



Safer Together
**Self-Admin Impact
Report**
2021- 2022

Safer Together

VISION

A world free from racism, where poor health outcomes or premature deaths due to oppressive systems no longer exist. A world where everyone has access to quality care.

MODEL

We're a nonprofit organization dedicated to building community healthcare capacity. Our growing network of partnerships allows us to deliver care efficiently and adaptively. We hire from the communities we serve to co-create and drive our programs and initiatives, seeding the health equity leaders of tomorrow and building community power today. We do all of this with determination, flexibility, joy, and love!

MISSION STATEMENT

To improve safety, health outcomes and well-being in our environments by uplifting community members as leaders and working together to increase equitable access and use of free tools and resources by San Francisco community members.



OUR STORY

It's Fall 2020. A virus has disrupted the rhythm of the world completely. No longer in lockdown, San Francisco has done relatively well in battling COVID-19, but rosy numbers hide a growing chasm of inequity hastened by the pandemic: neighborhoods with majority families of color are disproportionately impacted by the virus. This reality is painfully evident when private schools reopen in August while public schools remain closed the entire school year.

Enter co-founders Mari Fraga, Saul Kato, Stacie Calad-Thomson and Tracey Briones, four local parents determined to help reduce the impacts of COVID-19 on families in their city. Countless conversations, research, and hustle lead to the formation of an organization to bring together the resources with the will to help stop the spread of COVID in vulnerable communities.

As we have grown, we've realized that we're more than a scrappy COVID-19 testing nonprofit—we've become a trusted community partner and built a model of community care delivery. We increase community capacity by hiring from the communities we serve, and deliver co-created programs and resources to our network of partnerships nimbly and adaptively. We ensure that the impact of our programs is leveraged towards structural change.



OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

Safer Together trains partner organizations to administer their own rapid tests to their respective community members on their own time.

In doing so, we increase capacity across multiple dimensions— leadership, education, and of course, safety.

Safer Together

Has trained 16 CBOs to self administer COVID-19 test under our CLIA license.

Our network of partnerships includes Community Based Organizations, public institutions, schools, after school programs and more.

SELF-ADMIN PROGRAM

Phase 1

We work with the partner organization to confirm all details necessary to guarantee a productive training session.

Phase 2

Our Community Care Specialists train the partner on the ins and outs of rapid test administration; partners complete key compliance requirements.

Phase 3

Our Community Care Specialist supervises the partner during initial testing sessions to verify self-sufficiency and address any final concerns.

Phase 4

Support the partner through provision of case reports, updates on the COVID-19 landscape, and other training opportunities.





01. Builds shared leadership and self sufficiency.

02. Builds knowledge, education, and awareness of COVID-19 and other public health items for groups that might not otherwise have it.

03. Allows Safer Together to reach groups we cant reach due to human resources, time, etc.

04. Strengthens our relationship with the community



About ROCK SF

Real Options for City Kids provides academic and social support for at-risk youth in SF's Visitacion Valley whose mission is, **"to nurture the healthy development of children by listening attentively to their needs and by providing opportunities to those who might not otherwise have access."**

Our Partnership

ROCK SF was Safer Together's first Self-Admin Partner. Our partnership began in **2021**. Safer Together trained members of ROCK SF team to administer COVID-19 tests to themselves and to youth program participants.

About Slippery Fish

Slippery Fish is a co-operative preschool and pre-preschool whose mission is to **"create and support an inclusive, play-based and child-centered education that honors individual strengths in children parents and teachers while fostering relationships between each other, our diverse community and our wider world"**



slipperyfish-sf.com

Our Partnership

Our partnership began at the height of the delta variant in **2021**. Slippery Fish applied a "test by proxy" approach - because so many kids are below the age of testing, their parents would test in their place.



harveymilk.com

Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy

About United Playaz

Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy is a small public elementary school in the Castro whose mission is to, "**empower students by teaching awareness, acceptance and non-violence, celebrating our diversity, achieving academic excellence, and fostering strong family-school-community connections.**"

Our Partnership

Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy 's and Safer Together partnership began in **2021** with the organization of parents and community members who were concerned at the uncertainty of the delta variant and wanted to provide youth additional care. Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy Self-Admin is parent organized and volunteer lead.

Data Summary 2021-2022

4129

participants

102

people who
tested positive

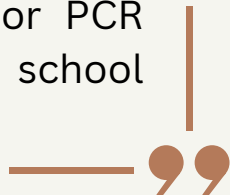
.24%

positivity rate



As public schools began to reopen last year for the first time since the pandemic started, there were lots of concerns amongst our school community about preventing the spread of Covid. By teaming up with Safer Together, we were able to provide bi-weekly free onsite rapid Covid testing and/or PCR Covid testing to anyone in our school community.

-Dr. Laura McMullen



United Playaz

About United Playaz

A violence prevention and youth development organization who has been working in the SOMA area of SF for the past 25 years.

Our Partnership

Since our partnership began in **2021** United Playaz has brought our testing to their own organization as well as to schools in the area with whom they work very closely. United Playaz was able to test community members before community gatherings to ensure community safety. Our work together is foundational providing equity-centered community health care to spaces where youth and families gather.

Data Summary 2021-2022

3921
participants

212
people who tested
positive

.54%
positivity rate

Mission Graduates

About Mission Graduates

Mission Graduates is an organization all across San Francisco who partners with elementary and middle schools to ensure marginalized youth in the city, particularly Black and Latinx youth, have the skills and confidence essential to make it through school.

Our Partnership

We have trained over twenty staff who represent over ten different schools.

Data Summary 2021-2022

658
participants

2
people who tested
positive

.303%
positivity rate



Mission Graduates' partnership with Safer Together came at a time when we were all in a period of uncertainty and fear. Regulations and guidelines were changing frequently and challenging to stay on top of all of it. Safer Together provided us the reassurance and information we needed to better guide our teams and make them feel safe. We began with Safer Together weekly COVID rapid testing our staff from our 7 different Summer programs (over 100 staff).

-Dianna Caracoza



826 Valencia

About 826 Valencia

826 Valencia works with youth in SF to develop writing skills and build creativity, with centers in Mission, Tenderloin, and Mission Bay. We trained staff to administer tests to students so they can attend programs safely.

Our Partnership

826 Valencia first partnered with Safer Together as we welcomed students back to our writing centers for summer programming in 2021. The weekly testing provided by Safer Together helped us keep our community safe during the Delta surge and throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Safer Together also trained members of our staff to self-administer rapid tests as needed. These free services were critically needed, given the disproportionate impact of the virus on low-income communities of color. Thank you, Safer Together, for providing access and reassurance during a period of great uncertainty and challenge!"

-Christina Villasenor Perry

Data Summary 2021-2022

1932
participants

31
people who tested
positive

.16%
positivity rate



Women's Building

About The Women's Buidling

A women-led arts and education community center, Womens Building staff were trained so that they could test the many program participants who wished to avail of their services

Our Partnership

Data Summary 2022

606

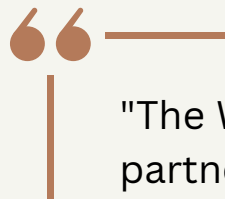
participants

13

people who tested
positive

.21%

positivity rate



"The Women's Building is grateful for our partnership with Safer Together that made it possible to provide rapid testing for our staff, in-house organizations, community members and program participants. With the care and expertise of the Safer Together team, our rapid testing program provided both a safe and convenient testing environment for our community members to feel comfortable during uncertain times. It also allowed The Women's Building and In-House organizations to continue to run our programs and provide essential services to our community. "



-Kristen Acosta

Rafiki Coalition

About Rafiki Coalition

The Rafiki Coalition came together as a community-led response to the disproportionate impact of health issues on the Black and African American community. It has since evolved in scope, supplementing health education with resources on housing and community advocacy. From their founding in 1986 as the Black Coalition on AIDS to their present iteration, their mission has been clear and meaningful to eliminate health inequities in San Francisco's Black and marginalized communities through health education, advocacy, and by providing holistic health and wellness services in a culturally affirming environment.

Our Partnership

Rafiki Coalition's mission aligns with our work on a fundamental level. Their work to empower San Francisco's Black/African Americans through education and resources goes hand in hand with our own endeavors to empower the city's most divested communities. In August **2021** Safer Together partnered with the Rafiki Coalition and trained their staff members to administer rapid tests to their clients, enabling the organization to take their health services to new levels while also expanding Safer Together's reach beyond our own staff.

*This partnership proved immensely valuable during the omicron surge of Winter **2022**. Rafiki Coalition was able to take testing beyond Safer Together's sites and for many weeks registered testing averages of over 100. We have no doubt that transmission lines were cut and community awareness increased thanks to their tireless effort, and are profusely grateful for all that they do.*

Data Summary 2021-2022

2024

participants

24

people who tested
positive

.11%

positivity rate



openhousesf.org

Open House SF

About Open House SF

Openhouse empowers LGBTQI+ seniors through housing, direct services, and community programs.

Our Partnership

By training their staff we have ensured Openhouse can sustain its service delivery through additional means of health monitoring. , delta omicron 2021

Data Summary

2021-2022

248

participants

2

people who tested positive

.80%

positivity rate



sfgmc.org

SF Gay Mens Chorus

About Open House SF

We trained the world's largest openly gay chorus on how to administer tests so that performers are cleared of Covid-19 prior to large events.

Our Partnership

SFGMC tests chorus members before rehearsals and performances to ensure the safety of community members. Chorus members had accessible COVID-19 tests and could self-admin

2155

participants

4

people who tested positive

01%

positivity rate

Father Alfred Center

About Father Alfred Center

FAC offers a residential recovery program to homeless men who are ready to build sober, stable futures.

Our Partnership

We have trained their staff so that those who avail of FAC services have an additional layer of health security. Sept. 2021

Data Summary 2021-2022

856

participants

35

people who tested positive

.00%

positivity rate



eocp.net

East Oakland Community Project

Data Summary 2021-2022

113

participants

2

people who
tested positive

.01%

positivity rate

About EOCP

Our Partnership

EOCP offers individualized support through case management to help the East Bay's homeless population advocate for themselves. We trained staff to administer tests for themselves and their participants. sept 21



Booker T. Washington

About BTWCS

BTWCSC offers a wide array of programs that sustain a vibrant and strong community in the Fillmore area.

Our Partnership

We have trained over 10 staff across BTWCSC's multiple programs to ensure all who utilize the center have the health security they need and have tested at several community programs as well.

Data Summary 2021-2022

1681
participants

20
people who
tested positive

.11%
positivity rate



Chinese Progressive Association

Data Summary 2021-2022

309
participants

3
people who
tested positive

.9%
positivity rate

About Chinese Progressive Association

Our Partnership

We have trained staff who oversee CPA's youth programs so that Chinatown youth can attend after school meetings in person without compromising their health and the health of those around them. CPA has also taken our testing out into community-wide events.



SELF-ADMIN DATA SUMMARY

2021- 2022

Potential Number of Infections Stopped (positives x 12) = **11424**

Together with our Self-Admin partners, Safer Together's Self-Admin program tested 39,254 community members in total throughout the height of the Delta variant and Omicron surge in 2021-2022.

Out of community members who tested with our Self-Admin Partners 952 participants tested positive for COVID-19.

The total average positivity rate amongst community was .024%

39,254

participants

952

people who tested positive

.24%

positivity rate

Self-Admin Partners	Participants	Positives	Positivity Rate	<i>Potential Number of Infections stopped</i>
Slippery Fish	1771	8	.45%	96
Mission Graduates	175	0	0%	0
Rafiki Coalition	710	2	.28%	24
United Playaz	1245	20	1.61%	240
Openhouse	109	2	1.83%	24
Chinese Progressive Association	301	2	.66%	24
Womens Building	446	0	0%	0
East Oakland Community Project	45	1	2.22%	12
Father Alfred Center	475	18	3.79%	216
Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy	410	0	0%	0
San Francisco Gay Mens Choir	733	0	0%	0

Safer Together's, Self-Admin Program Positivity Rate

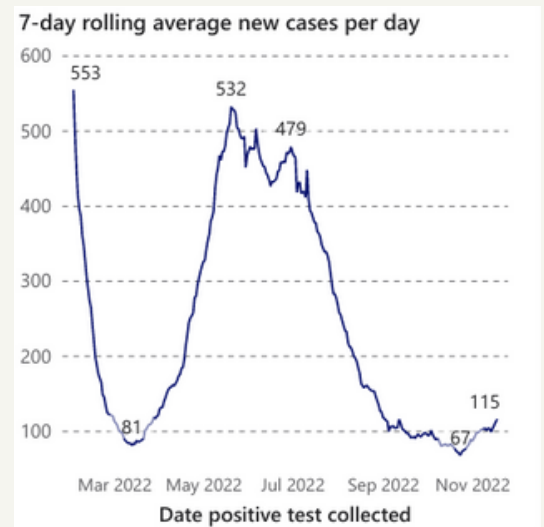
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WHAT IS THE “POSITIVITY RATE” AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

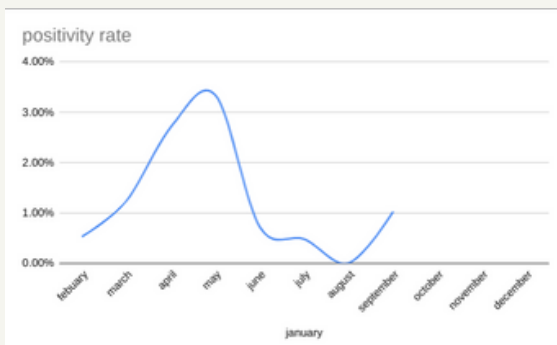
The positivity rate is a critical measure that gives us an indication of how widespread infection is in the area where the testing is occurring—and whether levels of testing are keeping up with levels of disease transmission.

The higher the percent positive is, the more concerning it is.

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SFDPH



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SFDPH new cases per day
February- November
2021-2022



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