

Promoting the Health of East Bay Communities

California's hospitals lead the nation in providing vital health care and other services to improve the well-being of the most vulnerable populations in their communities. Here in the East Bay, hospitals are also integral to the local economy by creating jobs, advancing medical technologies, and investing in education.

East Bay hospitals have shared health priorities

In 2020, the Hospital Council gathered community health needs assessments from the 17 hospitals in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Those assessments reveal these shared health priorities:

- Improve access to care, including primary and specialty care
- Expand behavioral health and mental health services
- Address economic security, with an emphasis on food and housing

Hospitals in your county fund vital programs and services

Every year, the six hospitals in Contra Costa County collaborate with one another and partner with schools, clinics, and other organizations to promote the health of underserved individuals and families. The examples here illustrate just some of the ways your local hospitals are using community benefit funding to meet key health needs:

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE

- **John Muir Health's** mobile health clinic provides preventive and medical care to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured individuals, with a focus on addressing the social determinants of health.

EXPANDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

- **John Muir Health, Kaiser Permanente** and **Sutter Health** partner with the Antioch Unified School District on an initiative that builds the school community's ability to address behavioral health through training and systems change.

ADDRESSING ECONOMIC SECURITY

- **Kaiser Permanente** has invested in Contra Costa Health Services to build capacity to serve Contra Costa residents experiencing homelessness and improve health equity across the system.
- **Sutter Health** partners with Opportunity Junction on their Administrative Careers Training Program that helps low-income Contra Costa residents gain the skills and confidence to get and keep jobs that support themselves and their families by providing training, support, experience, and employer introductions.

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS¹

Contra Costa County Hospitals



Economic Benefits

9,780

total employees

\$1.4 billion

salaries & benefits



Community Contributions

\$6 million

professional education & research

\$29 million

uncompensated care

\$198 million

Medi-Cal shortfall



Hospital Services

72,513

hospital stays

421,657

emergency department visits

10,893

births

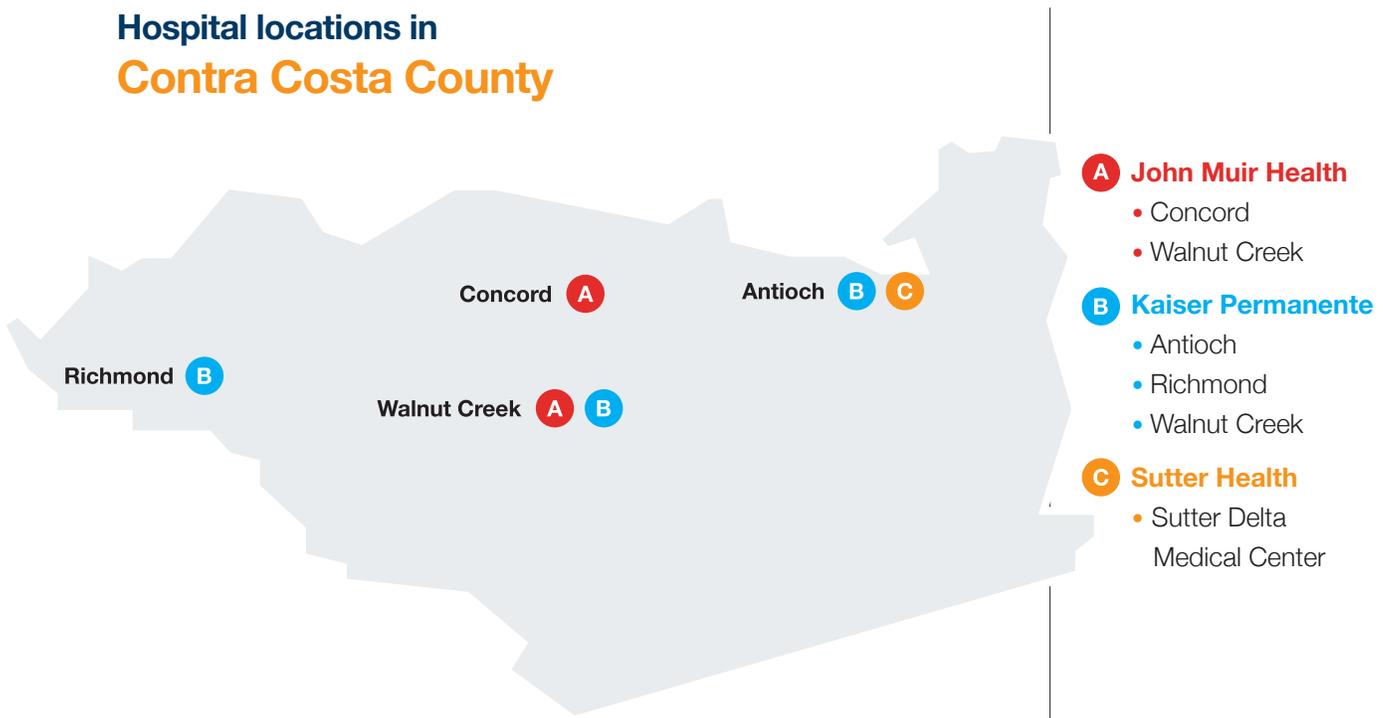
¹2018 data from hospitals and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

How Do Hospitals Define Community Benefit?

In 1994, the California Hospital Community Benefit Law was enacted to affirm the mission of the state's hospitals to provide programs that meet community health needs. Each year, California's not-for-profit hospitals invest approximately \$12 billion back into the communities they serve.

Examples of community benefit include charity care, covering the unpaid cost of providing health care services to Medi-Cal recipients, investing in life-saving emergency and trauma centers, and partnering with local organizations to provide care for the homeless and other underserved populations. Hospitals also invest in education and training, wellness and prevention programs, and other efforts that promote the health and well-being of their communities.

Hospital locations in Contra Costa County



The Community Health Needs Assessment Process

Every three years, hospitals prepare an assessment to determine how best to improve the health of the people who depend on them for care. This rigorous process involves the review of local data and input from community and government stakeholders. As a result, hospital community benefit programs are designed to meet identified, prioritized health needs that reflect the diversity of their local communities.

Take Advantage of These Resources to Learn More

This report provides a general overview of health needs in the East Bay and in Contra Costa County. The latest community benefit reports are available at each hospital's website or at www.hospitalcouncil.org/community-benefit.

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