California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Upcoming Calls

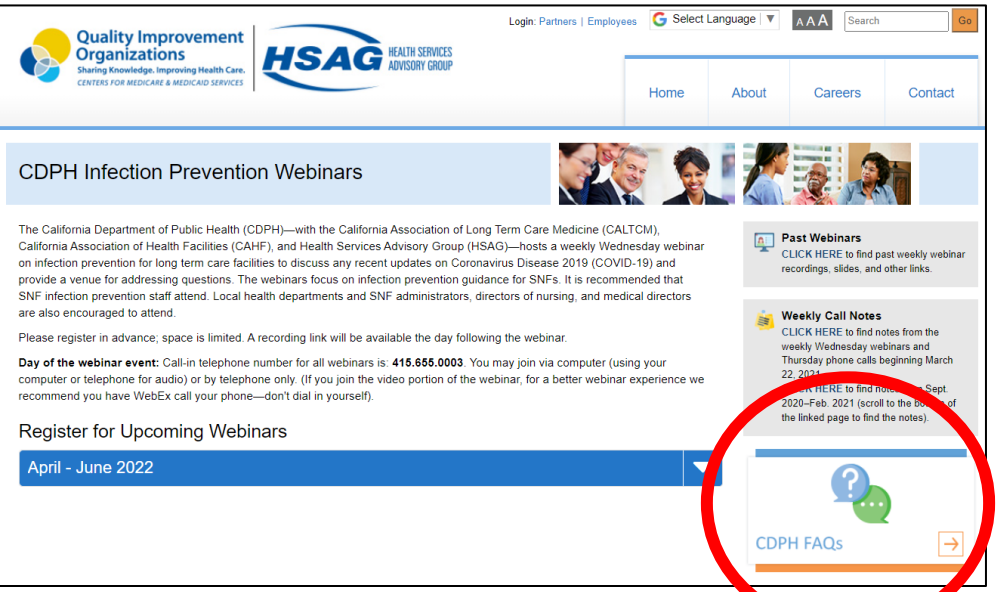
- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls
  - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
  - Access code: **799 3227**

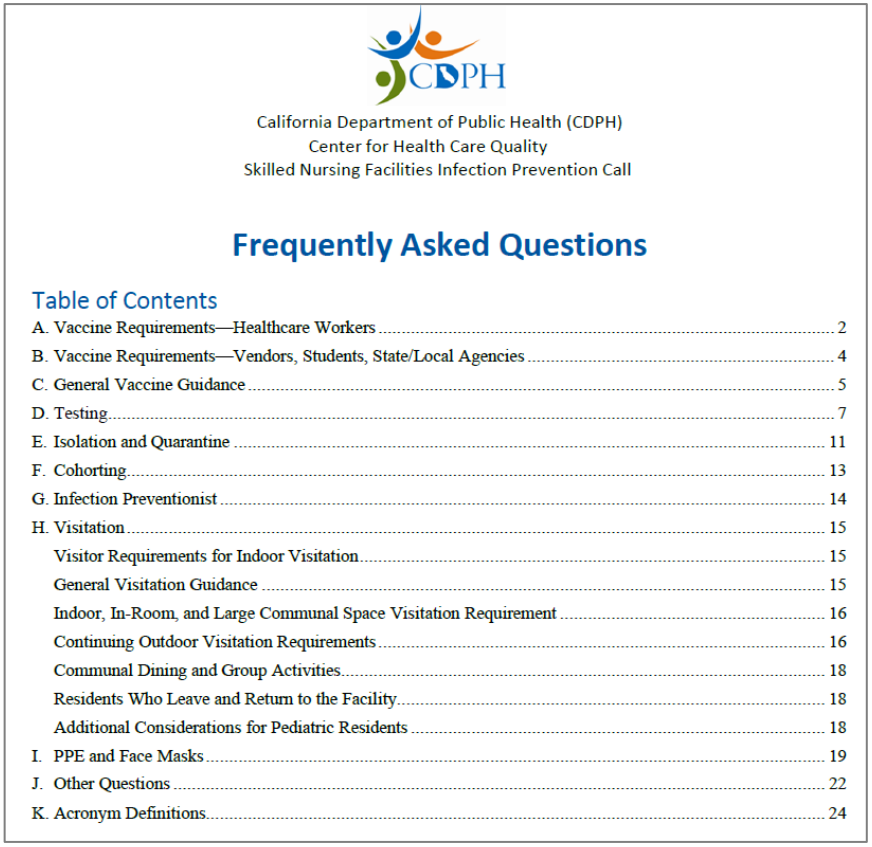
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars
  - Register at: **hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars**
  - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted at registration site

- HSAG Friday, 11:30 a.m., Full Speed Ahead! Booster Quickinars:
  - Register: **https://bit.ly/FullSpeedAheadBoosterProgram**
  - Recordings: **https://www.hsag.com/covid-19/vaccine-resources**

SNF = skilled nursing facility

New Wednesday Webinar FAQ Document





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Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Host	Educational Opportunity	Registration Link
CDPH	**Project Firstline April Education for CNAs—"Turning Point: *Infection Prevention Practices while Positioning and Transferring Residents*"** • Free trainings are offered 14 different days and time slots in April	Register: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ProjectFirstlineRegistration.aspx Website: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ProjectFirstline.aspx Questions? ProjectFirstline@cdph.ca.gov
HSAG	**Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD): Prescribing Buprenorphine** • Thursday, April 14, 2022 • 10:30–11:00 a.m.	Register: bit.ly/OpioidStewardshipProgramQuickinars Resources: https://www.hsag.com/osp-quickinars
HSAG	**Measuring Progress: QIIP Performance Dashboard** • Tuesday, April 19, 2022 • 11:00–11:30 a.m.	Register: bit.ly/cc-quickinars Resources: https://www.hsag.com/cc-quickinars

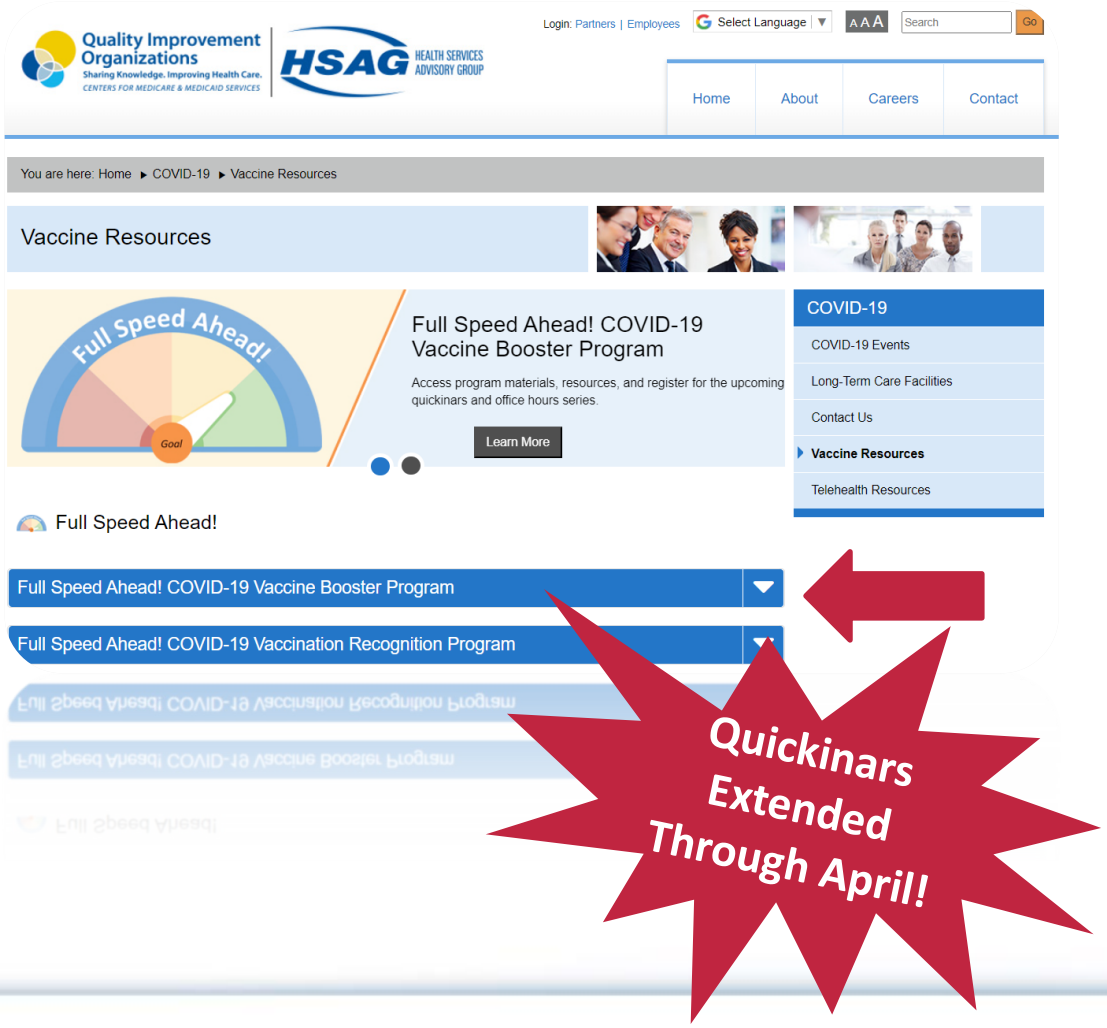
Agenda

- CDPH Updates
- Immunization Branch Updates
- NHSN Updates
- Operationalizing COVID-19 Therapeutics in Nursing Homes
- Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Updates
- Q&A

CDPH Updates

NHSN Updates

HSAG | Quickinar Recordings On Demand



Past Topics Covered

- Week 1: Campaign Kickoff
- Week 2: The Action Plan
- Week 3: Onsite Clinics
- Week 4: Vaccinators
- Week 5: Messaging
- Week 6: Marketing
- Week 7: Goal Review
- Week 8: NHSN
- Week 9: Monitoring Data
- Week 10: Short-Stay Issues
- Week 11: Overcoming Barriers
- Week 12: New Optional NHSN Vaccination Reporting Form

https://www.hsag.com/covid-19/vaccine-resources

Next Week's Topic: Motivational Interviewing

Friday, April 15

11:30 a.m. PT

Register Here:
https://bit.ly/FullSpeedAheadBoosterProgram

New Optional Event-Level COVID Vaccination Form in NHSN

- Manage person-level vaccination data directly in the NHSN application
- Based on data entered, it calculates the cumulative totals for the weekly HCP and resident vaccination reporting
- Optional tool
- SAMS Level 3 access required
- Already built into the NHSN and facilities can start using it

Reasons to Use the New Event-Level Form

- The Excel Data Tracking Worksheets will be retired in May 2022
- Can complete a one-time upload of the Excel Data Tracking Worksheets
- Allowed to record religious exemptions to COVID-19 vaccination
- The form automatically captures any changes made to an individual's vaccination status and updates previous submissions

Training

- HSAG Booster Quickinar Recording—Week 12: NHSN Updates to Vaccine Tracking
  - Recording: https://www.hsag.com/covid-19/vaccine-resources
- NHSN Training:
  - When: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 11:00 AM
  - Topic: Event-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Forms: Office Hours and FAQs
  - Registration required: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_asYca_YuTj2gzJbMiFM7ow
  - Slides: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ltc/covidvax/c19-eventlevel-508.pdf

HAI Updates

CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view

Data Type:

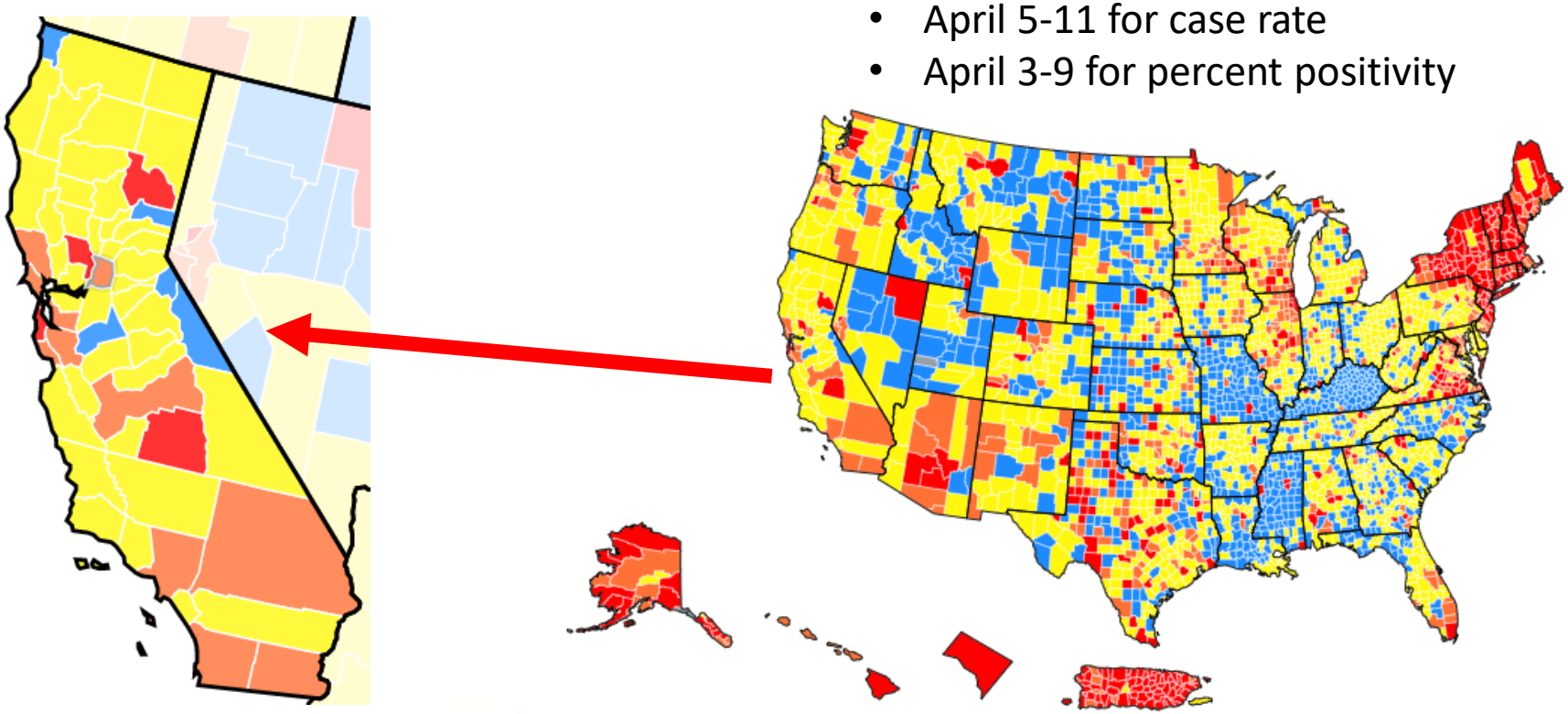
Community Transmission

Map Metric:

Community Transmission

Time Period:

- April 5-11 for case rate
- April 3-9 for percent positivity



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Q: Can HCP wear surgical masks rather than N95s in the green zone?

- Understand the difference in purpose of masks or N95s :
  - **PPE:** protect the HCP from residents' respiratory secretions during resident care.
  - **Source control:** limit emission of the wearer's respiratory secretions for the protection of others around them.
- **Surgical masks** are generally acceptable as **source control** when HCP are caring for residents in the green zone (and in non-resident care areas).
- HCP should wear **N95s** as **both PPE and source control** in the green zone:
  - During an outbreak.
  - During care for residents undergoing aerosol generating procedures in a facility located in a county with substantial or high community transmission per the CDC COVID Data Tracker: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.
- Per CDC, to simplify implementation, facilities in counties with substantial or high transmission may consider implementing universal use of N95 respirators for HCP during all patient care encounters or in specific units or areas of the facility at higher risk for SARS-CoV-2 transmission.

Check with your local health department to see if they have more stringent requirements.

Q: Do HCP still have to wear eye protection in the green zone? Does HCP vaccination status matter?

- In general, PPE is worn by HCP for their protection during resident care regardless of the HCP vaccination status.
- In facilities in counties with substantial or high COVID-19 transmission per CDC's COVID Data Tracker, and during a COVID-19 outbreak in a facility, eye protection (face shields, goggles) is required as PPE during all resident care, including green zones.
- Eye protection in the green zone is NOT required in counties with low to moderate county transmission, unless otherwise indicated as part of standard precautions.
- Eye protection is NOT necessary in non-patient care areas, such as the kitchen, hallways, nurses' station, regardless of county transmission.

Check with your local health department to see if they have more stringent requirements.

Q: Do healthcare settings need to continue to screen HCP, vendors and visitors prior to entry?

- Yes. Healthcare settings must continue to have a process to screen and identify anyone entering the facility, regardless of their vaccination status, who has any of the following three criteria so that they can be properly managed:
  1) A positive viral test for SARS-CoV-2
  2) Symptoms of COVID-19, or
  3) Close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection (for patients and visitors) or a higher-risk exposure for HCP
- Options could include (but are not limited to):
  - Individual screening on arrival at the facility; or
  - Implementing an electronic monitoring system in which individuals can self-report any of the above before entering the facility.
- Be mindful of other contagious diseases and pathogens, such as influenza and other viral respiratory infections, Strep pharyngitis, measles, tuberculosis, etc.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html

Questions?

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