



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

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

# Upcoming Calls



- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls
  - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
  - Access code: **799 3227**
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  - Register at: [hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars](https://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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## CDPH Infection Prevention Webinars

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH)—with the California Association of Long Term Care Medicine (CALTCM), California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF), and Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG)—hosts a weekly Wednesday webinar on infection prevention for long term care facilities to discuss any recent updates on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and provide a venue for addressing questions. The webinars focus on infection prevention guidance for SNFs. It is recommended that SNF infection prevention staff attend. Local health departments and SNF administrators, directors of nursing, and medical directors are also encouraged to attend.

Please register in advance; space is limited. A recording link will be available the day following the webinar.

**Day of the webinar event:** Call-in telephone number for all webinars is: **415.655.0003**. You may join via computer (using your computer or telephone for audio) or by telephone only. (If you join the video portion of the webinar, for a better webinar experience we recommend you have WebEx call your phone—don't dial in yourself).

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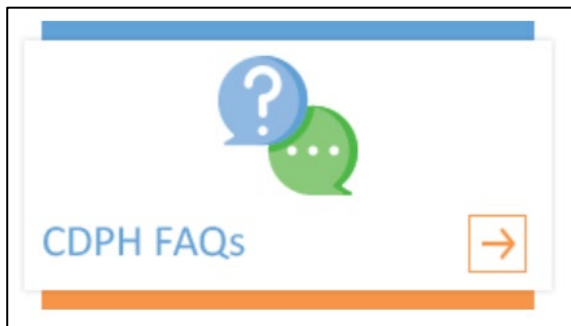
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**Weekly Call Notes**  
CLICK HERE to find notes from the weekly Wednesday webinars and Thursday phone calls beginning March 22, 2021.

CLICK HERE to find recordings Sept. 2020–Feb. 2021 (scroll to the bottom of the linked page to find the notes).

**CDPH FAQs**



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- CDPH Updates
- Testing Task Force Updates
- Immunization Branch Updates
- Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Updates
- Q&A



# CDPH Updates

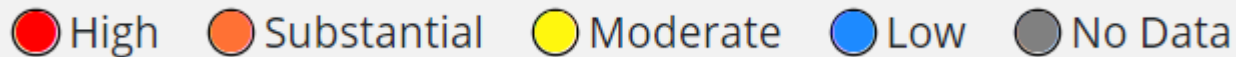
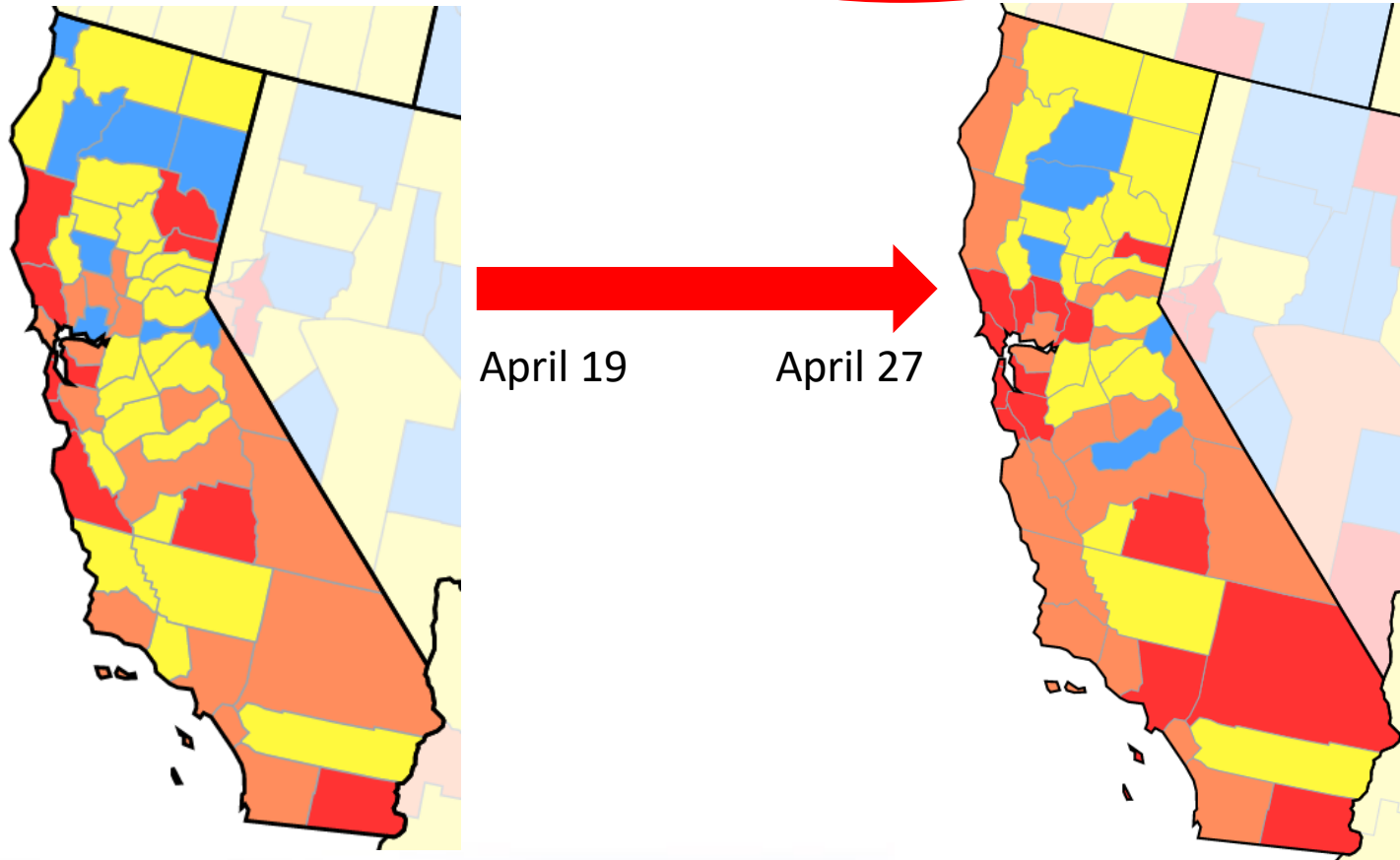


# HAI Updates

# CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

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

Data Type:  Map Metric:



# CDC Masking Guidance for Travel

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/travelers/index.html>



- As of April 18, 2022, CDC's January 29, 2021, Order requiring masks on public transportation is no longer in effect. Therefore, CDC will not enforce the Order.
- CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time.
- CDPH Face Coverings Guidance <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings.aspx> updated to align with CDC; **no changes to masking requirements for healthcare settings.**



# Clarification of Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for HCP and Residents/Patients in Healthcare Facilities

- **CDPH Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public (4/6/2022)**

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx>

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This guidance does NOT apply to healthcare personnel in settings covered by **AFL-21-08.8**. It also does not apply to Emergency Medical Services personnel, who are permitted to follow the Guidance on Quarantine for Health Care Personnel in **AFL-21.08.8**.

- All other healthcare settings not covered by AFL 21-08.8 or AFL 20-53.6 should follow the guidance in Table 3.
- It is reasonable for other healthcare facilities that serve especially vulnerable populations (e.g., moderately or severely immunocompromised individuals), to follow the more protective CDC guidance for HCP and residents/patients.

# Clarification of Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for HCP and Residents/Patients in Healthcare Facilities(cont.)

- **CDPH AFL 21-08.8 (3/7/2022)**

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-08.aspx>

- Continue to follow for management of isolation and quarantine of HCP in general acute care hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, skilled nursing facilities (SNF).
- SNF should continue to follow the isolation and quarantine guidance for **residents** in AFL 20-53.6.
  - Updates to AFL 20-53.6 to align with [CDC's current isolation and quarantine guidance for patients and residents](#) is in the review and approval process. In the meantime, it is reasonable for SNF to follow the CDC guidance.

# Response Testing FAQs

## **Q: How often should testing be done during response testing?**

- Per CDPH AFL 20-53.6, as soon as possible after one (or more) COVID-19 positive individuals (resident or HCP) is identified in a facility, serial retesting of all residents and HCP who test negative upon initial testing should be performed at least weekly if NAAT test is used (e.g., PCR test) or twice weekly if antigen test is used until no new cases are identified in residents in sequential rounds of testing for 14 days.

## **Q: Can antigen tests be used for response testing?**

- Yes, antigen tests can be used for response testing if used at least twice a week and may be particularly helpful during the initial rounds of response testing to rapidly identify, isolate, and cohort positive individuals.
- Confirmatory molecular (e.g., PCR) testing is not required for negative antigen test results during response testing but may be considered (in consultation with your local health department) for higher risk close contacts.
- One implementation option is to substitute one round of response testing per week with a PCR test if the turnaround time for the PCR result is 24–48 hours.

# Visitor Vaccination Verification FAQs

**Q: Are we still required to obtain copies of vaccination records from visitors?**

**A:** No. The requirement is that the facility develops a process for verifying and documenting the vaccination status of a visitor. They do not need to keep a copy of the vaccination record on file in the facility.

**Q: Is it a requirement that visitors sign the log to attest that they were formally screened at entry?**

**A:** No. The facility needs a process to screen visitors and ask the appropriate questions prior to entry, however, there is no explicit requirement for a visitor to have to sign the visitor log to attest to not having COVID-19 or symptoms.

# Questions?





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