



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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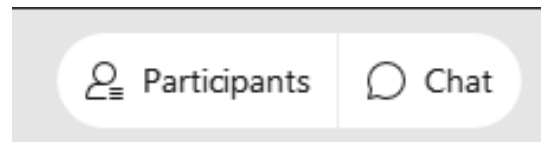
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- HSAG Registration Website
 - www.hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars
- CDPH Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Infection Prevention Education Website
 - www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/Pages/SNFeducation.aspx

The screenshot shows the California Department of Public Health website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: "I am looking for", "I am a", "Programs", and "A-Z Index". The breadcrumb trail reads: "Home | Programs | Center for Health Care Quality | SNFeducation". A prominent blue banner displays "COVID-19". On the left, a sidebar lists: "Six Strategies", "SNF Guidances and Recommendations", "COVID-19 Facility and Training Waivers", "Cal Health Find", and "SNF Homepage". The main content area features the title "Strategy for Skilled Nursing Facilities: Infection Prevention Education" and the beginning of a paragraph: "The need for infection control management and mitigation support in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) is critical to limit the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center for Health Care Quality (CHCQ) utilized Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) strike teams at hospitals, primarily focused on infection control mitigation activities. Those strike teams have since been expanded to SNFs with a similar focus, and have proven critical to assist facilities in monitoring COVID-19 infections, preventing spread, and improving quality of care for California's most vulnerable populations. In addition, approximately 600 CHCQ

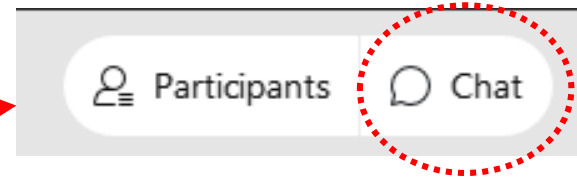
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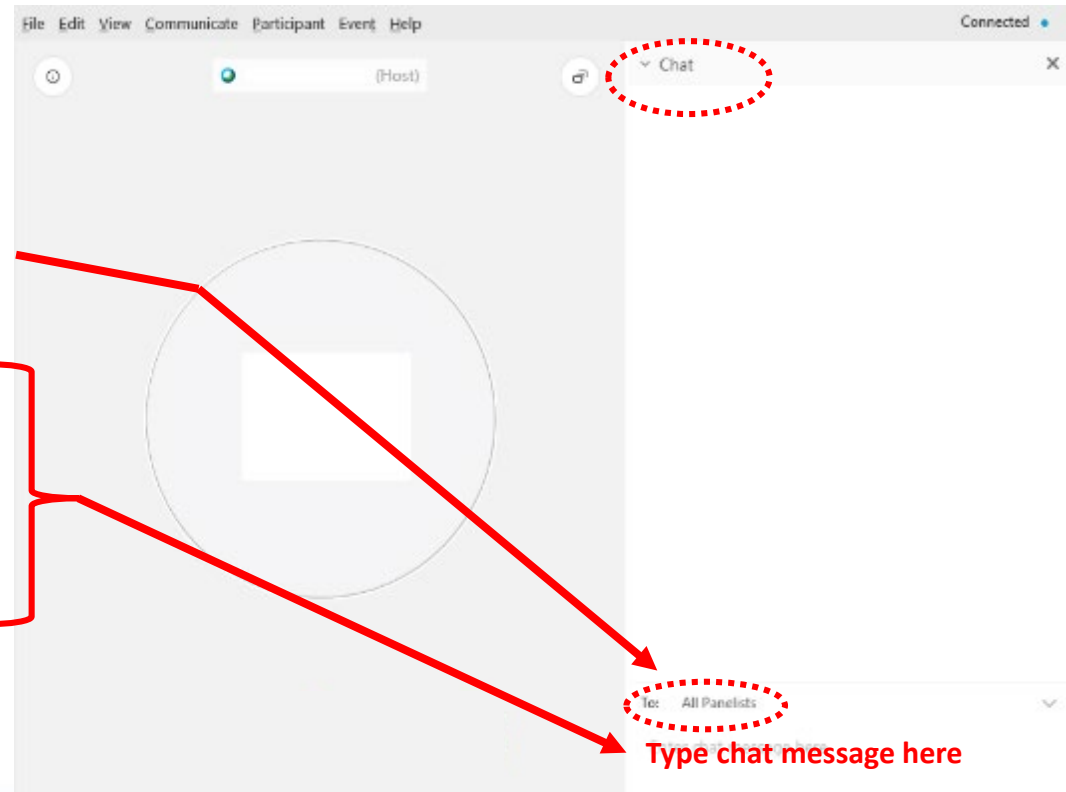


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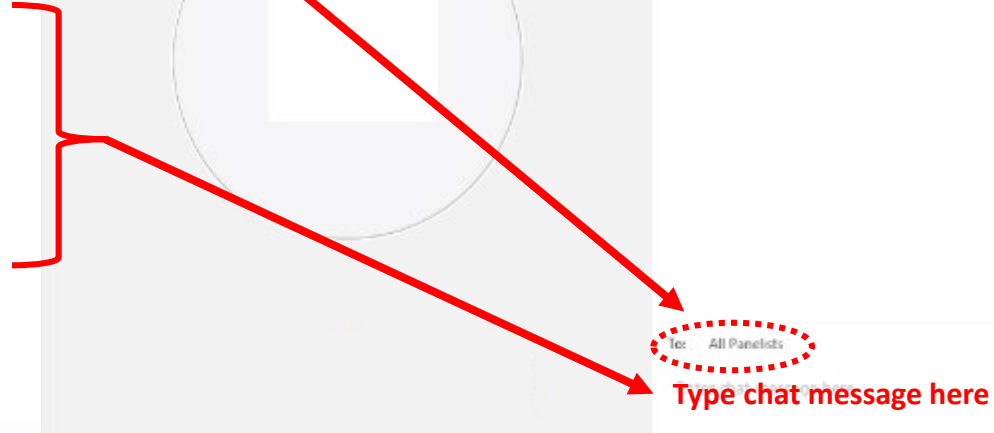
2. The **Chat** panel will open on your right.



3. Indicate that you want to send a question to **All Panelists**.

4. Type your question in the box at the bottom of the panel.

5. Press **Enter** on your keyboard to submit your question.



To connect to the audio portion of the webinar, please have WebEx call you.

Please Take 5 Seconds and Let Us Know



We want this call to be meaningful to you, so we need your input.

At the end of the webinar, you will be asked **one question** to determine if this call equipped your organization to manage COVID-19 and/or your infection prevention practices.

Agenda



- Introduction & Updates
- Testing Taskforce Updates
- ECHO* Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network
- Visitor Guidance [AFL 20-38.5](#) & [AFL 20-22.5](#)
- Infection Prevention, Flu, and Vaccine Updates
- Q&A

Poll #1 *(choose 1)*

My primary professional role in the nursing home is:

- a. Infection Preventionist
- b. Administrator
- c. Director of Nursing
- d. Medical Director
- e. Director of Staff Development
- f. Corporate Leader
- g. Consultant
- h. Other
- i. I don't work in a nursing home



Testing Taskforce Updates

ECHO Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network

- Join by November 3—echonursinghome.Stanford.edu
- \$6,000 stipend for participating nursing homes
- 2 attendees per facility
 - Attend weekly 1-hour Zoom sessions for 16 weeks
 - Starting week of November 9
- Goal: Advance improvements in COVID-19 preparedness, safety, and infection control for all nursing homes in the nation



Poll #2 *(check all that apply)*

Medical directors can support infection prevention by:

- a. Advising **MDs** to adhere to correct PPE
- b. Advising **MDs** to get COVID-19 testing
- c. Advising **MDs** to get flu vaccination
- d. Take an active role in antimicrobial stewardship
- e. Advising **staff** to adhere to correct PPE
- f. Advising **staff** to get COVID-19 testing
- g. Advising **staff** to get flu vaccination
- h. Helping facility leadership to stay on top of COVID-19 medical developments
- i. All of the above
- j. Other (type into chat)



Visitor Guidance

AFL 20-38.5: Visitor Limitations Guidance

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-38.aspx>



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AFL 20-38.5

TO: All Facilities

SUBJECT: Visitor Limitations Guidance
(This AFL supersedes AFL 20-38.4)

All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary

- AFL 20-38.5 updates the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH's) visitation guidance, permitting facilities with medium or low Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) county positivity rate to allow one visitor per patient at a time.
- This AFL also provides visitor guidelines for certain individuals, regardless of the COVID-19 county positivity rate:
 - Pediatric patients
 - Patients in labor and delivery
 - Neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) patients
 - Pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) patients
 - Patients at end-of-life
 - Patients with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities and patients with cognitive impairments
 - Students obtaining clinical experience
- Long-term care (LTC) facilities should refer to [AFL 20-22.5](#) for updated LTC visitation guidance.

AFL 20-38.5: Visitor Limitations Guidance

- Health facilities located in counties with substantial, moderate or minimal risk levels should permit any patient to have one visitor present at a time.

	Higher Risk \longrightarrow Lower Risk of Community Disease Transmission***			
	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Measure				
Adjusted Case Rate for Tier Assignment** (Rate per 100,000 population* excluding prison cases^, 7 day average with 7 day lag)	>7	4-7	1-3.9	<1
Testing Positivity^ (Excluding prison cases^, 7 day average with 7 day lag)	>8%	5-8%	2-4.9%	<2%

AFL 20-22.5: Guidance for Limiting the Transmission of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-22.aspx>



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AFL 20-22.5

TO: Long-Term Care Facilities

SUBJECT: Guidance for Limiting the Transmission of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities
(This AFL supersedes guidance provided in AFL 20-22.4)

All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary

- This AFL notifies long-term care (LTC) facilities of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for improving their infection control and prevention practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, including guidance for visitation.
- This AFL authorizes LTC facilities to temporarily modify their facility's visitation policies in accordance with CMS and CDC COVID-19 guidance when necessary to protect the health and safety of residents, staff, and the public.
- AFL 20-22.5 updates the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH's) visitation guidance to align with CMS QSO-20-39-NH (PDF), including:
 - Required visitation; failure to facilitate visitation without adequate reason related to clinical necessity or resident safety may constitute violation of Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 483.10(f)(4) and subject to citation and enforcement actions
 - Updates previously issued indoor and outdoor visitation guidelines
 - Allows visitation for residents in the green zone in a facility with an ongoing COVID-19 outbreak that has not yet achieved two sequential negative rounds of response testing over 14 days
 - Exceptions to visitation restrictions, which include representatives of protection and advocacy (P&A) programs, individuals authorized by federal disability rights laws, and compassionate care visits
 - Use of civil money penalty (CMP) funds to help facilitate visitation
 - COVID-19 infection prevention core principles and best practices



Infection Prevention, Flu, and Vaccine Updates

Poll #3 *(choose 1)*

How does your facility plan on handling vaccination services when vaccination becomes available?

- a. Partner with retail pharmacy (e.g., CVS or Walgreens) to hold free on-site clinic
- b. Partner with existing pharmacy partner to hold free on-site clinic if possible
- c. Plan to receive vaccine and provide vaccination services in another way

Questions?



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