California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Upcoming Calls

- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls
  - 2nd Tuesday of each month
  - Call in: **1.844.867.6167**
  - Access code: **799 3227**

- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars
  - 4th Wednesday of each month
  - Register at: **hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars**
  - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted at registration site

- HSAG Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., NHSN & HAI Updates & Office Hours:
  - 3rd Tuesday of each month
  - Register for 2023: **https://bit.ly/NHSNHAIofficehoursJulytoDec2023**
  - Register for 2024: **https://bit.ly/NHSNHAIofficehoursJantoJuly2024**

SNF = skilled nursing facility
NHSN= National Healthcare Safety Network
HAI = Hospital-Associated Infection

Agenda

- Welcome & Announcements

- CDPH SNF Online Infection Prevention Course

- Immunization Branch Update

- NHSN & Vaccine Updates

- Medical Countermeasures COVID-19 Testing Updates

- HAI Updates

- Respiratory Viruses in Older Californians ECHO: Prevention through Immunization

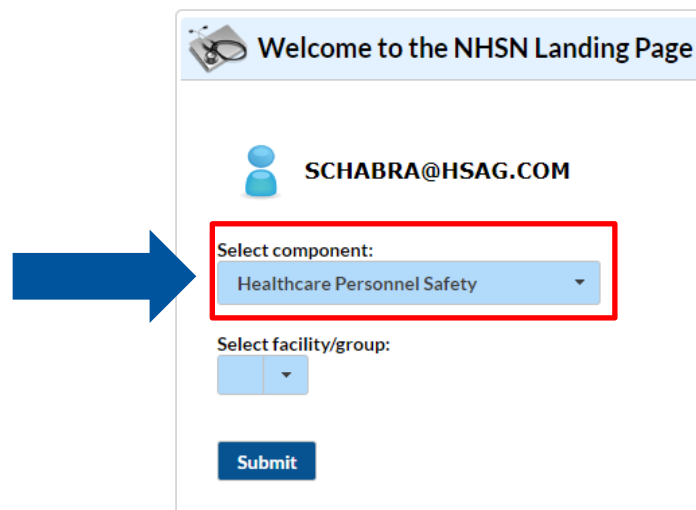- Q&A

CDPH Online Course

NHSN Updates

Annual Influenza Report

NHSN Annual Influenza Report is due by May 15, 2024.

- This report must be completed in the **Healthcare Personnel Safety (HPS) component.**

- The HPS component needs to be added only once, but reporting must be done every year.

- Guidance for how to add the component and complete the reporting can be found in Appendix B of the [HSAG Survival Guide for Mandatory NHSN Reporting for LTCFs](#).

https://www.hsag.com/contentassets/5e33497eb60d41258abba4d3cab9d8f0/nhsnsurvivalguide-oct2023-508.pdf

NHSN & HAI Nursing Home Office Hours

- NHSN & HAI Nursing Home Office Hours have been extended through June of 2024!
  - Monthly
    - Informal Q&A
    - Updates and Resources
- Office Hours take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 11:30 a.m.–12 noon PT
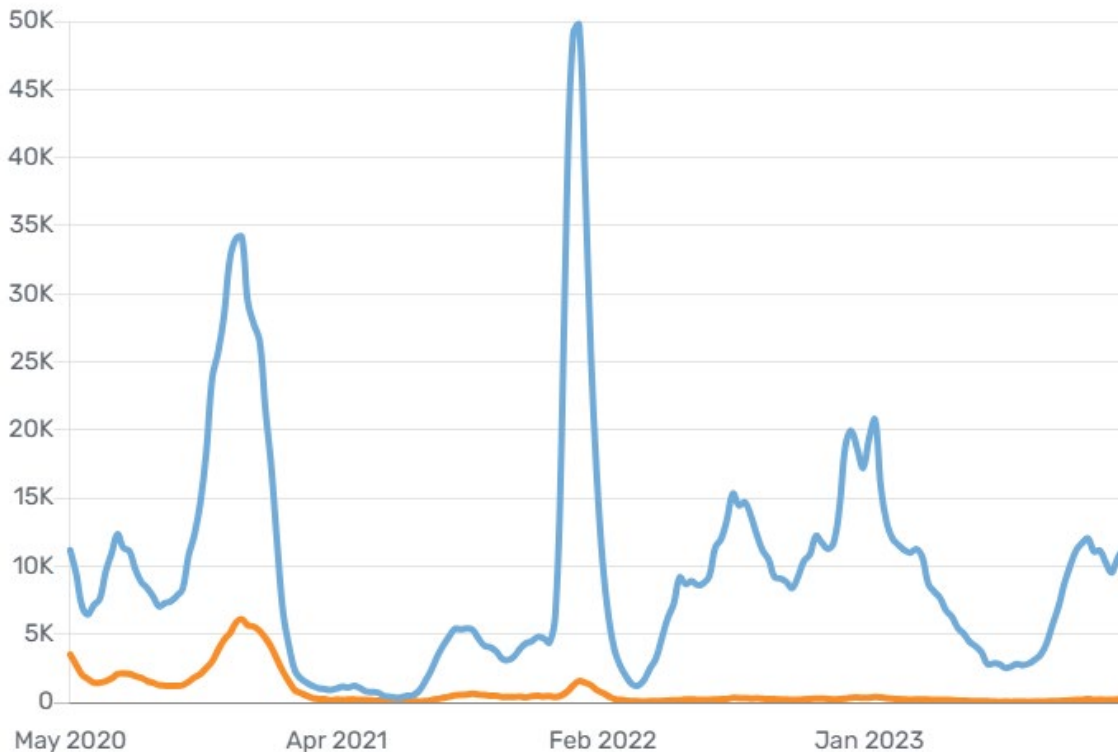
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COVID-19 Updates

Weekly Resident COVID-19 Confirmed Cases and Deaths

Older adults and those who have many chronic medical conditions continue to get hospitalized and die from COVID-19 at a significantly higher rate compared to others.

Week Ending 11/5/23
- 9838 Confirmed cases
- 151 Deaths

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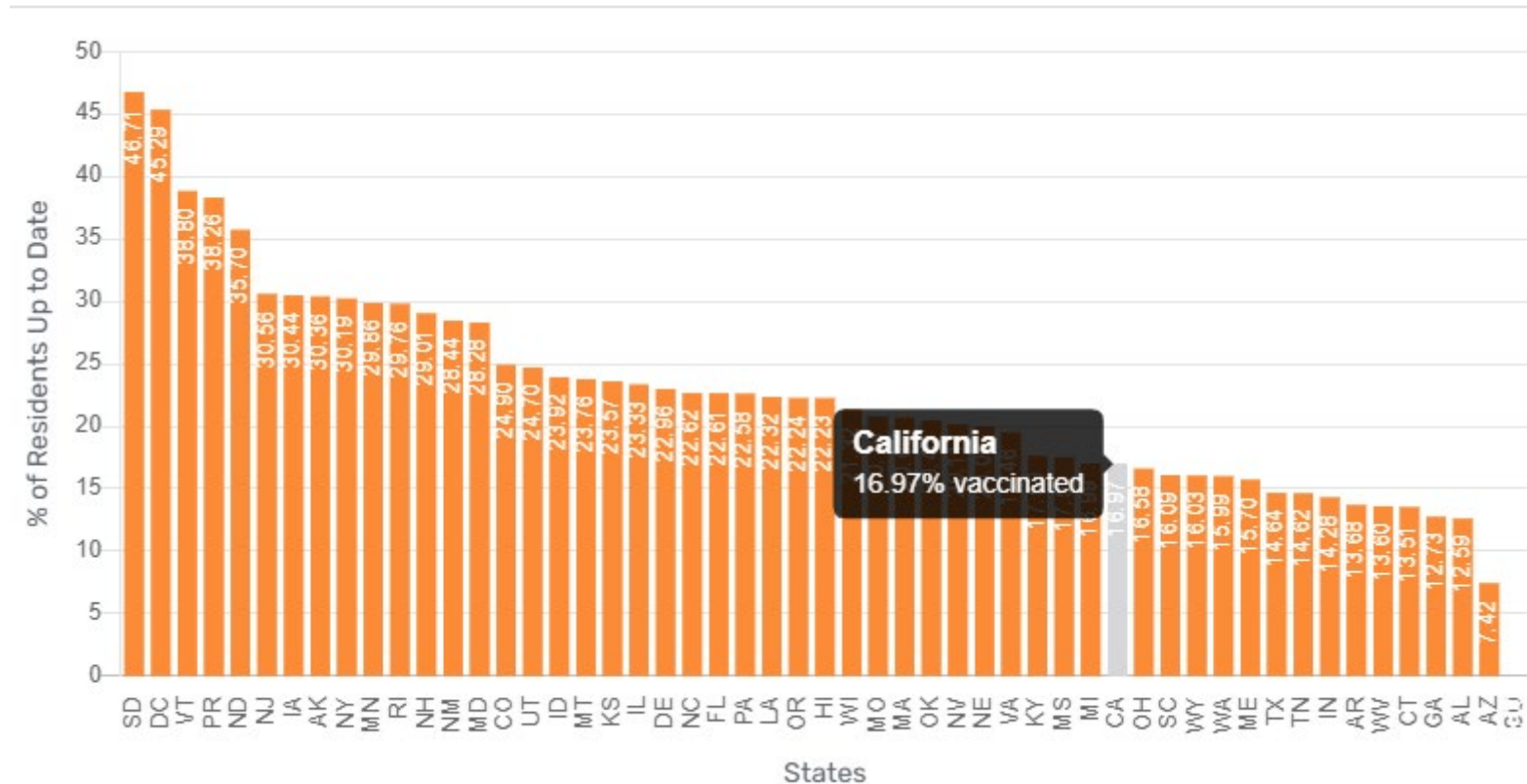
COVID-19 Vaccine Impact

Receiving the latest updated COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect

- Your residents
- Yourself
- Your colleagues
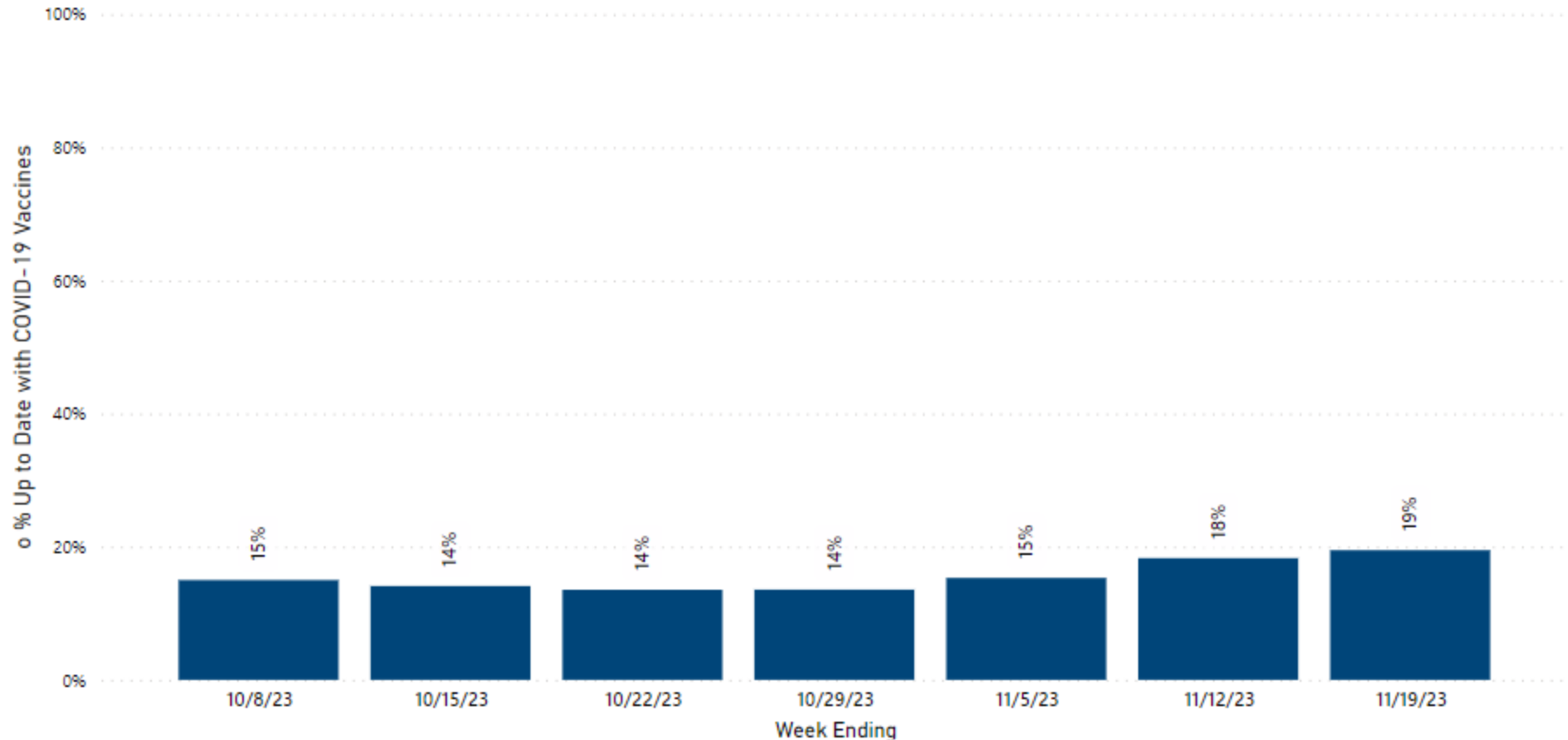- Your family members
- Your community

Remember, our first oath to our patients is to **"first, do no harm."**

PROTECT YOURSELF. PROTECT THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE.
STAY UP TO DATE ON VACCINES!

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/Communications-Toolkits/my-turn-flu.aspx

California COVID-19 Resident Vaccine Rates (Data for week ending November 5)

https://data.cms.gov/covid-19/covid-19-nursing-home-data

Percentage of CA NH Residents who are Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/covid19/ltc-vaccination-dashboard.html

California COVID-19 Staff Vaccine Rates (Data for week ending November 5)

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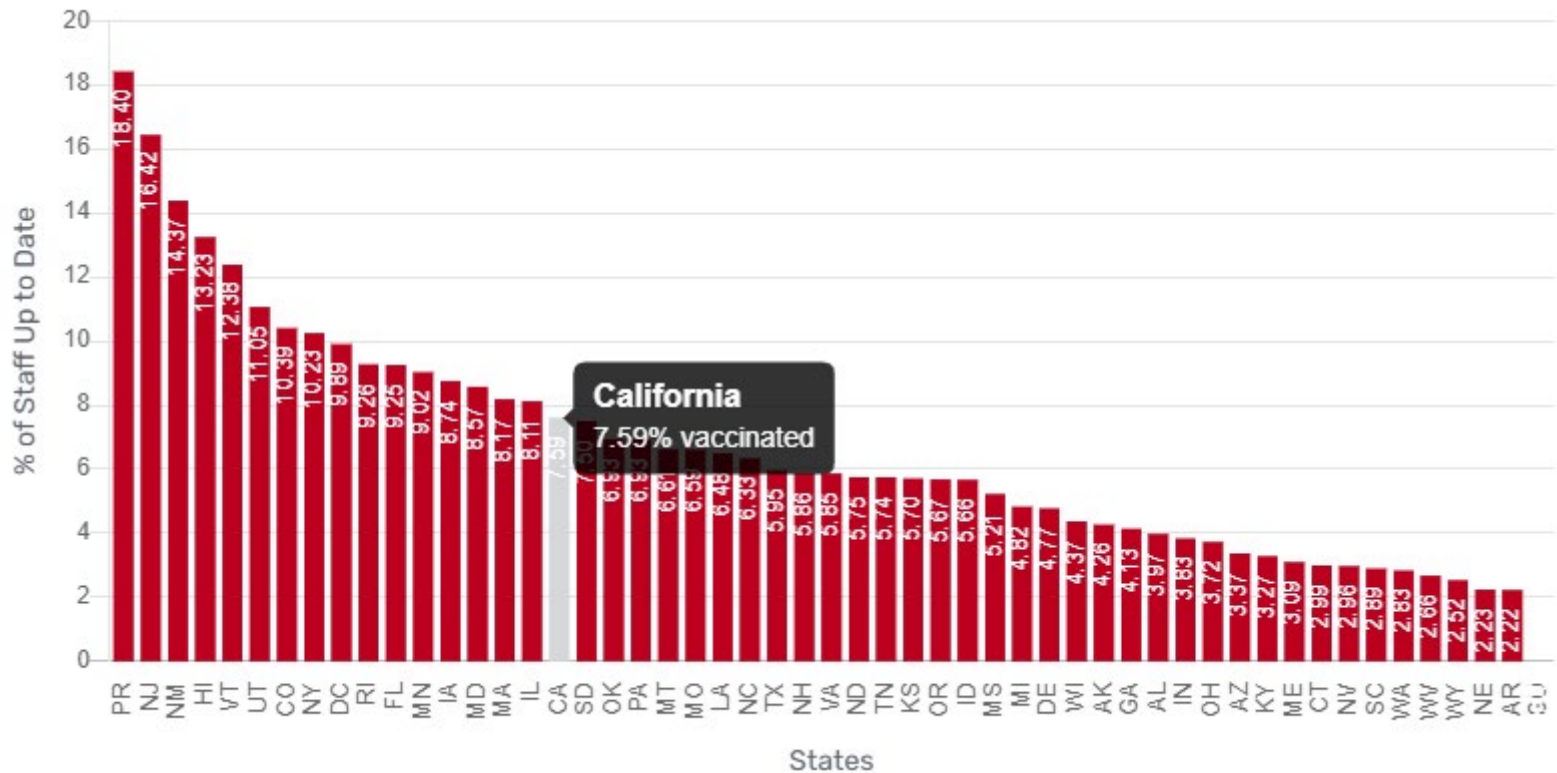
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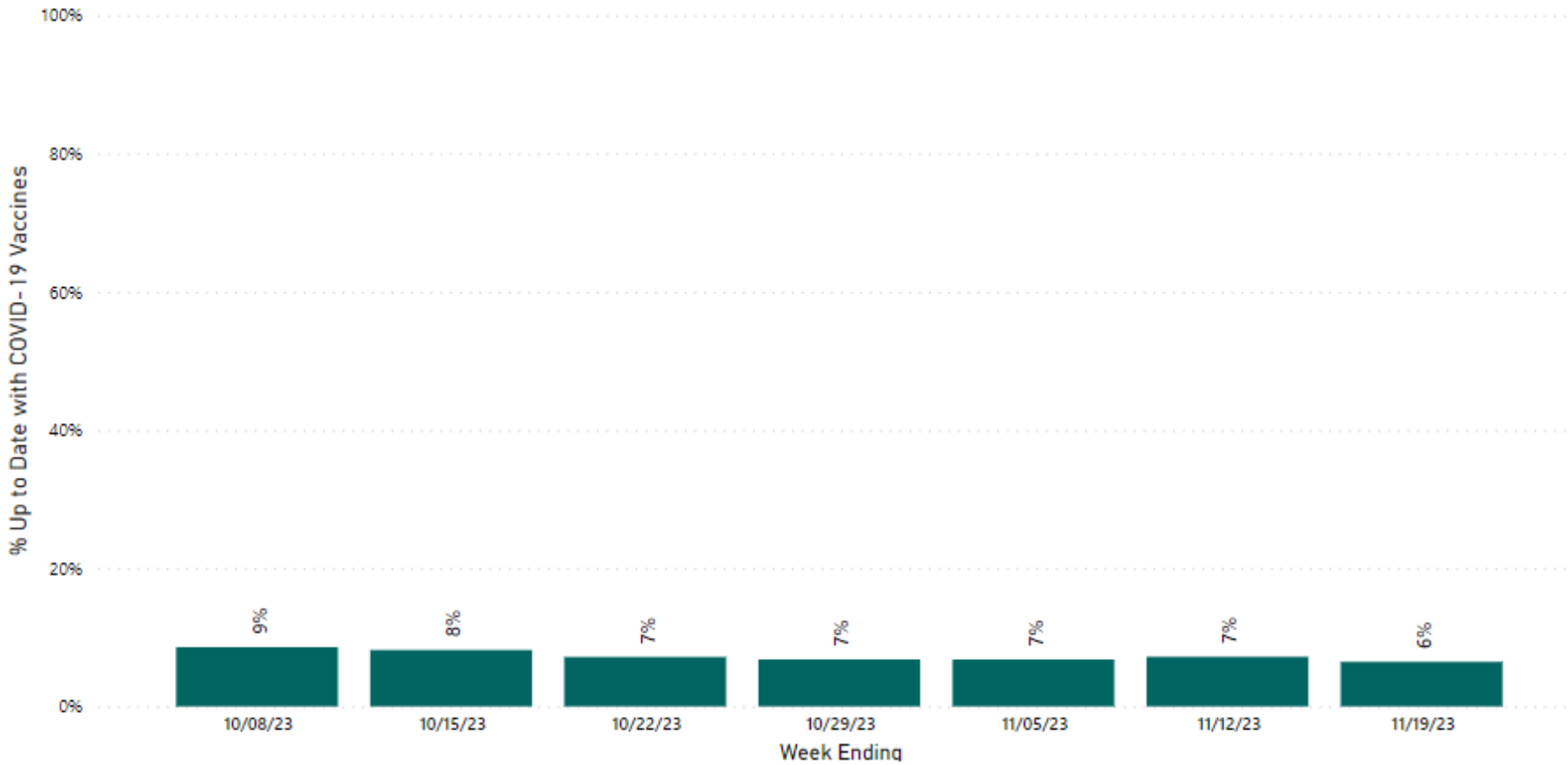
What difficulties or challenges are you facing with offering the <u>COVID-19 vaccine</u>? (n=140)
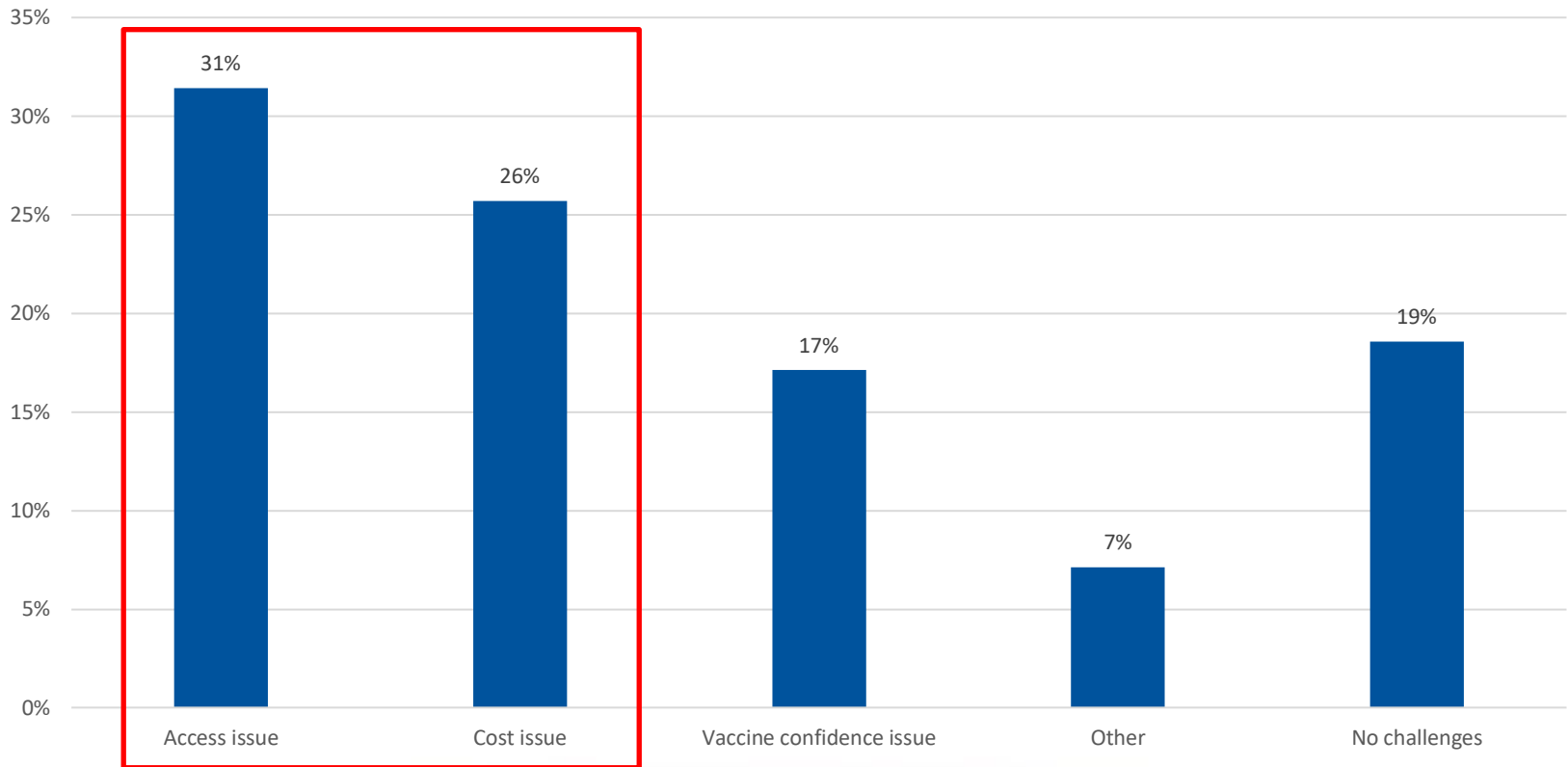
Access and Cost Barriers

- Pharmacy is not stocking the vaccine

- Pharmacy has a minimum vaccine requirement for clinics

- Lack of time to research alternative pharmacy options

- Cost of vaccine for under or uninsured staff

- Upfront cost of vaccine

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HSAG Vaccine Access Assistance

- HSAG's Vaccine Coordinator can help!

- Complete this short form and our coordinator will reach out to you to assist with your vaccine efforts.

* Name

* Facility Name

* Email

* Phone

* Question

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Submit

https://www.hsag.com/medicare-providers/nursing-homes/infection-prevention/vaccine-access-assistance/

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Holiday and Winter Surge

- Public health expects to have a moderate surge in COVID-19 and typical RSV and influenza surges this winter, which combined are **expected to have greater impacts compared to most pre-pandemic surges.**

- COVID-19 is still harming our nursing home population.

- COVID-19 vaccines work to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

- Keeping up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine makes a difference.

Stay Up to Date With Your COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines lose power like batteries.

Recharge your protection.

Ask a nurse about getting your latest COVID-19 vaccine today!

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HAI Updates

Questions?

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