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To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager *T.M.*

From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services *KC*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject: Status Update – Drink Safety Kits**

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On December 6, 2022, the City Council requested the City Manager to identify and allocate at least \$25,000 for the purchase of disposable drink safety kits and to adopt a test kit distribution program similar to the one implemented by the City of West Hollywood.

As of June 2023, funding has been allocated, campaign materials and a website have been created, an outreach plan has been established, and a vendor was secured. The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) will acquire the drink safety test kits by July 2023 and, at that time, will implement a comprehensive approach to equitably distribute them to local businesses and organizations throughout the City. The Outreach plan consists of in-person efforts to distribute flyers, as well as a social media campaign to increase awareness, and a digital community toolkit that will be available on the City website.

As utilized in other cities throughout California, these testing kits can be used anywhere, and at any time, to detect the possible presence of drink-spiking drugs. To ensure the equitable distribution of these kits among businesses and organizations throughout Long Beach, the Health Department has developed a [Drink Safety Test Kit Request Form](#) that can be submitted when there is an interest in acquiring test kits. The form will be available online in English, Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog.

The City of Long Beach remains dedicated to its goal to launch the SipSafe Long Beach Program to encourage drink safety and ensure that resources to do so are readily available. Businesses and residents can learn more about this initiative by visiting [www.longbeach.gov/sipsafe](http://www.longbeach.gov/sipsafe).

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