California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, April 14, 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**
    - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted at registration site

- CDPH Thursday, 12 noon, SNF IP Phone Calls:
    - Call in: **1.877.226.8163**
    - Access Code: **513 711**

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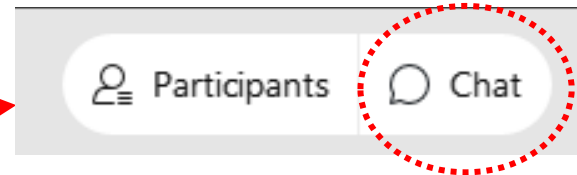
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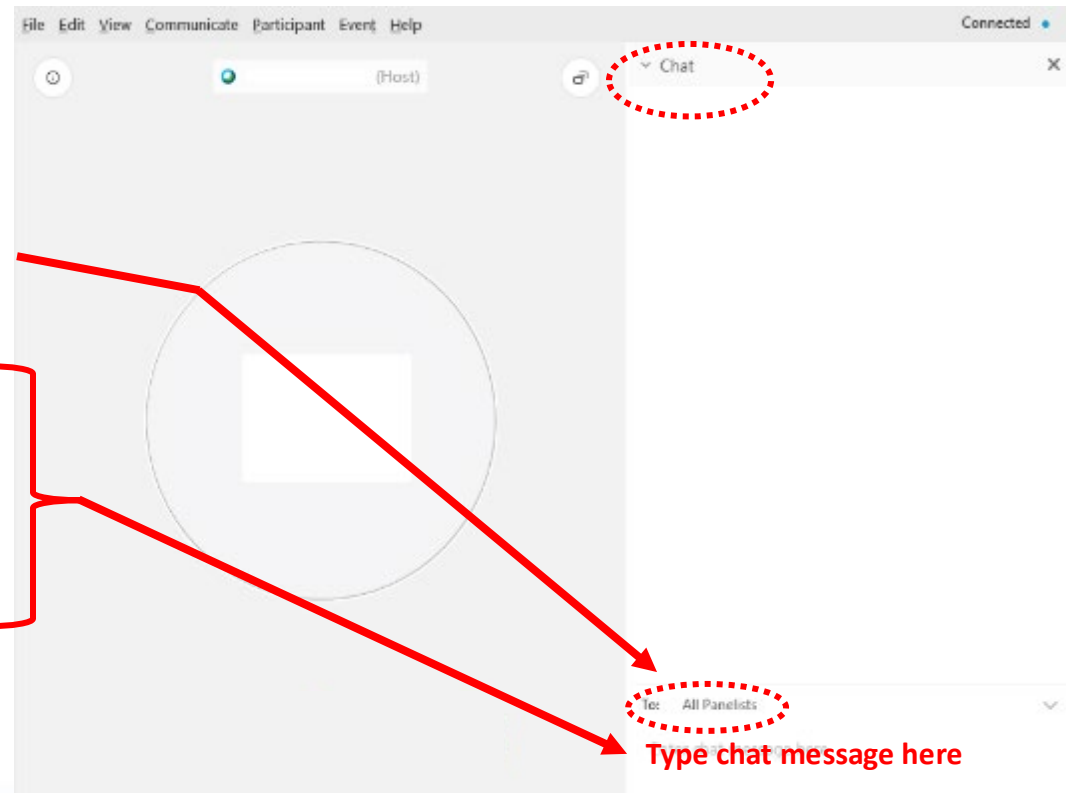
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To: All Panelists

Type chat message here

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

- CDPH Update

- Testing Task Force Update

- Best Practice: Antigen Testing

- Testing & Quarantine Guidelines
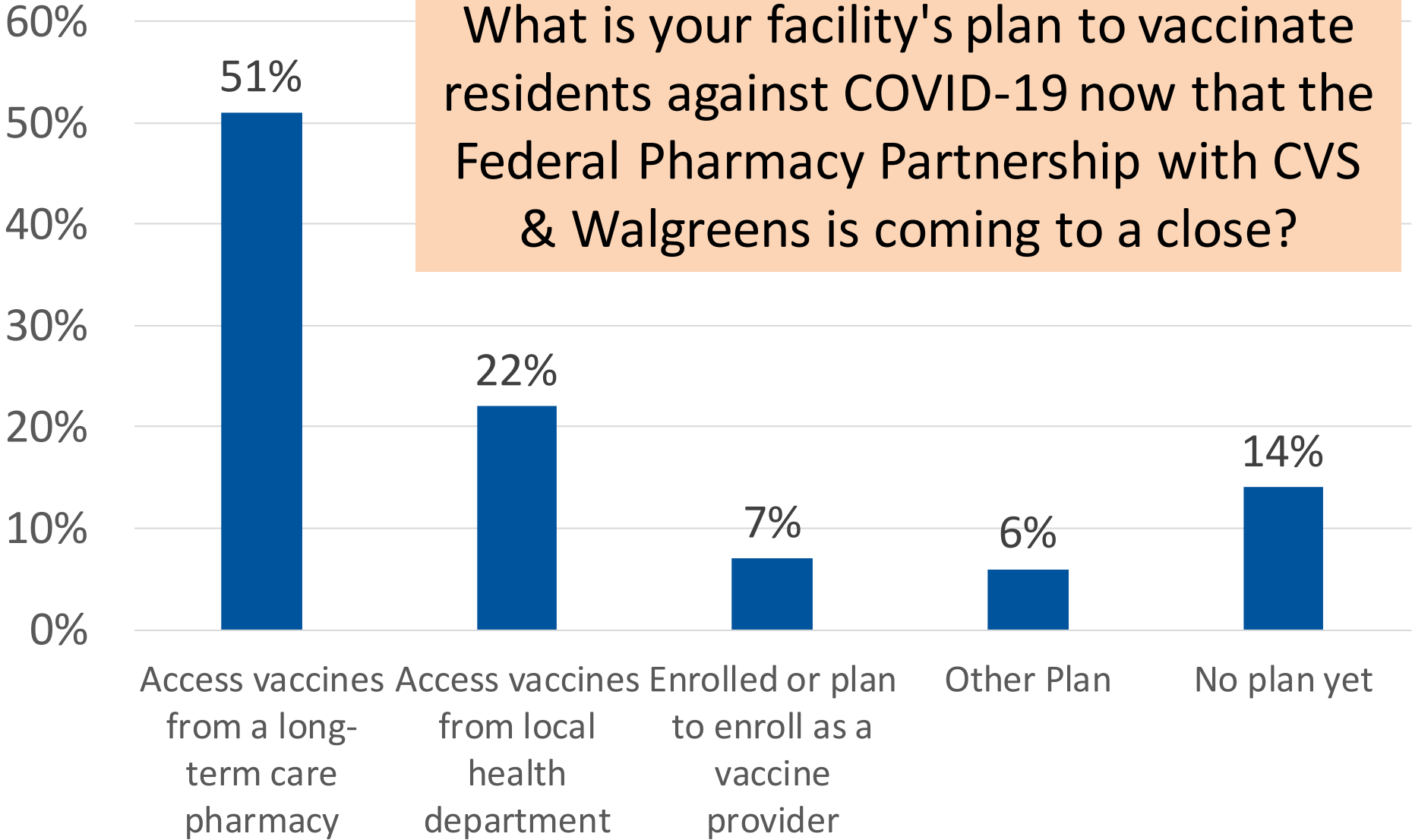
- Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) Vaccine Update

- Q&A

CDPH Update

CDPH Update

- CDC Federal Retail Pharmacy Program continues to expand:
  - Long-term care pharmacies: Innovatix, GeriMed, MHA, and select Cardinal member pharmacies. www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/participating-ltc-pharmacy-list.pdf.
  - Retail pharmacies: CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Albertsons, Cardinal, Walmart, Costco, Topco, Kroger, CPESN, Health Mart, CPESN, and Good Neighbor. www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/FedRetailPharmProgVacAppt.aspx

- April 8, 2021—CMS QSO 21-17: Updates to Long-Term Care Emergency Regulatory Waivers issued in response to COVID-19 www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurveycertificationgeninfopolicy-and-memos-states-and/updates-long-term-care-ltc-emergency-regulatory-waivers-issued-response-covid-19

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April 7, 2021, Poll Question Results

What is your facility's plan to vaccinate residents against COVID-19 now that the Federal Pharmacy Partnership with CVS & Walgreens is coming to a close?

Chart data:
- Access vaccines from a long-term care pharmacy: 51%
- Access vaccines from local health department: 22%
- Enrolled or plan to enroll as a vaccine provider: 7%
- Other Plan: 6%
- No plan yet: 14%

Poll Question: Ability to Access Vaccines

Have you been able to vaccinate patients according to your facility plan?

A. Yes.

B. No, we have not had to request additional vaccination.

C. No, we have tried but have not been able to receive additional vaccination yet.

Testing Task Force Update

Best Practice: Antigen Testing

Quarantine Guidance
AFL 21-08.2
Updated March 23, 2021

cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-08.aspx

Quarantine Guidance for SNF Health Care Personnel (HCP)

- **Fully vaccinated HCP** who are asymptomatic and have been exposed to COVID-19 **do not** need to be restricted from work.

  - Consider work restrictions for fully vaccinated HCP who have underlying immunocompromising conditions.

- April 2, 2021, CDC updated quarantine and work restriction recommendations following travel.
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html
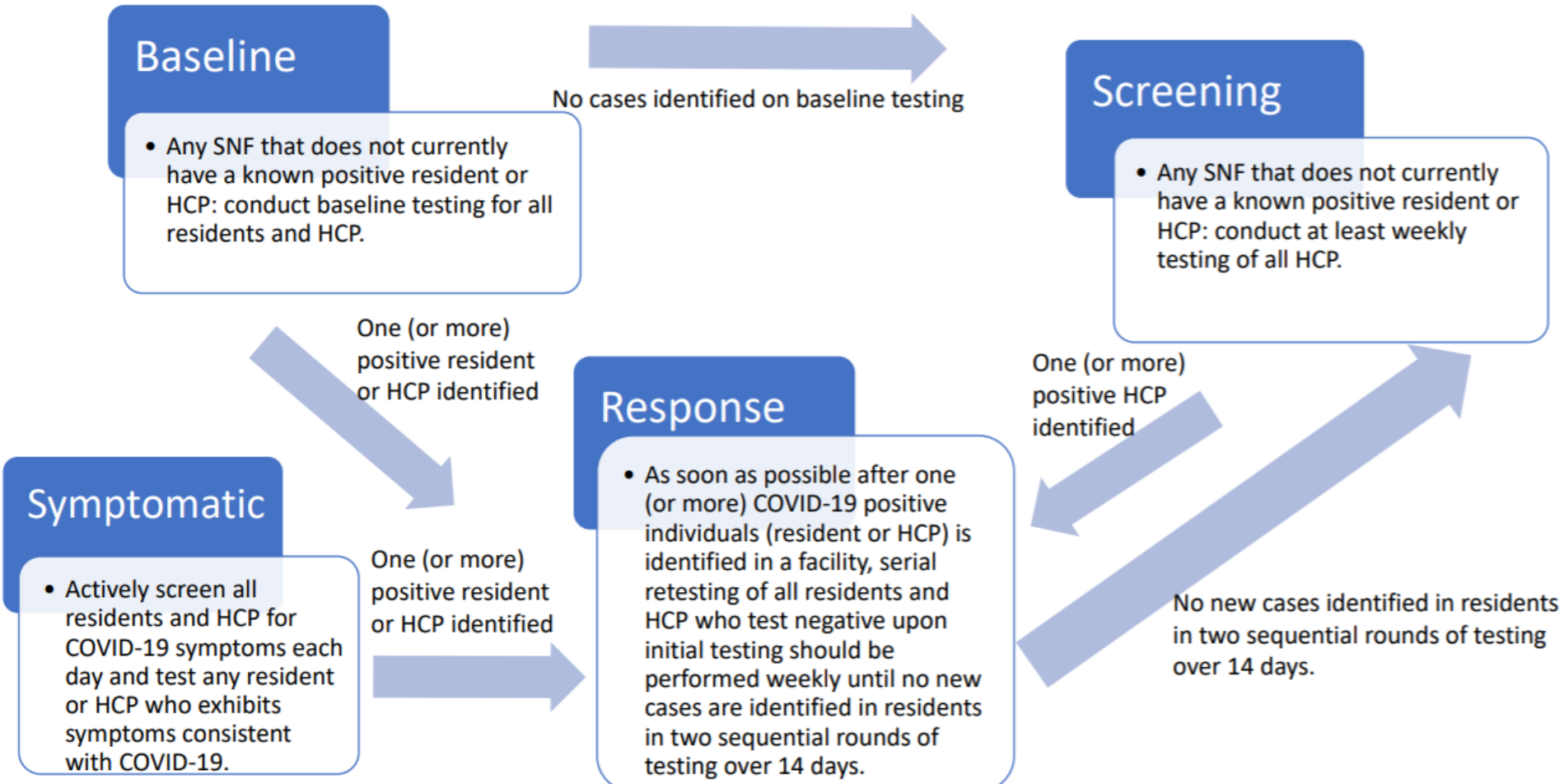
  - Testing before or after travel and self-quarantine after travel within the U.S. is no longer required for individuals who are <u>fully vaccinated or COVID-19 recovered within 3 months</u>, as long as they are asymptomatic.

  - Self-quarantine after travel by air internationally and returning to the U.S. is no longer required for individuals who are <u>fully vaccinated.</u>

Quarantine Guidance for SNF Residents

- Residents exposed to COVID-19 need to quarantine for 14 days, regardless of vaccination status.

- Quarantine is no longer required for new admissions that are fully vaccinated and have had no known exposure in the prior 14 days.
  - Local health departments may continue to recommend quarantine for newly admitted residents from a hospital where there is known COVID-19 transmission.

- Fully vaccinated SNF residents who leave the facility for non-essential purposes (e.g., to go out to a restaurant or visit family in their home) <u>do not</u> need to quarantine upon return.

AFL 20-53.3 COVID-19 Testing Guidelines

www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-53.aspx

Baseline

No cases identified on baseline testing

Screening

- Any SNF that does not currently have a known positive resident or HCP: conduct baseline testing for all residents and HCP.

- Any SNF that does not currently have a known positive resident or HCP: conduct at least weekly testing of all HCP.

One (or more) positive resident or HCP identified

Response

One (or more) positive HCP identified

Symptomatic

- As soon as possible after one (or more) COVID-19 positive individuals (resident or HCP) is identified in a facility, serial retesting of all residents and HCP who test negative upon initial testing should be performed weekly until no new cases are identified in residents in two sequential rounds of testing over 14 days.

- Actively screen all residents and HCP for COVID-19 symptoms each day and test any resident or HCP who exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

One (or more) positive resident or HCP identified

No new cases identified in residents in two sequential rounds of testing over 14 days.

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Point-of-Care Antigen Test Considerations for Confirmatory RT-PCR Testing

Symptomatic
HCP or residents

Positive Antigen Test Result

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No confirmatory testing needed; manage as confirmed COVID-19 positive

Negative Antigen Test Result

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Immediately obtain confirmatory testing; manage as suspected COVID-19 pending results

Screening
HCP

Positive Antigen Test Result

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Confirmatory testing optional; manage as confirmed COVID-19 positive and consider confirmatory testing for HCP in SNF in areas with low transmission

Negative Antigen Test Result

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No confirmatory testing needed, as long as individual will continue to be tested regularly

Response
HCP and residents

Positive Antigen Test Result

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No confirmatory testing needed; manage as confirmed COVID-19 positive

Negative Antigen Test Result

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Obtain confirmatory testing; manage as COVID-19 exposed pending results

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Questions?