



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, February 23, 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

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Host	Educational Opportunity	Registration Link
CDPH	Infection Preventionist Training for SNFs 14-hour self-paced online course and weekly office sessions offered every Friday, 10-11 a.m.	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/IP_TrainingForSNFs_OnlineCourse.aspx
HSAG	Marketing Your Vaccine Program Success <ul style="list-style-type: none">Friday, February 25, 202211:30 a.m.–12 Noon	https://bit.ly/FullSpeedAheadBoosterProgram Past Webinars: https://www.hsag.com/covid-19/vaccine-resources/





CDPH Updates



HAI Updates

February 22 Amendment of State Public Health Officer Order: Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement

- CDPH updated the December 22, 2021, State Public Health Officer Order requiring health care workers to be fully vaccinated and boosted by March 1, 2022.
- The amendment now allows delay of the March 1 deadline for receiving a booster for workers with proof of a recent infection for up to 90 days from date of infection.
- This amendment reflects current science and understanding as it relates to hybrid immunity in those who are fully vaccinated and then become infected.

State Public Health Officer Order

(<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Health-Care-Worker-Vaccine-Requirement.aspx>)

February 22 Testing and Vaccination Revisions to CDPH AFLs

- Revisions notify facilities of the February 22 [State Public Health Officer Order](#)
- Requires HCP to be up to date with vaccinations and receive boosters by March 1, 2022, unless exempt.
- Allows delay of the March 1 deadline for receiving a booster for workers with proof of a recent infection for up to 90 days from date of infection.
- Updates the testing requirements for unvaccinated exempt HCP and booster-eligible HCP who have not yet received their booster.

AFL	Link	Audience	Testing Requirements for Unboosted & Unvaccinated Exempt HCP
21-28.3	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-28.aspx	Skilled Nursing Facilities	*Twice-weekly testing
21-27.3	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-27.aspx	General Acute Care Hospitals	*Twice-weekly testing
21-30.3	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-30.aspx	Intermediate Care Facilities	*Twice-weekly testing
21-29.3	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-29.aspx	Other Health Care Facilities	Weekly testing
21-34.3	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-34.aspx	All Facilities	*Twice-weekly in acute care or long-term care; Weekly testing in other health care settings.

*HCP who are unvaccinated exempt or booster-eligible HCP who have not yet received their booster that do not work in areas where care is provided to patients, or to which patients do not have access for any purpose, must undergo **weekly** testing.

SNF Healthcare Personnel (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 reinfectd and returning at 5-7 days after symptoms onset

*Antigen test preferred.

AFL 21-08.7 Guidance on HCP Quarantine/Isolation

- AFL was updated January 8 to temporarily waive testing, quarantine and isolation requirements only from January 8 to February 1.
- As of February 2, follow work restriction guidance in the table from the AFL:

Work Restrictions for HCP with SARS-CoV-2 Infection (Isolation)

Vaccination Status	Routine	Critical Staffing Shortage
Boosted, OR Vaccinated but not booster-eligible	5 days* with negative diagnostic test† same day or within 24 hours prior to return OR 10 days without a viral test	<5 days with most recent diagnostic test† result to prioritize staff placement‡
Unvaccinated, OR Those that are vaccinated and booster-eligible but have not yet received their booster dose	7 days* with negative diagnostic test† same day or within 24 hours prior to return OR 10 days without a viral test	5 days with most recent diagnostic test† result to prioritize staff placement‡

Work Restrictions for Asymptomatic HCP with Exposures (Quarantine)

Vaccination Status	Routine	Critical Staffing Shortage
Boosted, OR Vaccinated but not booster-eligible	No work restriction with negative diagnostic test† upon identification and at 5-7 days	No work restriction with diagnostic test† upon identification and at 5-7 days
Unvaccinated§, OR Those that are vaccinated and booster-eligible but have not yet received their booster dose§	7 days with diagnostic test† upon identification and negative diagnostic test† within 48 hours prior to return	No work restriction with diagnostic test† upon identification and at 5-7 days

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 AFL 21-08.7 is 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.

Questions?





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