California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Upcoming Calls

- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls (every other Tuesday)
  - 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/OctNovDecNHSNOfficeHours**

SNF = skilled nursing facility
NHSN = National Healthcare Safety Network

Agenda

- Project Firstline—IP Training for CNAs
- CDPH Updates
- Testing Task Force Updates
- Immunization Branch Updates
- Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Updates
- Q&A

CDPH Project Firstline—IP Education for CNAs

- Curriculum directly engages CNAs in an interactive training environment, empowering them to understand the *why*, and not just the *how,* of infection prevention.
- Eight 30-minute trainings focused on core CNA activities.
- Opportunities to discuss best practices/challenges with HAI staff.
- CNAs will receive certificates of attendance.
- Sessions offered in English and Spanish.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ProjectFirstline.aspx

Project Firstline Curriculum Topics

- Standard Precautions
- Environmental Cleaning & Disinfection
- Skin, Perineal, & Urinary Catheter Care
- Oral Care & Feeding
- Positioning & Transferring Residents
- Bathing & Dressing Residents
- Nail Care & Shaving
- PPE

PROJECT FIRSTLINE
CDC'S National Training Collaborative for Healthcare Infection Prevention & Control

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Training Session Options

- Dates/times for the virtual training sessions are to be decided upon with counties, nursing homes, and corporations
- Options include:
  - **4 weeks:** One 1.5-hour session each week in both English and Spanish. Each session consists of 2 back-to-back topics (1 hour of content) followed by optional 30 minutes of discussion and questions.
  - **8 weeks:** One 1-hour session each week in both English and Spanish. Each session consists of 1 topic (30 minutes of content) followed by optional 30 minutes of discussion and questions.
- To participate, contact:
  - Project Firstline ProjectFirstline@cdph.ca.gov
  - Deborah Christian, HSAG dchristian@hsag.com
  - CNA Training Request Form: https://forms.office.com/g/P7ERUK0fTc

CDPH Updates

HAI Updates

CDPH AFL Updates

AFL	Date	Title	Website
20-88.3	10/5/22	COVID-19 Testing Recommendations for Patients and HCP at GACHS (supersedes AFL 20-88.2)	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-88.aspx
21-34.4	10/5/22	COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for HCP (supersedes AFL 21-34.3)	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-34.aspx
22-13.1	10/5/22	COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Recommendations for Testing of HCP and Residents at SNFs (supersedes AFL 20-53.6 & AFL 22-13)	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-22-13.aspx
21-14.2	10/6/22	Visitation Guidance for ICF/DD-H-N-CN Facilities During COVID-19 Pandemic (supersedes AFL 21-14.1)	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-14.aspx
21-31.1	10/6/22	Visitor Limitation Guidance at GACHs (supersedes AFL 21-31 & AFL 20-38.7)	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-31.aspx
22-07.1	10/6/22	Guidance for Limiting the Transmission of COVID-19 in SNFs (supersedes AFL 22-07)	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-22-07.aspx
22-21	10/5/22	Enhanced Standard Precautions for SNFs (supersedes AFL 19-22)	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-22-21.aspx

SNF= Skilled Nursing Facilities
GACHS = General Acute Care Hospitals
ICF/DD-H-N-CN = Intermediate Care Facilities; Developmentally Disabled; Habilitative; Nursing; Continuous Nursing

Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Symptoms and Exposure Screening

- CDC still recommends screening for COVID-19 signs and symptoms and exposures, but transitioned from recommending an **active** screening process to a **passive** self-screening process.
- Examples of passive screening include posting signs at entrances, and communicating (e.g., via email) guidance for HCP to screen themselves and recommended actions if they have:
  - A positive viral test for COVID-19,
  - Symptoms of COVID-19, or
  - Close contact/higher-risk exposure with someone with COVID-19.
- There is no longer a requirement for SNFs to actively ask screening questions prior to entry; temperatures do not need to be checked.
- Facilities may opt to continue to screen HCP in an active way, especially when community transmission rates are high or during a surge.

Updated Visitation Guidance, Including Symptoms and Exposure Screening

- Visitors are no longer required to show proof of vaccination or a negative test to have indoor visitation.
  - While not required, facilities may offer/encourage testing for visitors.
- Screening for COVID-19 signs and symptoms and exposures is still required, but may be conducted via **passive screening** to ensure visitors are educated to screen themselves prior to entry, including:
  - Post signs at entrances
  - Send emails or letters to families/visitors with COVID-19 self-screening guidance
- Refer to "CDC Notice on Facility Access" website for more information https://www.cdc.gov/screening/privacy-notice.html

References: CMS QSO 20-39, CDPH AFL 22-07.1
CDPH Visitor SPHO (rescinded Sept 15, 2022)

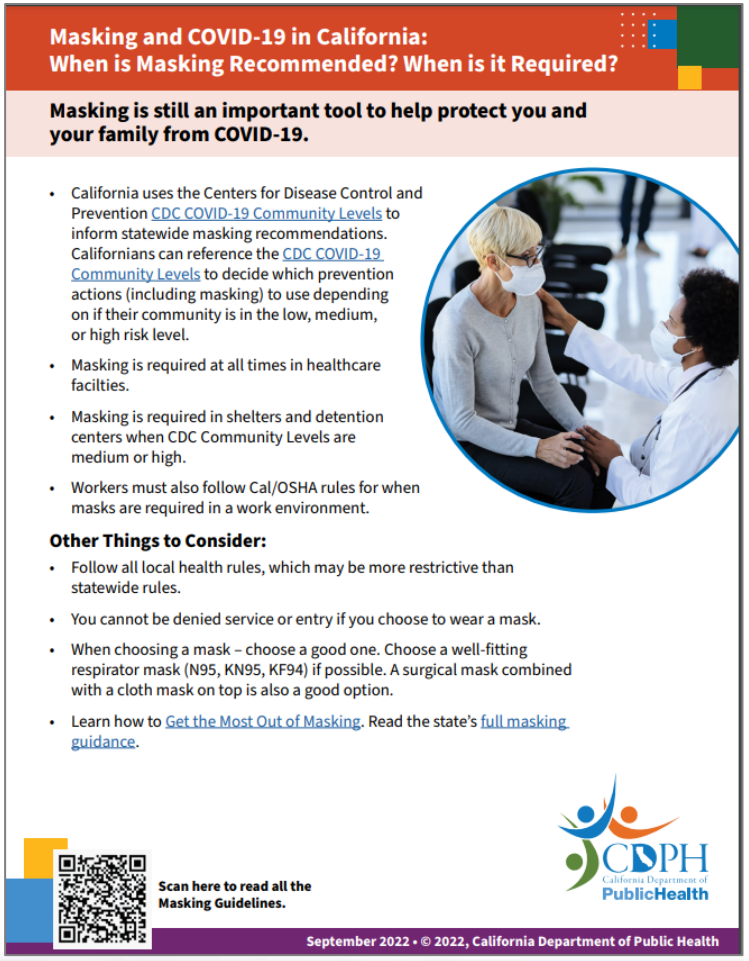
Masking Guidance for Source Control in Healthcare Settings

- In healthcare settings, CDPH continues to require universal masking (source control) of all individuals, regardless of vaccination status or community transmission rates.
  - Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.
- In healthcare settings, masks continue to be required in non-patient care areas, including meeting or break rooms.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings.aspx
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Face-Coverings-QA.aspx

Does “healthcare settings,” where universal masking is required of all individuals, include outpatient facilities and assisted living facilities?

- Yes, “health care settings” refers to places where healthcare is delivered and includes, but is not limited to, acute care facilities, long-term acute-care facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, home healthcare, vehicles where healthcare is delivered (e.g., mobile clinics), and outpatient facilities, such as dialysis centers, physician offices, dental offices, and others.
- Flyer: When is Masking Recommended/Required?



Masking and COVID-19 in California: When is Masking Recommended? When is it Required?

Masking is still an important tool to help protect you and your family from COVID-19.

- California uses the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC COVID-19 Community Levels to inform statewide masking recommendations. Californians can reference the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels to decide which prevention actions (including masking) to use depending on if their community is in the low, medium, or high risk level.
- Masking is required at all times in healthcare facilties.
- Masking is required in shelters and detention centers when CDC Community Levels are medium or high.
- Workers must also follow Cal/OSHA rules for when masks are required in a work environment.

Other Things to Consider:

- Follow all local health rules, which may be more restrictive than statewide rules.
- You cannot be denied service or entry if you choose to wear a mask.
- When choosing a mask – choose a good one. Choose a well-fitting respirator mask (N95, KN95, KF94) if possible. A surgical mask combined with a cloth mask on top is also a good option.
- Learn how to Get the Most Out of Masking. Read the state’s full masking guidance.

Scan here to read all the Masking Guidelines.

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When can masks be removed in high-risk settings?

- Examples when individuals are exempt from wearing masks are:
  - 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.
  - Persons who are hearing impaired or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired (i.e., the mouth is essential for communication).
- Masks may be removed while actively eating or drinking and for residents who are not in isolation participating in group/social activities together.
- Persons who are working alone in a closed office or room.
- Persons/providers who are obtaining or providing a speech, occupational or language therapy session.

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Questions?

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