



# California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

# Upcoming Calls



- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls
  - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
  - Access code: **799 3227**
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars
  - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month
  - Register at: [hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars](https://hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars)
  - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted at registration site
- HSAG Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Updates & Office Hours:
  - Register: <https://bit.ly/NHSNofficeHours2022AugSep>

# Educational Opportunities

Event	Date	Registration Link
CALTCM Leadership & Management in Geriatrics Conference	July 29-30, 2022 (Virtual)	<a href="https://www.caltcm-lmg.org/">https://www.caltcm-lmg.org/</a>
CAHF/QCHF Infection Prevention Conference 2022	August 9-10, 2022 Newport Beach	<a href="https://www.cahf.org/Education-Events/IPC22">https://www.cahf.org/Education-Events/IPC22</a>
2022 Quality Matters (CAHF, QCHF, HSAG, Stanford)	September 1, 8, 15 (Webinars) September 29 (Pasadena 10am-4pm)	<a href="https://www.cahf.org/Education-Events/IPC22">https://www.cahf.org/Education-Events/IPC22</a>



## Coffee Chat: Workforce Conversations

- Register: Friday, August 5, 2022, 11am-12 Noon  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckcu2trjlsGtEYgd2HsMkDNPeynRmbidvJ>

# Agenda



- CDPH Updates
- Testing Taskforce Updates
- Immunization Branch Updates
- NHSN Updates
- Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Updates
- Q&A



# CDPH Updates

# Poll

Q1. Is there demand for Novavax Covid-19 Vaccine?

A. Yes

B. No

C. N/A

Q2. Is your SNF interested in ordering Novavax?

A. Yes

B. No



# HAI Updates

# CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

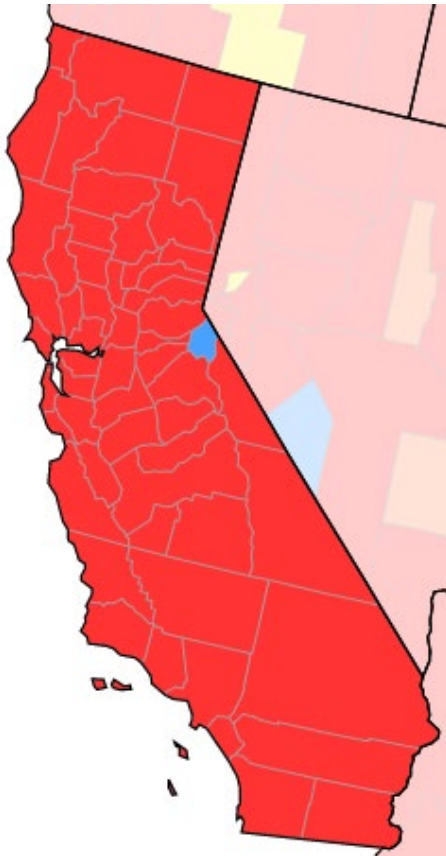
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Data Type:

Community Transmission

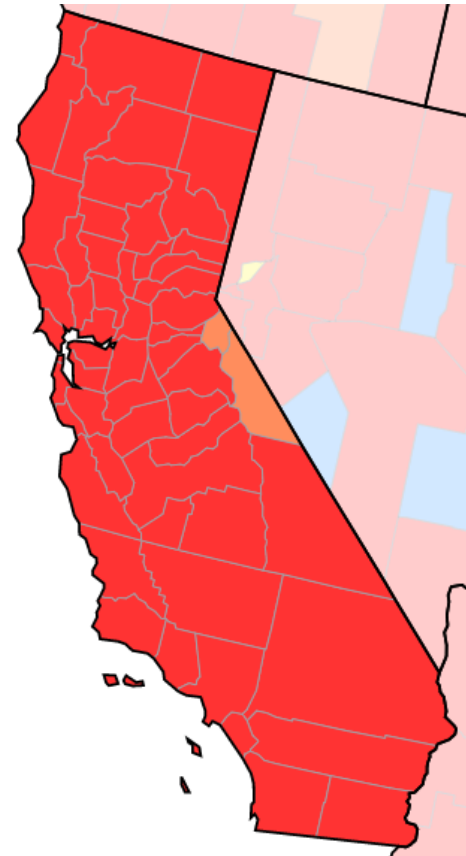
Map Metric:

Community Transmission



July 12

July 25



[https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=Risk&null=Risk)

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# Q: Is the second booster taken into consideration for contact tracing and quarantine purposes?

- The CDC terminology “up to date” that includes the second booster (when eligible) is not used in California state guidance at this time.
- However, from an infection control standpoint, since the CDC’s recommendation for a second booster applies to the vast majority of SNF residents, it’s reasonable for facilities to consider the second booster in determining whether residents are boosted for the purpose of quarantine and contact tracing decisions.
- Check with your local health department for more stringent guidance.

# Hospital to SNF Care Transitions

- **AFL 20-87.1: Movement of Patients/Residents During Seasonal Surges and the COVID-19 Pandemic(November 2021)**
  - “...surges in hospital admissions and ED visits can affect hospital capacity when SNFs do not accept new admissions or readmissions...”
  - “...barrier to hospital discharges will lead to SNF residents remaining in the acute care hospital for longer than medically necessary.”
  - “...SNFs must be operationally prepared to safely and appropriately accept admissions or readmissions in relation to acceptable staffing levels, adequate supply of PPE, appropriate separate zones within the facility, and following applicable testing strategies.”
  - “SNFs should work collaboratively with hospital discharge planners and LHD to facilitate the safe and appropriate placement of SNF residents.”

# AFL 22-13 Recommendations for Testing of HCP and Residents at SNFs (June 9, 2022)

- **Newly admitted residents** and residents who have left the facility for >24 hours, **regardless of vaccination status, should have a series of two COVID-19 tests;** immediately upon admission and, if negative, again 5-7 days after their admission.
- Testing is still recommended prior to admission for residents who are unvaccinated, or not boosted (if eligible), including hospital transfers.
  - **SNFs may not require a negative test result prior to accepting a new admission,** and should be **prepared to isolate or quarantine** new admissions as needed if suspected infection or exposure.
- SNFs that currently do not have any positive cases and do not have a current need for a red area should remain **prepared to quickly reestablish the red area** and provide care for, and accept admission of, COVID-19 positive residents.

**Q: If a patient is tested in the hospital for placement within 48 hours of transfer to the nursing home, can this test count as the first viral test upon admission?**

- No, the test at the hospital would not count because the incubation period of the virus can be so short (i.e., 2-3 days) and positive cases could be missed.
- If the test was taken at the hospital immediately prior (e.g., a few hours before) transfer to the nursing home, that could be counted as the first test that is required immediately upon admission.
- Per AFL 22-13, if the test is negative, the new admission must be tested again 5-7 days after their admission, regardless of vaccination status.

# Q: Do hospitals need to offer patients the booster prior to transfer to the SNF?

- Per AFL 21-20.1, CDPH recommends that prior to discharge, hospitals should offer COVID-19 vaccinations, including booster doses, to eligible patients, especially those at highest risk of morbidity and mortality from COVID-19.
- CDPH recommends that nursing homes reach out to their local hospital infection preventionists to discuss AFL 21-20.1 and to encourage them to offer boosters prior to transferring.

# Q: How should healthcare facilities define exposures and close contacts?

- Continue to use the [CDC's risk assessment framework](#) to determine exposure risk for HCP with potential occupational exposure to patients, residents, and visitors with COVID-19
- [CDC provides additional considerations](#) for assessing exposure risk for patients or residents exposed to HCP with COVID-19
- CDPH guidance for assessing community-related exposures should be applied to
  - HCP with potential exposures outside of work (e.g., household),
  - HCP exposed to each other while working in non-patient care areas (e.g., administrative offices), and
  - patients/residents exposed to other patients/residents or visitors in health care and non-patient care areas (e.g., waiting rooms, dining areas).

# Questions?





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