California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Upcoming Calls

- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls
  - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month
  - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
  - Access code: **799 3227**
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars
  - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month
  - Register at: **hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars**
  - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted at registration site
- HSAG Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Updates & Office Hours:
  - **https://bit.ly/NHSNofficehours2023JanFebMarch**

SNF = skilled nursing facility

Agenda

- 2023 Educational Opportunities
- Testing Task Force Updates
- Immunization Branch Updates
- Vaccine Storage and Handling
- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Updates
- COVID-19 Therapeutic Treatment Options
- Q&A

Updated: 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 bi-weekly (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) 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).

CDPH All-Facilities Phone Call: For additional CDPH information, join the All-Facilities phone call on the alternate weeks between the webinars (8 a.m. PT, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month). Dial 844.721.7239, access code 7993227.

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January - March 2023

Past Webinars
CLICK HERE to find past weekly webinar recordings, slides, and other links.

Weekly Call Notes
CLICK HERE to find notes from the weekly Wednesday webinars.

CDPH FAQs

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Wednesday Webinar FAQ Document (cont.)

Frequently Asked Questions

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2021 CDPH AFLs	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/LNCAFL21.aspx
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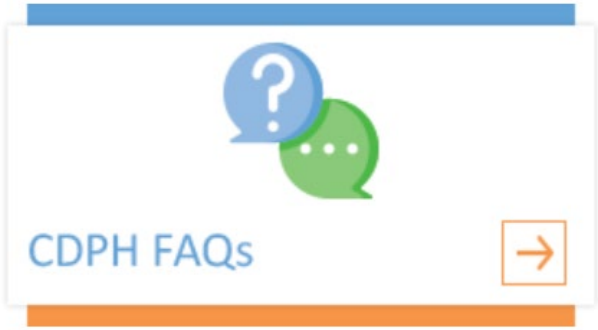

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Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Enhanced Standard Precautions (ESP) Trainings

Introduction to ESP

Region 1: Wednesday, February 1, 1 - 2 pm

Region 2: Thursday, February 2, 1 - 2 pm

Region 3: Wednesday, February 1, 3 - 4 pm

Region 4: Thursday, February 2, 3 - 4 pm

ESP Implementation

Region 1: Wednesday, February 8, 1 - 2 pm

Region 2: Thursday, February 9, 1 - 2 pm

Region 3: Wednesday, February 8, 3 - 4 pm

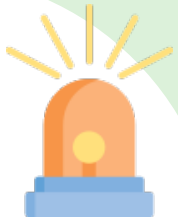
Region 4: Thursday, February 9, 3 - 4 pm

- Audience: SNF IPs, DSDs, NHA, DON, DSD & LHDs
- Register https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0076-0013-C63482BD59824A6AAFA312901547840C
- Review how ESP can prevent MDRO transmission in SNFs
- Describe the 6 moments of ESP
- Discuss steps to implement ESP in SNFs
- Describe how to use the ESP Toolkit

To look up your region, visit:
www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/HAI_LiaisonIP.aspx

2023 Educational Opportunities

Care Coordination
1st Tuesday
hsag.com/cc-quickinars



Emergency Preparedness
3rd Wednesday
hsag.com/epp-series

Health Equity
2nd & 4th Thursdays
hsag.com/health-equity-quickinars

Patient & Family Engagement
1st & 3rd Thursdays
hsag.com/pfe-quickinars

Poll: Which of the following viral outbreaks has your facility experienced since November 2022? (select all that apply.)

A. COVID-19 outbreak
B. Flu outbreak
C. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) outbreak
D. None of the above
E. Not applicable

CDPH AFL Updates

CDPH 2023 New All Facilities Letters (AFLs)

10 out of 12 new AFLs impact SNFs

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/LNCAFL23.aspx

Bulletin Number	Facility Type Affected	Subject	Release Date
AFL 23-01 - **NEW**	Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)	Assembly Bill (AB) 895: Notice to Prospective Residents	01/18/2023
AFL 23-02 - **NEW**	General Acute Care Hospitals (GACH)	Assembly Bill (AB) 1394 – Suicide Screening Requirement	01/18/2023
AFL 23-03 - **NEW**	Hospice Facilities (HOFA) Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)	Assembly Bill (AB) 1852 – Automated Drug Dispensing Systems	01/18/2023
AFL 23-04 - **NEW**	Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)	Assembly Bill (AB) 1907 – Frequency of Inspections	01/18/2023
AFL 23-05 - **NEW**	General Acute Care Hospitals (GACH) Acute Psychiatric Hospitals (APH) Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospitals (CDRH)	Assembly Bill (AB) 2096 – Revision and Expansion of Permitted Licensure of Chemical Dependency Recovery (CDR) Services	01/18/2023
AFL 23-06 - **NEW**	Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)	Assembly Bill (AB) 2511 – Skilled Nursing Facilities: Backup Power Source	01/18/2023
AFL 23-07 - **NEW**	General Acute Care Hospitals (GACH) Special Hospitals (SH) Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) Congregate Living Health Facilities (CLHF) Hospice Facilities (HOFA)	Senate Bill (SB) 988 – Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act	01/18/2023
AFL 23-08 - **NEW** (Supersedes AFL 19-18)	General Acute Care Hospitals (GACH) Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)	Requirements to Report Outbreaks and Unusual Infectious Disease Occurrences	01/18/2023
AFL 23-09 - **NEW** (Supersedes AFL 20-75.1)	All Facilities	Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Thresholds	01/18/2023
AFL 23-10 - **NEW**	Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)	Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Influenza in California Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) for the 2022-2023 Season during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic	01/18/2023
AFL 23-11 - **NEW**	All Facilities	Availability of Waivers to Continue Operations During the Series of Atmospheric River Systems	01/19/2023
AFL 23-12 - **NEW** (Supersedes AFL 20-74.1)	Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)	Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Recommendations for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Resident Placement/Movement, and Staffing in Skilled Nursing Facilities	01/24/2023

AFL 23-09: COVID-19 Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Thresholds (1/18/23)

- Supersedes AFL 20-75.1 which was last updated 7/22/21
- Reminds all licensed health facilities of requirements to report outbreaks and unusual infectious disease occurrences.
- **Threshold for Additional Investigation by Facility**
  - ≥1 suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident or HCP;
  - ≥3 cases of acute illness compatible with COVID-19 in residents with onset within a 72-hour period;
  - ≥1 suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in HCP
- **Threshold for Reporting to Local Public Health**
  - ≥1 probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident or HCP;
  - ≥3 cases of acute illness compatible with COVID-19 in residents with onset within a 72-hour period;
  - ≥1 probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in HCP
- **Outbreak Definition**
  - ≥1 facility-acquired[5] COVID-19 case in a resident;
  - ≥3 suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases in HCP with epi-linkage and no other more likely sources of exposure for at least 2 of the cases

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-23-09.aspx

AFL 23-10: Recommendations for Prevention and Control of Influenza in SNFs for the 2022–2023 Season during the COVID-19 Pandemic (1/18/23)

- Facilities should review the updated "Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Influenza in California SNFs during the COVID-19 Pandemic" to ensure readiness for the influenza season.
- SNFs must optimize all effective influenza prevention and outbreak control interventions, including influenza vaccination of SNF residents and HCP, and prompt initiation of antiviral therapy and chemoprophylaxis when influenza is identified.
- For FY2023, reporting of SNF HCP influenza vaccination rates will be required and used to calculate payments via the CMS SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-23-10.aspx

AFL 23-12: COVID-19 Recommendations for PPE, Resident Placement/Movement, and Staffing (1/24/23)

- Supersedes AFL 20-74.1
- SNFs may move away from use of color-designated “zones”
- COVID-19 residents must be isolated in dedicated isolation area.
- Symptomatic residents and exposed residents should generally remain in their current room while undergoing testing AFL 22-13.1.
  - Exposed residents should wear source control while outside their rooms but do not need to be quarantined or cared for by HCP using full PPE.
- Dedicated HCP with separate break rooms and restrooms are **no longer** required for residents with confirmed COVID-19 or residents with COVID-19 exposures.
  - However, HCP must understand the need to change gloves and gowns and perform hand hygiene between all residents, regardless of known COVID-19 or other infectious disease status.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-23-12.aspx

AFL 23-12 Attachment: COVID-19 PPE, Resident Placement/Movement, and Staffing Considerations by Resident Category

Recommendation	COVID Positive Residents (Isolation Area)	Symptomatic, Suspected COVID, Awaiting Test Results	Asymptomatic COVID Exposed Residents (Exposed)	Residents with No Known Exposure (including newly admitted and readmitted), or COVID Recovered
N95 respirator *	Yes	Yes	No	No**
Facemask *	No; N95 respirator required	No; N95 respirator required	Yes, for source control	Yes, for source control
Eye Protection *	Yes	Yes	No	No**
Gowns	Yes – Extended use‡ NOT permitted. – Maintain clean areas on unit where gowns are not worn such as nurses' station.	Yes – Extended use‡ NOT permitted.	No, unless otherwise indicated per Enhanced Standard Precautions	No, unless otherwise indicated per Enhanced Standard Precautions

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/CDPH%20Document%20Library/AFL-23-12-Attachment-01.pdf

AFL 23-12 Attachment (cont.)

Recommendation	COVID Positive Residents (Isolation Area)	Symptomatic, Suspected COVID, Awaiting Test Results	Asymptomatic COVID Exposed Residents (Exposed)	Residents with No Known Exposure (including newly admitted and readmitted), or COVID Recovered
Gloves with hand hygiene before donning and after doffing gloves	Yes, upon room entry and between residents (if multi-occupancy room)	Yes, upon room entry and between residents (if multi-occupancy room)	As indicated per Enhanced Standard precautions	As indicated per Enhanced Standard precautions
Resident placement and movement considerations	Follow CDC guidance on discontinuation of isolation; recovered residents can be moved directly back to their original room.	While awaiting test results, leave in current room with as much space as possible between beds and curtains drawn. Do not move to Observation area. Do not move to COVID isolation area until test results confirm COVID-19 positive.	Leave in current room. Do not move. Exposed residents must wear source control while outside their rooms but do not need to be quarantined or cared for by HCP using the PPE recommended for the care of a resident with COVID-19.	Leave on current unit.
Staffing considerations	Dedicated HCP/staff, separate restroom and breakroom **not required**; ensure HCP understand need to change gloves and gowns, and perform hand hygiene between residents. Consider grouping care activities such that HCP care for all residents in the isolation area before caring for other residents.	Ensure HCP understand need to change gloves and gowns (if used) and perform hand hygiene between residents.	Dedicated HCP/staffing not required; ensure HCP understand need to change gloves and gowns (if used) and perform hand hygiene between residents.	Dedicated HCP/staffing not required; ensure HCP understand need to change gloves and gowns (if used) and perform hand hygiene between residents.

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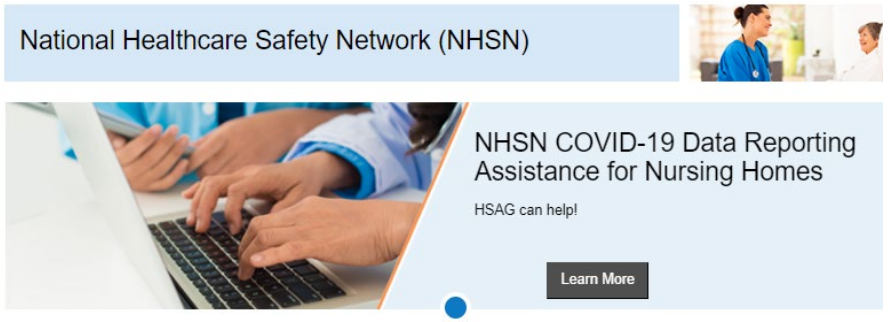
NHSN Updates

HSAG NHSN Website **www.hsag.com/nhsn-help**



How HSAG Can Help

Register for NHSN Office Hours Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.–12 noon PT:

- Q4 2022 Office Hours
- Q1 2023 Office Hours

Questions? Complete this short form:

* Name
* Email
* Phone
* Question

New Resources!

- Overview of National Health Safety Network (NHSN) Reporting Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities (LTCFs)
- Frequently Asked Questions Regarding NHSN Access Issues

These resources should be incorporated in your infection control training program.

New Bivalent Booster Resource!

Why should I get the COVID-19 booster if I might get COVID-19 anyway?

You are at high risk for developing *severe* COVID-19 if you:

- ☑ Are over the age of 50
- ☑ Have chronic health conditions
  - Diabetes
  - Overweight
  - High blood pressure
  - Lung conditions
- ☑ Live in a nursing home or assisted living facility

Adults 50 years and older who have received the COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccine are more than **43% less likely to experience symptoms**, even if they test positive.

Your chances of being **hospitalized** from COVID-19 is **decreased by 81%** if you receive the bivalent booster vaccine.

Your chances of **dying** from COVID-19 is **decreased by 86%** if you receive the bivalent booster vaccine.

www.hsag.com/contentassets/0576e2f4ad5a42f585d5e87559ded5b1/bivalentbenefits-poster3-508.pdf

California Immunization Registry (CAIR2)

- CAIR2 is a secure, confidential, statewide computerized immunization information system for California residents.
- SNFs can register with CAIR2 to record vaccine doses administered and get access to immunization records.
- Visit the immunization registry website to request an account:
  - **CAIR2:** Serves 49 California counties https://cairweb.org/enroll-now/
  - **San Diego Regional Immunization Registry (SDIR):** http://www.sdiz.org/cair-sdir/enrollment.html
  - **Healthy Futures:** Serves the San Joaquin Region, including Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties http://www.myhealthyfutures.org/
- Contact your Local CAIR Representative (LCR) for assistance.

Questions?

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