



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

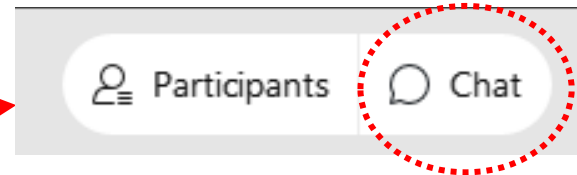
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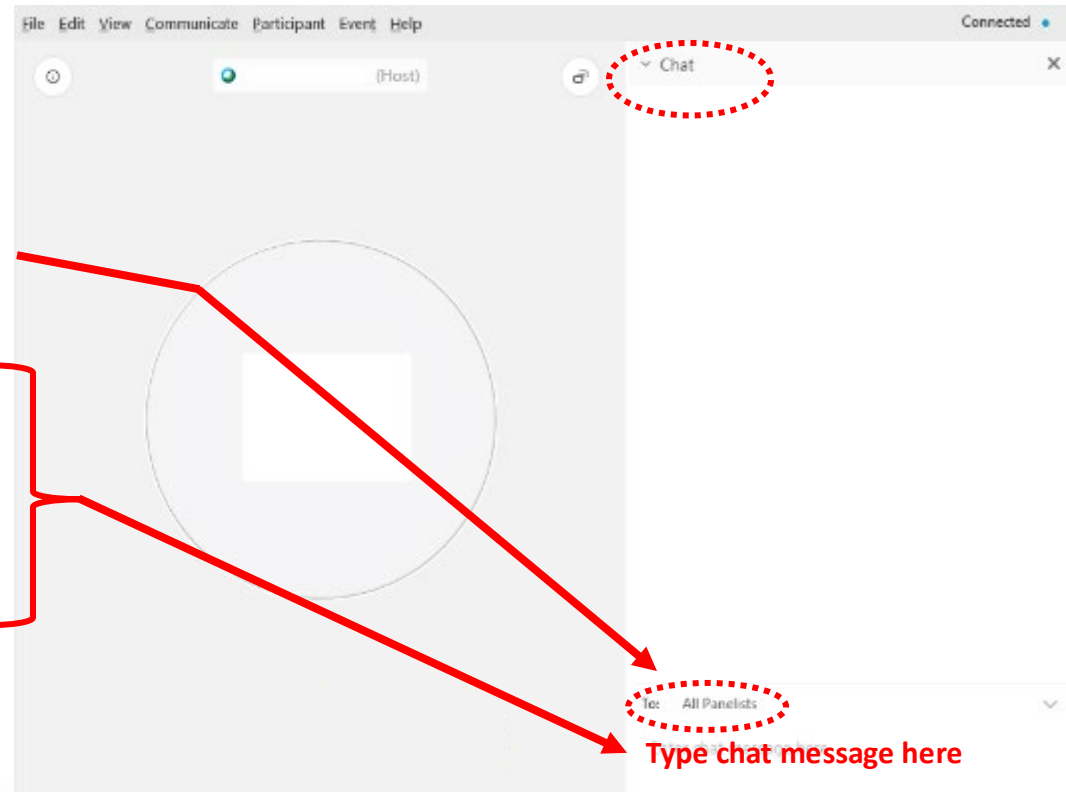
- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls:
 - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
 - Access code: **799 3227**
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars:
 - Register at: hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars
 - Recordings, notes and slides are posted at registration site
 - Trouble logging 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**

How to Find the Chat Button and Submit a Question

1. To submit a question, click on the **Chat Button** located in the bottom right corner of your Webex window.



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



- CDPH Update
- Testing Task Force Update
- Infection Prevention Updates
- Variants and Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Updates
- Vaccine Updates
- Q&A



CDPH Update



Testing Task Force Update



CDPH SNF Infection Preventionist (IP) Online Course

[cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/IP_
TrainingForSNFs_OnlineCourse.aspx](https://cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/IP_TrainingForSNFs_OnlineCourse.aspx)

Poll: How does your SNF meet the full-time infection preventionist (IP) requirements?

- a. We have one full time IP
- b. We have two part-time IPs
- c. We have more than two part-time IPs
- d. Other
- e. Not sure/not applicable

Assembly Bill No. 2644, September 30, 2020

- Effective January 1, 2021, AB 2644 requires SNFs to have a full-time, dedicated IP
- The IP role may be filled either by one full-time IP staff member or by two staff members sharing the IP responsibilities, as long as the total time dedicated to the role equals at least the time of one full-time staff member.
- The IP shall be a registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse and shall not be included in the calculation of 3.5 hours of direct patient care per day provided to residents.
- SNFs are required to have a plan in place for infection prevention quality control.
- SNFs shall ensure all healthcare personnel (HCP) receive infection prevention and control training on an annual basis.

www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2644

Postvaccination SARS-CoV-2 Infections Among SNF Residents and Staff Members



Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (*MMWR*)

- Chicago, Illinois, December 2020–March 2021
- 22 possible SARS-CoV-2 breakthrough infections occurred
 - Two thirds of persons were asymptomatic
 - A minority experienced mild to moderate symptoms
 - Two COVID-19–related hospitalizations and one death occurred
 - No facility-associated secondary transmission was identified
- Implications: SNFs should prioritize vaccination and follow recommended COVID-19 infection prevention practices

COVID-19 Outbreak Associated with a SARS-CoV-2 R.1 Lineage Variant in a SNF



Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (*MMWR*)

- Kentucky, March 2021
- In a COVID-19 outbreak at a Kentucky SNF involving a newly introduced variant to the region, unvaccinated residents and HCP had 3.0 and 4.1 times the risk of infection as did vaccinated residents and HCP
 - Residents: Vaccine 86.5% protective against symptomatic illness
 - HCP: Vaccine 87.1% protective against symptomatic illness
- Implications: Vaccination of SNF residents and HCP is essential to reduce the risk for symptomatic COVID-19

New CDC Guidance—April 27, 2021

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html#anchor_1619116573222

- Allows fully vaccinated residents to resume dining activities without masking or social distancing, as long as there are not unvaccinated individuals present.
- Allows fully vaccinated visitors and residents to visit without masks and without social distancing, as long as they are alone in a room without unvaccinated individuals.
- Allows fully vaccinated HCP to dine and socialize together in break rooms and conduct in-person meetings without source control or physical distancing, unless unvaccinated individuals are present.
- Unvaccinated residents need to continue to use source control measures and remain socially distanced from others.

Questions?





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