California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Upcoming Calls

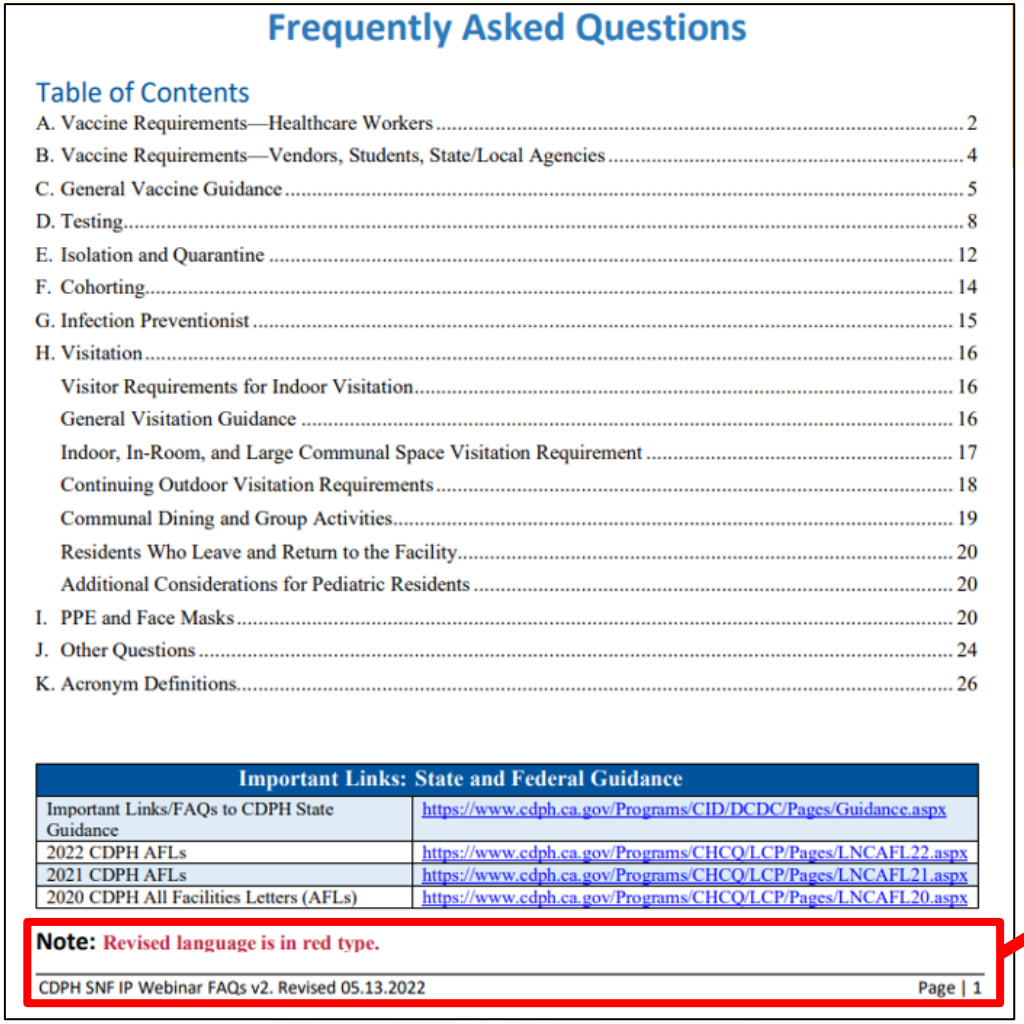
- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls
  - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
  - Access code: **799 3227**

- 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**
  - May 27 Topic: Vaccine Hesitancy

SNF = skilled nursing facility

Wednesday Webinar FAQ Document



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Important Links: State and Federal Guidance	
Important Links/FAQs to CDPH State Guidance	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx
2022 CDPH AFLs	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/LNCAFL22.aspx
2021 CDPH AFLs	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/LNCAFL21.aspx
2020 CDPH All Facilities Letters (AFLs)	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/LNCAFL20.aspx

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Agenda

- CDPH Updates
- Testing Task Force Updates
- Immunization Branch Updates
- Storage and Handling of COVID-19 Vaccine
- Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Updates
- Q&A

“Building Resilience While Advancing Your Caregiving Skills”

- Virtual ECHO educational series from UC Irvine & Front Porch
- Starts June 8 for four weeks, every Wednesday, 3–4 p.m.
- **Dates & Topics:**
  - June 8: Self-Care and Resilience
  - June 15: Communication: What Matters Most
  - June 22: Fall Prevention and Mobility
  - June 29: Dementia, Delirium, Depression
- **Register at:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTogjyiqWonFjCODuG65J8vdXLH8TG11tTrWh4PLPVoH7HWw/viewform
- **Free BRN CEU Credits**
- **Target Audience:** CNAs, LVNs, RNs, and other staff and direct caregivers at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other settings that serve older adults.

CDPH Updates

Q: Do we need to keep version history of our mitigation plans?

- A separate, standalone mitigation plan is no longer necessary.
- Components of the mitigation plan should be incorporated into the facility's infection control and emergency preparedness plan, which can be updated and adjusted as needed.
- Saving copies of prior versions of plans, policies, and procedures is considered a best practice, but it is not written as an actual CDPH requirement.
- If by chance your facility needs to respond to a lawsuit or investigation, it would be wise for your facility to have the ability to produce past versions so you can identify what the policy was at the time of the reported incident or issue you are responding to.

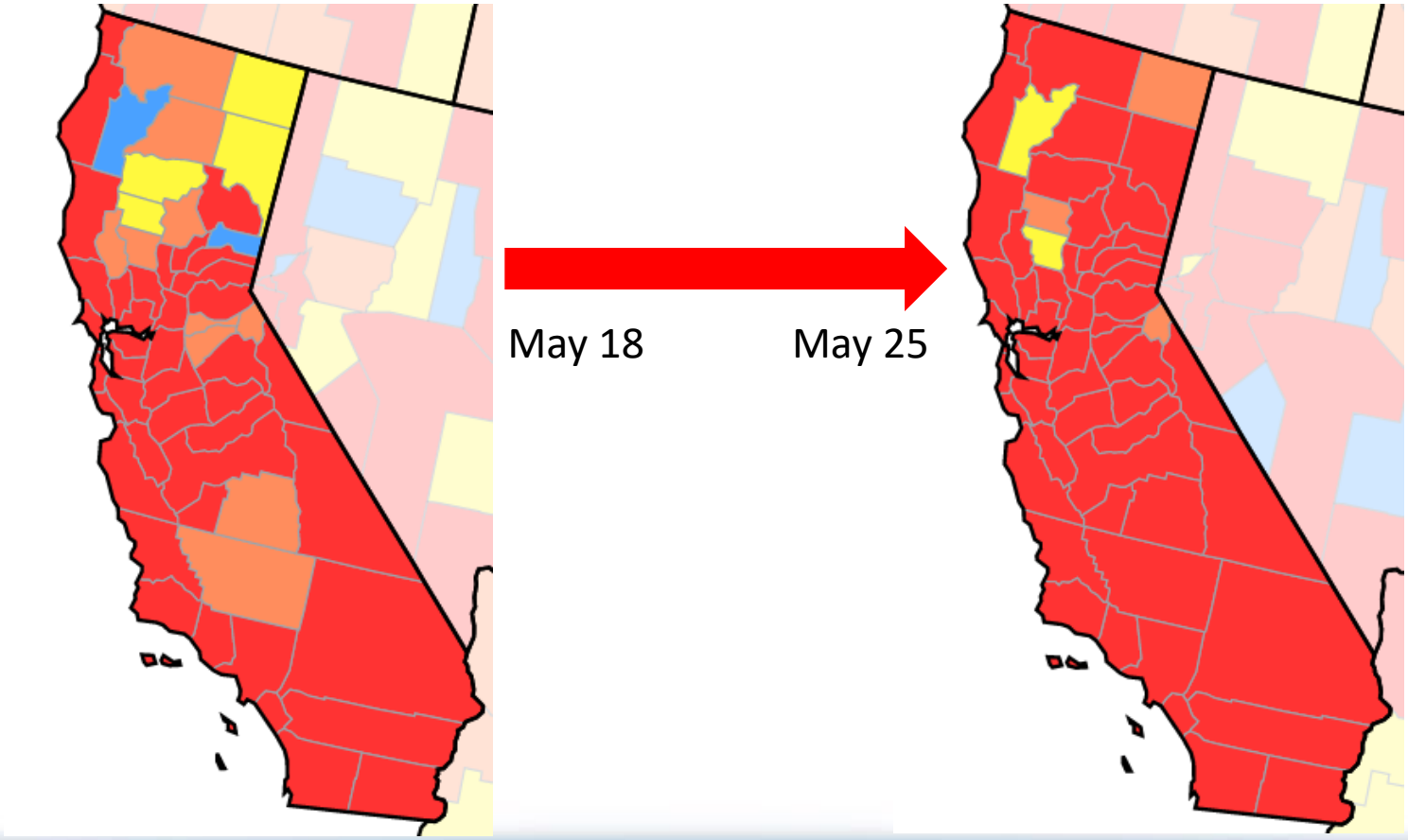
HAI Updates

CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Data Type: Community Transmission

Map Metric: Community Transmission



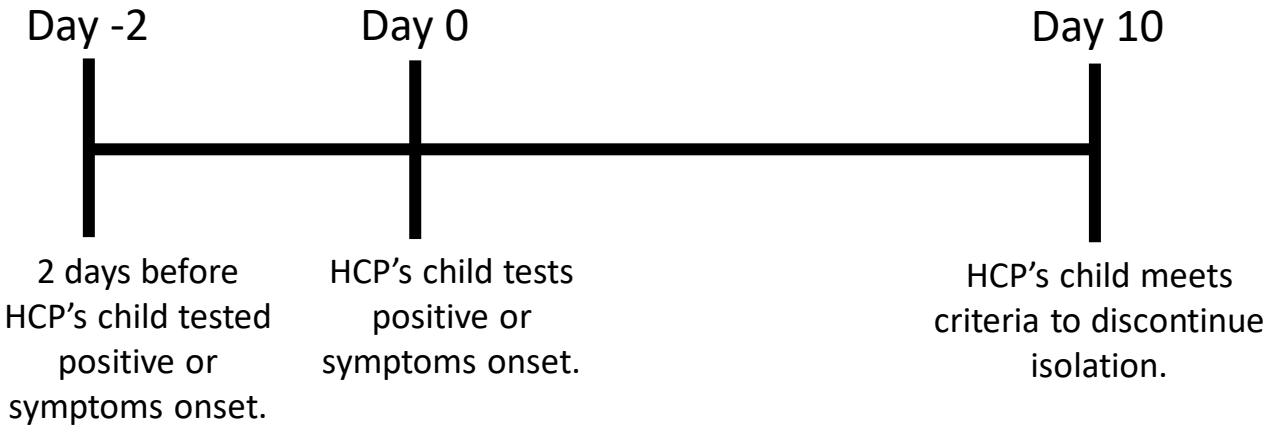
https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=Risk&null=Risk

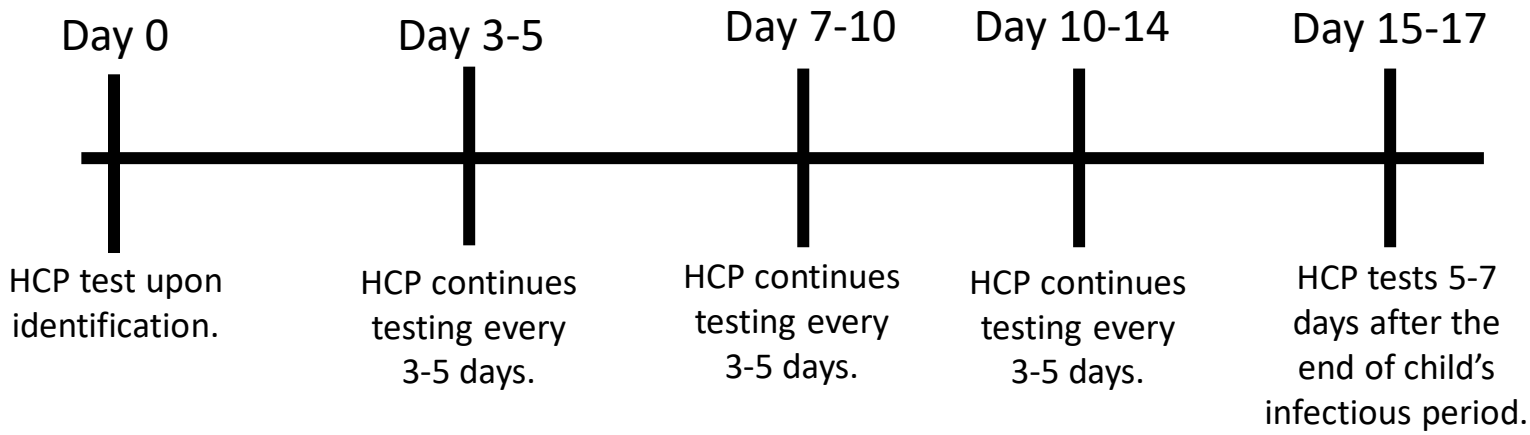
Q: How do we determine the exposure period for testing and quarantine for HCP with a household contact (e.g., exposed to positive child)?

- If the HCP cannot isolate from their infected household member, the HCP would be considered exposed throughout the infected household member's infectious period.
- The HCP should test as follows:
  - Test upon identification of the exposure, which starts 2 days prior to the infected person's symptoms onset or positive test, if asymptomatic.
  - Continue testing every 3–5 days through 7 days after the end of the infected household member's infectious period (generally at least 5 days if testing negative on day 5 or later, or 10 days if no negative test, and improving symptoms if symptomatic).
- Unvaccinated and booster-eligible unboosted HCP should quarantine in addition to testing

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html#Infection-Control

HCP with Household Contact Example: Testing





Are other respiratory illnesses circulating?

- There is a rise in respiratory infections among staff and residents that have symptoms that mirror COVID-19.
- Be sure to test symptomatic individuals for other respiratory viral pathogens, such as influenza and RSV.
- If the COVID-19 or influenza antigen test is negative, we recommend repeating the antigen test and/or considering a confirmatory molecular test depending on the timing and likelihood of alternate diagnosis.
- Consult with LHD for a more comprehensive respiratory panel, especially if there is a cluster of residents or staff affected in your facility.

Q: Our facility is utilizing up to 5,600 gowns per week. Any advice on how we can sustain this PPE burn rate?

- For patient care activities in the yellow zone, HCP generally need to wear eyewear (face shield or goggles), N95, gloves and gown.
- If HCP have only brief interaction with the resident, with minimal contact, HCP may not need to wear a gown. Limit gowns for activities where staff have direct contact with the resident.
- Washable gowns can be used.
- When gowns are used, extended use and reuse are not acceptable!

Activity in the Yellow Zone	Are gowns required?
Direct Resident Care	Yes
Medication Pass	No
Dropping off or picking up meal trays	No
Dropping off or picking up water pitcher	No
Having a conversation with resident from doorway	No

Questions?

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