California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Upcoming Calls

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

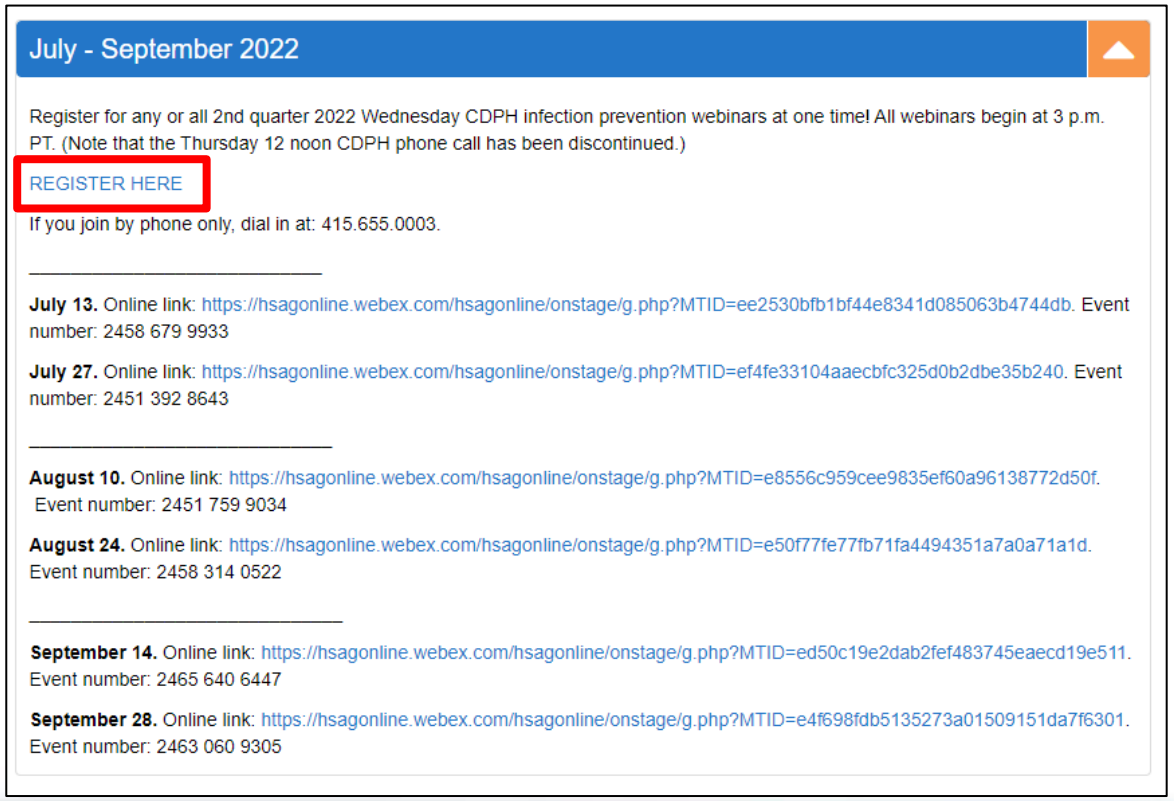
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars
  - Register at: **hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars**
  - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted at registration site

- HSAG Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., NHSN Updates & Office Hours:
  - June registration link: **https://bit.ly/NHSNofficehours2022**
  - July registration link: **https://bit.ly/NHSNJuly2022OfficeHours**

SNF = skilled nursing facility
NHSN = National Healthcare Safety Network

Register for July, August, and September Wednesday Webinars

- Register at: **www.hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars**
- Scheduled the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month
  - July 13 & 27
  - August 10 & 24
  - September 14 & 28
- Questions
  - covhai@cdph.ca.gov



July - September 2022

Register for any or all 2nd quarter 2022 Wednesday CDPH infection prevention webinars at one time! All webinars begin at 3 p.m. PT. (Note that the Thursday 12 noon CDPH phone call has been discontinued.)

REGISTER HERE

If you join by phone only, dial in at: 415.655.0003.

July 13. Online link: https://hsagonline.webex.com/hsagonline/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee2530bfb1bf44e8341d085063b4744db. Event number: 2458 679 9933

July 27. Online link: https://hsagonline.webex.com/hsagonline/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef4fe33104aaecbfc325d0b2dbe35b240. Event number: 2451 392 8643

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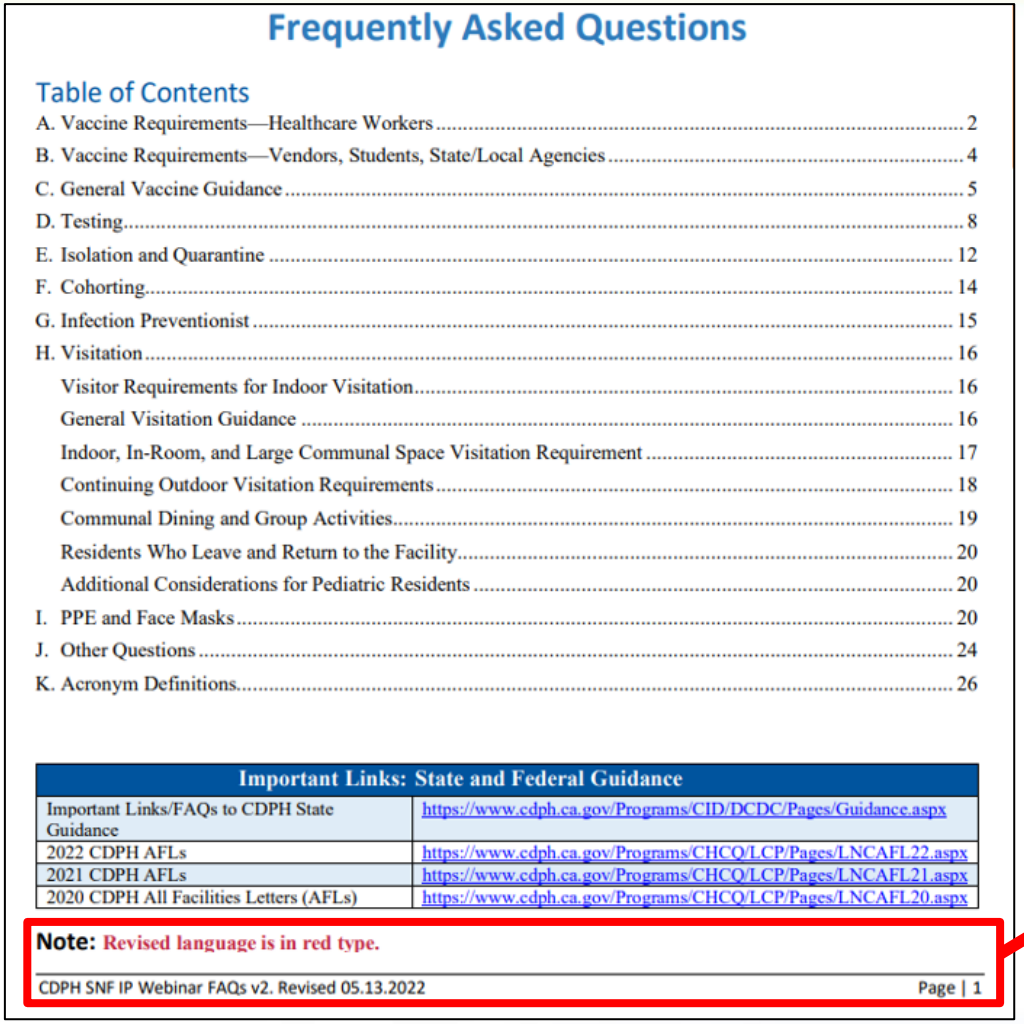
August 24. Online link: https://hsagonline.webex.com/hsagonline/onstage/g.php?MTID=e50f77fe77fb71fa4494351a7a0a71a1d. Event number: 2458 314 0522

September 14. Online link: https://hsagonline.webex.com/hsagonline/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed50c19e2dab2fef483745eaecd19e511. Event number: 2465 640 6447

September 28. Online link: https://hsagonline.webex.com/hsagonline/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4f698fdb5135273a01509151da7f6301. Event number: 2463 060 9305

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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FAQs v2. Revised 05.13.2022

LeadingAge California Java Project

- **WHAT IS JAVA?**
  - 100 California nursing homes are invited.
  - 3-year project funded by CDPH.
  - Nursing home activity staff will gain access to Java Group Programs—the first standardized peer support interventions designed to address depression and loneliness in older adults.
    - Java Music Club
    - Java Time
    - Java Mentorship
- **INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS**
  - Monday, June 27, 2022, 3–4 p.m.
    https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GNdTof47QimpYpMRNbhKZQ
  - Friday, July 1, 2022, 1–2 p.m.
    https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Pn9BvEn6SHi1aSpS1oREG
  - Contact: Amanda Davidson, adavidson@leadingageca.org

https://www.leadingageca.org/java-grant

Agenda

- CDPH Updates
- Testing Task Force Updates
- Medical Director Certification Deadline
- Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Updates
- Q&A

CDPH Updates

Medical Director Certification

AB 749 Medical Director Certification

- A SNF medical director must, within 5 years of initial hire, be certified by the American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (ABPLM), or an equivalent organization, as a **Certified Medical Director**.
  - ABPLM https://www.abplm.org/home
- A medical director already employed by SNF as of January 1, 2022, shall have until January 1, 2027, to become a Certified Medical Director.
- CALTCM Guidance https://www.caltcm.org/ab-749-compliance

AB 749 https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB749

Reporting Requirements

- Per **AFL 21-46**, SNFs have until **June 30, 2022,** to report the name and certification status of their medical director by submitting the following information to CDPH:
  - CDPH HS 215A form or its successor form https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ControlledForms/hs215a.pdf.
  - Medical director resume.
  - Whether its medical director is certified as a Certified Medical Director according to the requirements established by the American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine or an equivalent organization as determined by CDPH.
  - If the medical director is not yet certified, the expected date of certification.
- SNFs must also submit the information above on their initial licensing applications and must notify CDPH within 10 days of changes in its medical director by submitting the same information.

CDPH AFL 21-46 https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-46.aspx

Medical Director Certification

- SNFs can submit their completed application packets to the Centralized Applications Branch:
  - California Department of Public Health
    Licensing and Certification Program
    Centralized Applications Branch
    P.O. Box 997377, MS 3207
    Sacramento, CA 95899-7377
- Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your packet.
- The earlier you send it in, the more time CDPH will have to verify the information before the deadline.

Poll: Has your SNF submitted the AB 749 Medical Director Certification paperwork to CDPH?

A. Yes, our SNF already submitted the paperwork.

B. No, our SNF is working on the paperwork and will submit soon.

C. No, our SNF has not started the paperwork yet, but we plan to.

D. No, I was not aware of this requirement.

E. Not applicable.

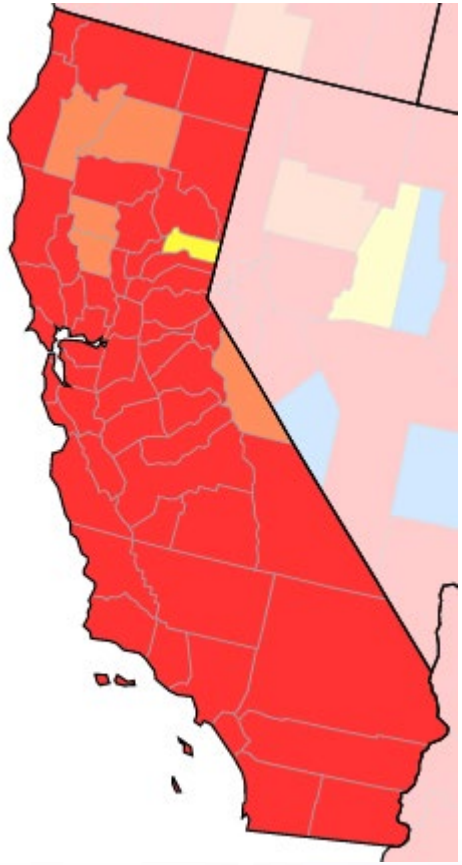
HAI Updates

CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Data Type: Community Transmission

Map Metric: Community Transmission



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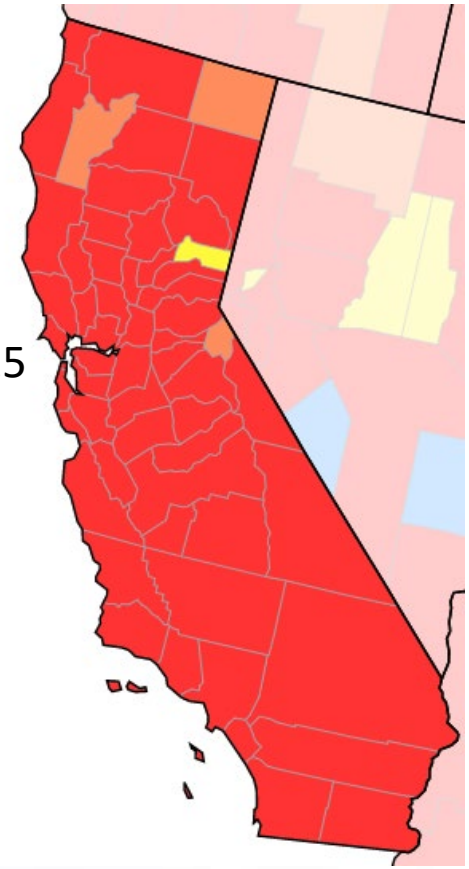


https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=Risk&null=Risk

AFL 22-13: Updated Testing Guidance

- COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Recommendations for Testing of HCP and Residents at SNFs (supersedes AFL 20-53.6)
- In accordance with the State Public Health Officer Order – HCW Vaccine Requirement amended January 25, 2022, unvaccinated exempt HCP and booster-eligible HCP who have not yet received their booster must undergo twice weekly COVID-19 testing.
- Vaccinated workers that defer their booster dose based on a documented previous infection in the last 90 days do not have to test during those 90 days. Testing must resume immediately after the 90 days if they are booster eligible but have not yet received their booster dose.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-22-13.aspx

AFL 22-13: Updated Testing Guidance (cont'd)

- CDPH continues to recommend that all HCP in SNFs (including fully vaccinated and boosted HCP) undergo at least twice weekly screening testing if feasible.
- SNFs must understand that:
  - Testing should continue to be performed for HCP with signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status.
  - Testing should continue to be performed for HCP with higher-risk exposures to SARS-CoV-2 (i.e., as part of response testing)

AFL 22-13: Testing & Quarantine for Newly Admitted and Readmitted Residents

- Newly admitted residents and residents who have left the facility for >24 hours, regardless of vaccination status, should have a series of two viral tests for SARS-COV-2 infection; immediately upon admission and, if negative, again 5-7 days after their admission.
- Quarantine is not required for newly admitted and readmitted residents who are boosted, or have completed their primary series but are not yet booster eligible, or have recovered from SARS-CoV-2 infection in the prior 90 days and have not had high-risk contact (within close proximity, e.g., within 6 feet, for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection within the prior 10 days.

AFL 22-13: Testing & Quarantine for Newly Admitted and Readmitted Residents (cont'd)

- Newly admitted residents and residents who have left the facility for >24 hours who are unvaccinated, or who have completed their primary series and are booster eligible but not yet boosted, should be quarantined for at least 7 days from the date of admission or last potential exposure until results are known for testing obtained within 5-7 days after their admission.
- Testing and quarantine are not required for hospitalized residents who tested positive for COVID-19 and met criteria for discontinuation of isolation and precautions prior to SNF admission or readmission and are within 90 days of their infection.
- SNFs should consider periodic (for example, weekly) diagnostic screening testing for unvaccinated and partially vaccinated residents who regularly leave the SNF for dialysis
  - In the absence of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 transmission at the dialysis center, residents who leave the facility for dialysis do not need to be quarantined in a "yellow-observation" or "yellow-exposed" area.

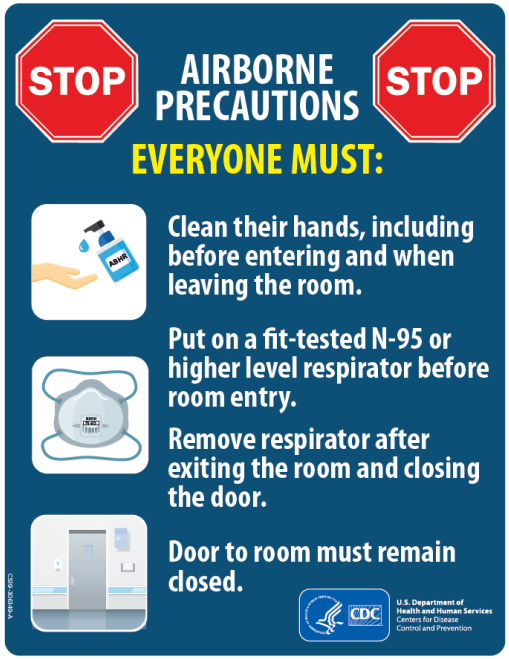
Paxlovid “Rebound” and Re-isolation

- COVID-19 rebound after Paxlovid treatment
  - Reported to occur between 2 and 8 days after initial recovery.
  - Characterized by a recurrence of COVID-19 symptoms or a new positive viral test after having tested negative.
  - Unknown how common (not rare, but not common).
- Possible transmission during COVID-19 rebound described; however, it remains unknown whether the likelihood of transmission during rebound differs from the likelihood of transmission during the initial infection.
- People with recurrence of COVID-19 symptoms or a new positive viral test after having tested negative should restart isolation.
  - Re-isolation same as original isolation duration and criteria for healthcare settings (i.e., at least 10 days and symptoms improved for patients/residents with mild-moderate illness, and at least 5 days or 7 days with symptoms improved and a negative test for HCP).
- **Q: Is it reasonable to quarantine all residents receiving Paxlovid for 14 days to catch potential rebound cases?**

https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2022/pdf/CDC_HAN_467.pdf

Q: Do the doors to resident rooms in the yellow zone need to remain closed?

- Yes. CDC's guidance for all healthcare settings is that doors must remain closed, except when entering or leaving the room, when transmission-based precautions are required.
- This guidance can be modified to facilitate safe resident care.
- If a resident is a high fall risk due to physical or mental challenges, the following methods can be used to safely provide care with the door open for observation:
  - The resident should be at least six feet away from the open door.
  - Fans or other ventilation devices should not blow air out of the resident's room.
  - HCWs should wear full PPE when caring for the resident under observation.
  - If able, the resident can wear a cloth mask in the room.



CDC Considerations for Memory Care Units in Long-Term Care Facilities
https://public4.pagefreezer.com/browse/CDC%20Covid%20Pages/11-05-2022T12:30/https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/memory-care.html
CDC Airborne Precautions Sign
https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/airborne-precautions-sign-P.pdf

Questions?

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