



# California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

# 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](https://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**

# December Holiday Schedule

- December 21 (Tues., 8 a.m.): 844.721.7239; Access code: 799 3227
- December 22 (Wednesday): **Cancelled**
- December 23 (Thursday): **Cancelled**
  
- December 28 (Tues., 8 a.m.): 844.721.7239; Access code: 799 3227
- December 29 (Wednesday): **Cancelled**
- December 30 (Thursday): **Cancelled**



# Agenda



- CDPH Updates
- 2022 Educational Opportunities
- Testing Task Force Updates
- Immunization Branch Updates
- Healthcare-Acquired Infection (HAI) Updates
- Q&A



# CDPH Updates

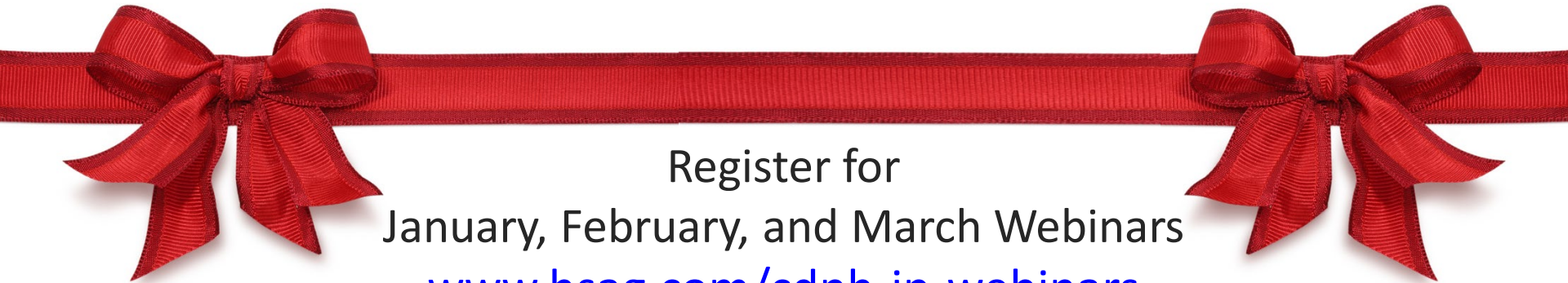


# 2022 Educational Opportunities

# Weekly SNF Infection Preventionist Calls

Thank you for joining us every Wednesday & Thursday

Calendar Year	# of Calls	# of Attendees	Average # of Attendees Per Call
2020	54	46,335	858
2021	90	46,525	516
TOTAL	144	92,860	645



Register for  
January, February, and March Webinars

[www.hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars](http://www.hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars)

January - March 2022

Register for any or all 1st quarter 2022 Wednesday CDPH infection prevention webinars at one time! All webinars begin at 3 p.m. PT.

**REGISTER HERE**



# Register for the CAHAN

- CAHAN is CDPH's emergency preparedness notification platform to distribute CDC Health Alerts, CDPH Guidance, and All Facilities Letters.
- Intended for 2–3 key contacts at each healthcare facility.
- Interested appropriate parties should complete the **Contact Add Request Form** and return it to their **Local Lead Health Alert Network (HAN) Coordinator**.
- Local Lead HAN Coordinator Directory:  
<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736722952/faq>
- Contact [CAHANinfo@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CAHANinfo@cdph.ca.gov) with enrollment issues.





# Documentary—Closed Doors, Open Hearts: Nursing Homes and COVID-19

- <https://www.ahcancal.org/News-and-Communications/Pages/default.aspx>
- AHCA produced this 26-minute documentary in November 2021 to provide an intimate look at of the day-to-day reality of the COVID-19 pandemic in nursing homes.
- It highlights the many challenges for long-term care residents and families, as well as the heroes that fought to keep residents safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The documentary shares the story of two long-term care facilities, including Ararat Nursing Facility in Los Angeles, CA.





# Project Firstline



# CDPH Infection Preventionist Training for SNFs—Online Course

# CDPH Infection Preventionist Training for Skilled Nursing Facilities Online Course

- 14-hour self-paced course; no cost to attend.
- Register at:  
[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/IP\\_TrainingForSNFs\\_OnlineCourse.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/IP_TrainingForSNFs_OnlineCourse.aspx)
- Weekly virtual office sessions offered every Friday, 10 a.m.–11 a.m., to reinforce IP principles; discuss new IP issues or concerns; and allow for case study discussion in an interactive format.
  - December 17, 24 & 31: **Cancelled**
  - Office sessions will resume January 7, 2022

# NEW—CDPH AFL 21-51 (December 13, 2021)

- AFL 21-51: Assembly Bill (AB) 1585—Expansion of SNF Infection Preventionist (IP) Minimum Qualifications  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-51.aspx>
- SNFs are required to employ a full-time, dedicated IP, a role that may be filled by either one full-time IP or by two staff members sharing the IP responsibilities.
- Effective January 1, 2022, AB 1585 expands existing eligibility and minimum qualifications for a SNF's IP.
- IP must have primary professional training as a licensed nurse, medical technologist, microbiologist, epidemiologist, public health professional, or other healthcare-related field.
- IP must be qualified by education, training, clinical or healthcare experience, or certification, and must have completed specialized training in infection prevention and control.
- Direct questions to your local district office.



# HAI Updates

# NEW—CDPH AFL 21-49 (December 8, 2021)

- AFL 21-49: COVID-19 Infection Control Recommendations during the 2021 Holiday Season  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-49.aspx>
- Provides COVID-19 infection control recommendations during holiday celebrations for residents, families, and facilities:
  - Guidance for private gatherings
  - Resident testing and placement after returning to the facility
  - Communal activities in facilities



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December 8, 2021

**TO:** Long-Term Care Facilities

**SUBJECT:** Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Infection Control Recommendations during the 2021 Holiday Season

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
**California Department of Public Health**



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Governor

AFL 21-49

# Screening Process for Young Children

**Q:** Do unvaccinated children between the ages of 5 and 12 need to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test prior to entry into the SNF?

**A:** Yes. Children should be screened similar to all other visitors prior to entry into the SNF. Since children ages 5 and older are now eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine, they may provide documentation of their vaccination status for purposes of visitation. Unvaccinated children will need to show proof of a negative test and follow all of the other guidance like other visitors do.



# Guidance on Antigen Tests in Response Testing

**Q:** Can antigen tests be used for staff and resident response testing?

**A:** Yes, antigen testing can be used for response testing if used at least twice a week, and may be particularly helpful during the initial rounds of response testing to rapidly identify, isolate, and cohort positives; however, during response testing, negative antigen test results may need to be followed by a confirmatory molecular (e.g., PCR) test.

- Consider confirmatory testing for higher risk close contacts (consult with your local health departments)
- One implementation option is to substitute one round of response testing per week with a PCR test.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/CDPH-Guidance-on-the-Use-of-Antigen-Tests-for-Diagnosis-of-Acute-COVID-19.aspx>

# Questions?





Happy Holidays & Happy New Year from  
CDPH, CAHF, CALTCM, and HSAG





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