set aside 20% of vaccines for the education sector, which is higher than the 10% county set aside the state recently established.

The San Diego County Office of Education has partnered with VEBA (health insurance provider) for educator access to the vaccine and to create a closed appointment system for TK-12 educators in our county. This appointment portal is not the same as the county health MyTurn appointment portal.

County Supervisor Nora Vargas is applauded by our district for serving as an equity champion and for helping to prioritize education sector vaccines to regions hardest hit by COVID. This vaccine prioritization is a blessing to our educational team in SYSD and to our community.

- TK-12 educators working within Healthy Places Index (HPI) Quartile 4 and Quartile 3 schools were prioritized for VEBA vaccine appointments. The county identified 4 of our 7 schools as Quartile 4 schools: La Mirada, Smythe, Sunset and Willow and 3 schools and the district office are designated HPI Quartile 3 sites: Ocean View Hills, Vista Del Mar Middle, San Ysidro Middle & District Office.
- VEBA vaccines only include TK-12 educators, not preschool staff. Preschool staff have immediate access to the county health department portals for vaccine appointments. County health department websites for vaccine appointments can be found in the District Highlights under "Covid Community Resources".

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• All SYSD staff in all schools and at the district office became eligible to make a vaccine appointment some time between February 26th and March 2nd!

Our district is grateful to have prioritized access to the COVID vaccines for our employees!

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Over the course of the past few months, SYSD has systematically acquired a significant inventory of PPE and has an area secured at each site to store the PPE for employee use. Our health professionals are issued N-95 masks and all staff will have weekly replacements of surgical masks.

UPDATE ON VACCINES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH SUHSD

Last week the SYSD Human Resources department worked with SYSD managers to identify any staff that care for elderly family members or students with special needs. A list was compiled and we reached out to each employee to check if they were interested in a reserved appointment extended to SYSD from the Sweetwater Union High School District. Vaccinations took place on Friday 2/26/21 at Montgomery High school. SYSD had over 20 employees eligible for this vaccine opportunity.

COVID-19 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINATION LOCATIONS

Note, the below vaccine locations are not for TK-12 education staff; however, preschool staff are directed to make appointments through these county health department vaccine locations.

TK-12 education staff will have access to the TK-12 Education VEBA Vaccine Appointment Website: <u>https://www.vebavaccinates.com/site/vaccination</u>

Here is San Diego County's website regarding vaccination locations and appointment information:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vaccin es/COVID-19-VaxEvents.html

Quick Tips To Make an Appointment at the Vaccine Super Station

- 1. First contact healthcare providers to request the vaccine, but if none are available, then they should make an appointment for the County's COVID-19 Vaccine Super Station
- 2. Appointments are required and have to be made at <u>www.VaccinationSuperStationSD.com</u>
- 3. Do not schedule an appointment if you have COVID-19, or are sick. Please follow CDC guidance for those situations
- 4. Medical professionals administering the vaccine will be wearing personal

protective equipment.

- 5. Wear a mask
- 6. Acceptable forms of proof to be presented at the County's Vaccine Super Station
 - a. Employee ID badge with photo or other documents, including a professional license and a photo ID, signed letter from their employer on facility letterhead and a photo ID; or, a payment stub or timesheet from their healthcare employer or in-home supportive services with a photo ID

Vaccination Locations



LOCATION	ADDRESS
Petco Park Super Station	1235 K Street, San Diego, 92101
Rady Children's Hospital	3020 Children's Way, San Diego, 92123
County - El Cajon	367 N. Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, 92020
County - Escondido	649 W. Mission Avenue, Escondido, 92025
County - Chula Vista	690 Oxford Street, Chula Vista, 91911
County - Imperial Beach	825 Imperial Beach Blvd, Imperial Beach, 91932
County - San Diego	3177 Ocean View Blvd, San Diego, 92113
County - National City	140 E. 12th Street, National City, 91950
Sharp Grossmont Hospital	9001 Wakarusa St., La Mesa, 91942
Sharp Coronado Hospital	1845 Strand Way Coronado, 92118
Sharp Southbay Super Station	565 Broadway, Chula Vista, CA 91910
VaccinationSuperstation	SD.com

VaccinationSuperstationSD.com

www.coronavirus-sd.com

Text: COSD COVID19 to 468-311

Additional online vaccine appointment websites are listed below under "COVID COMMUNITY RESOURCES".

HELP FOR AGE 65+ REGISTERING FOR VACCINATION/AYUDA PARA MAYORES DE 65 AÑOS QUE SE INSCRIBEN PARA LA VACUNACIÓN

South Bay Community Services is currently helping individuals age 65+ with scheduling their COVID-19 Vaccines. If you are working with community members living in the eligible zip codes below and/or with someone that falls into one of the priority groups, we can help.

Eligible Zip Codes in South Region:

Chula Vista • National City • Imperial Beach • San Ysidro 91902, 91910, 91911, 91913, 91914, 91915, 91932, 91950, 92118, 92135, 92154, 92155, 92173

Please feel free to refer your contacts to the COVID19 Action Team at 619-420-3620 or send us an email at covid19actionteam@csbcs.org

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs.pdf (sandiegocounty.gov)

ARE YOU 65+ AND NEED HELP SCHEDULING YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE? WE CAN HELP.

Our specially trained Promotoras are assisting South Bay residents 65 and older with scheduling their appointment.

Call us at 619-420-3620

Vaccination locations in Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach and San Ysidro.



TIENES 65+ Y NECESITA AYUDA PARA PROGRAMAR SU VACUNA COVID-19? NOSOTROS PODEMOS AYUDAR

Nuestras Promotoras especialmente capacitadas están ayudando a los residentes de South Bay de 65 años o más a programar su cita.

Llámanos al 619-420-3620

Lugares de vacunación en Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach y San Ysidro.





EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

2020-21 WILLIAMS AUDIT AT WILLOW: HIGH SCORE!

The Williams Settlement provides all students equal access to instructional materials, quality teachers, and safe schools. School districts must assess the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of school facilities, including any needed maintenance to ensure good repair. In compliance with this settlement the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) annually audits one of our school sites as a sample school for compliance. The Williams audit was conducted at Willow and the review encompasses the work of the school site, MOTF, Human Resources, and Educational Services as it monitors facilities, staffing, and instructional materials.

Congratulations to the entire team for the high score received on the audit. It is truly indicative of the mission to ensure a high quality education for all of our students in San Ysidro.

HUMAN RESOURCES

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINATION PROCESS

Each year our office staff and site administrators work collaboratively with their site union representatives to coordinate the employee of the year process. This year, due to the pandemic, we must take a different approach to selecting our teacher and classified employee of the year. Human Resources will oversee and administer the entire process this year. On Thursday February 18, 2021, all certificated and classified staff received an electronic ballot via Google Forms which they will use to cast their vote for employee of the year. A final list of classified employee and teacher of the year will be available in early March.

BUSINESS SERVICES

NEW SCHEDULE FOR FREE MEAL PROGRAM FOR ALL CHILDREN 1 TO 18 YEARS OLD

There is an important change in SCHEDULE FOR OUR FREE MEAL PROGRAM. We will offer Free Meal pick up at 2 SCHOOLS ONLY: Willow Elementary and La Mirada Elementary. *San Ysidro Middle School will no longer distribute meals.* Meals are for all children 1 to 18 years old which includes breakfast & lunch for multiple days distributed each week. The NEW schedule will be as follows:

Day: Every Wednesday

School: Willow Elementary

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (or until meals run out)

School: La Mirada Elementary

NEW Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (or until meals run out)

Children are not required to be present to pick up their meals.

Meals will be served in a "Grab and Go" style.

Please wear a face covering when picking up your meals.

NUEVO HORARIO DEL PROGRAMA DE COMIDAS GRATIS PARA TODOS LOS NIÑOS DE 1 A 18 AÑOS

Hay un cambio importante en el HORARIO DE NUESTRO PROGRAMA DE COMIDAS GRATIS. Ofreceremos comida gratis para recoger en SOLO 2 ESCUELAS: Willow Elementary y La Mirada Elementary. *La escuela San Ysidro Middle School ya no distribuirá comidas*. Las comidas son para todos los niños de 1 a 18 años que incluyen desayuno y almuerzo para varios días distribuidas cada semana. El NUEVO horario será el siguiente:

Fecha:	Cada miércoles	
Ubicación:	Willow Elementary	
Hora:	11:30 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. (o hasta que se acabe la comida)	
Ubicación:	La Mirada Elementary	
NUEVA Hora:	2:00 p.m. a 3:30 p.m.(o hasta que se acabe la comida)	
NUEVA Hora:	2:00 p.m. a 3:30 p.m.(o hasta que se acabe la comida)	

No se requiere que los niños estén presentes para recoger sus comidas.

Las comidas se servirán al estilo "Grab and Go", donde la persona recoge los alimentos y se retira.

Favor de usar cubrebocas al recoger sus comidas.

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SAN YSIDRO SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (STEM) COMMITTEE

"The San Ysidro STEM Committee is a group of community members, parents, teachers, and educators who come together monthly to collaborate and identify STEM opportunities for San Ysidro students and families. We are one of the committees of the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce Educational Collaborative."

Please click on the flyers to learn more about San Ysidro STEM and how you can be part of upcoming meetings.

- English Flyer: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qm-4mqN40nzKssIX--CosIWF7Y3xBiX7/view?usp=sharing</u>
- Spanish Flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VRZ7xRu_0ZcgfOPaifrHvazw7jst2-yt/view?usp=sharing

CASA FAMILIAR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Casa Familiar will hold a food distributions at the Old Kmart Parking lot located at 4330 Camino De La Plaza in San Ysidro through June. The event begins at 8 am until all food has been distributed. Face coverings, social distancing and additional safety procedures were enforced.



MEDIA UPDATE

County News Center: County Ready to Distribute Over \$100 Million in Rental Assistance

https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-ready-to-distribute-over-100-million-in-rental-assistance/

 County News Center: Vaccinations To Open to Teachers, Law Enforcement, Food Workers on Saturday https://www.countynewscenter.com/vaccinations-to-open-to-teachers-law-enforcement-food-workers-on-saturday/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=vaccinations-to-open-to-teachers-law-enforcement-food-workers-on-saturday

- County News Center: County Asks for Patience as COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Expands https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-asks-for-patience-as-covid-19-vaccine-eligibility-expands/
- NBC7 News: San Diego County to Launch South Bay Equity and Economic Recovery Task Force https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/san-diego-county-to-launch-south-bay-equity-and-economic-recovery-task-force/2531845/

COVID COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Free COVID-19 Testing Information Información sobre prueba gratis para COVID-19

TK-12 Education VEBA Vaccination Appointment Website

COVID-19 Vaccination Information & Appointment Websites

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progr ams/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/testin g.html

https://www.vebavaccinates.com/site/vaccination

Websites:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progr ams/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vacci nes/COVID-19-VaxEvents.html

https://sdcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Nearby/index.ht ml?appid=7369c2080ccf447ab91610ae69d84c43&dista nce=10&find=103%2520Campus%2520View%252C%2 520San%2520Marcos%252C%252092078

Please click on the links below to access various vaccination appointment information:

County Managed Locations: MyTurn

Rady Children's Hospital: MyChart

Sharp Locations: PrepMod

County Fire Locations: PrepMod

Project SAVE:

Source: County News Center

"The County is reserving a portion of available COVID-19 vaccination appointments each day for a pilot project that aims to equitably distribute the novel coronavirus vaccine.

Project SAVE (Scheduling Assistance for Vaccine Equity) sets aside appointments for people who are in the currently eligible groups and at high risk for complications from COVID-19.

The reserved appointments will be filled through outreach by community health workers or promotoras who are contacting people 65 and older at locations that include grocery stores, faith centers, food distribution sites and housing complexes in the South Bay."

Vaccinate All 58

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progr ams/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vacci nes/phases.html

Website:

- English <u>https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/</u>
- Spanish https://covid19.ca.gov/es/vaccines/

Know your vaccination phase

Identifique en qué nivel de vacunación se encuentra

• English Flyer

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/s dc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/covid19/v accines/COVID-19%20Vaccination%20Phases %20-Printable%20Version.pdf

Spanish Flyer

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/s dc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/covid19/v accines/COVID-19%20Vaccination%20Phases %20-Spanish%20Printable%20Version.pdf State of California - Health and Human Services Agency California Department of Public Health (Dated 12-3-20)

County of San Diego: COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Rental Program/Condado de San Diego: Programa de Assistencia de Renta de Emergencia 2021

Website:

https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/12. 3.20-Stay-at-Home-Order-ICU-Scenario.pdf

Website:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sdhcd/com munity-development/COVID-19-Emergency-Rental-Assi stance-Program.html#:~:text=The%20County's%20202 1%20Emergency%20Rental.by%20the%20COVID%2D 19%20pandemic.&text=Residents%20of%20the%20citi es%20of.rental%20assistance%20in%20their%20area

English:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhcd /new-docs/Flyer-ERAP-2021-English.pdf

Spanish Flyer:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhcd /new-docs/Flver-ERAP-2021-Spanish.pdf

County of San Diego: Temporary Lodging Program

Condado de San Diego: Programa de Alojamiento Temporal

San Diego Hunger Coalition: Food Assistance Resources - Fall 2020

English and Spanish Flyer:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/ programs/phs/Epidemiology/2020.09.29 FINAL%20(Up dated)-Temporary%20Lodging%20Flyer.pdf

English Flyer:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018 f9300f3e63/t/5fcecb4801eaf4591e16de83/1607388149 116/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+English.pd f

Recursos de asistencia alimentaria - otoño 2020

Spanish Flyer:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018 f9300f3e63/t/5fc82919d32d012678ef291e/1606953243 601/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+Espanol.p df Línea Directa Para la Prevención de Abuso Infantil For more information, or to report suspected child abuse, call 858-560-2191.

Within the State of California you may call toll free 1(800) 344-6000. Please click on the link to access the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency Child Abuse Hotline website:<u>https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/</u> hsa/programs/cs/child welfare services/child abuse h

hsa/programs/cs/child_welfare_services/child_abuse_h otline.html

Suicide Hotline

Línea Directa Para la Prevención del Suicidio "The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals." The phone number is 1(800) 273-8255.

Please click on the link to access the website: https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/