California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, February 16, 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
  - Trouble logging in: check link and date at registration site

- CDPH Thursday, 12 noon, SNF IP Phone Calls:
  - Dial-in: **1.877.226.8163**
  - Access Code: **513 711**

Agenda

- CDPH Updates

- Testing Task Force Updates

- Immunization Branch Updates

- Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Updates

- Q&A

CDPH Updates

HAI Updates

Q: What are the masking requirements for tracheostomy-dependent residents during visitation?

- Refer to **CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Masks** updated on February 7, 2022
  - **Exemptions to masks requirements:** Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx

Q: Should SNFs follow CDC's new quarantine and isolation guidance for residents?

- On February 2, 2022, CDC updated their isolation and quarantine guidance; updates to CDPH AFLs are in process.
- At this time, it is reasonable for nursing homes to adopt CDC's updated guidance:
  - New admissions that are **not up to date** with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses (including booster, if eligible) should be tested and quarantined for at least 7 days from the date of admission until results are known for testing obtained 5-7 days after admission.
  - The 14-day quarantine duration for exposed residents has been shortened to 10 days of quarantine following the exposure (day 0); or 7 days if testing is performed between days 5 and 7 and the resident tests negative.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html

Q: If our nursing home has high HCP booster rates, do we still have to wear eye protection in the green zone?

- Eye protection (face shields, goggles) is required during all resident care, including green zones, in facilities in counties with substantial or high COVID-19 transmission (see CDC's COVID-19 Data Tracker), and during a COVID-19 outbreak in a facility, regardless of HCP vaccination status.
- Eye protection in the green zone is NOT required in counties with low to moderate county transmission (see CDC's COVID-19 Data Tracker), 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.

County test positivity rates can be found at: https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/

HCP Testing Guidance - Overview

When Should HCP be Tested for COVID-19 in a SNF?

Vaccination Status	Routine Diagnostic Screening	Response Testing	Testing Following High-risk Exposure	Symptomatic Testing	Return-to-Work for Infected HCP*
Fully Vaccinated & Boosted (or not yet Booster Eligible)	Not required, but strongly recommended	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, if returning at 5 days after symptom onset or positive test
Fully Vaccinated and Booster Eligible, but NOT Boosted	Yes, twice weekly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, if returning at 7 days after symptom onset or positive test
Unvaccinated or Incompletely Vaccinated with Exemption	Yes, twice weekly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, if returning at 7 days after symptom onset or positive test
Recovered from COVID within 90 Days	No	No	Consider, antigen test preferred	Yes, with new symptom onset	Yes, if reinfected and returning at 5-7 days after symptoms onset

*Antigen test preferred.

Questions?