



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

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

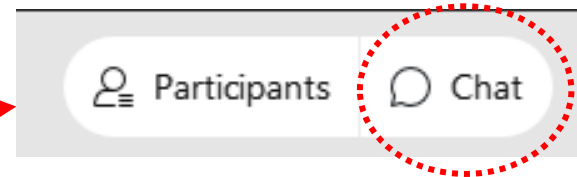
# Upcoming Calls



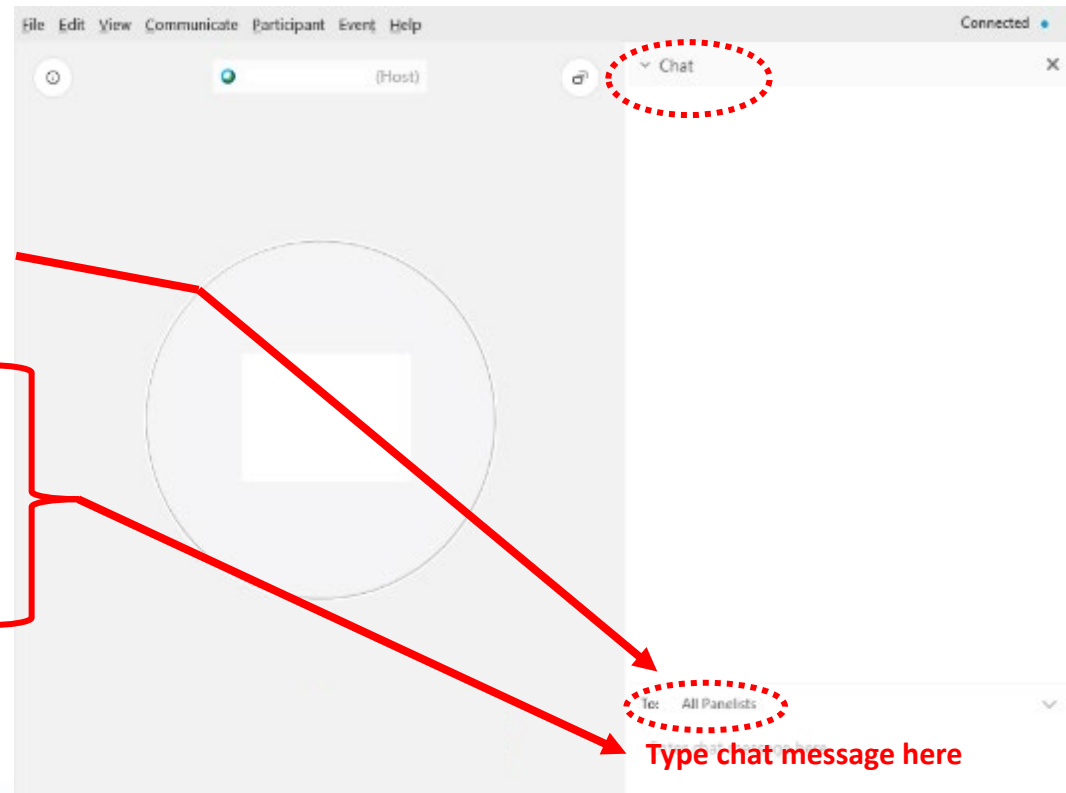
- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls:
  - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
  - Access code: **799 3227**
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars:
  - Register at: [hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars](https://hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars)
  - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted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

# 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 Updates
  - New All Facilities Letters (AFLs)
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Alert
  - CDPH Public Health Officer Order
- Testing Task Force Updates
- Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Update
- Q&A



# CDPH Updates

# Recent CDPH AFLs Impacting SNFs

- AFL 20-74.1 (Updated 7/22/21)
  - Recommendations for PPE, Resident Placement/Movement, and Staffing  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-74.aspx>
- AFL 20-75.1 (Updated 7/22/21)
  - COVID-19 Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Thresholds  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-75.aspx>
- AFL 21-23 (Updated 7/22/21)
  - Ending of the Emergency Blanket Waiver of MDS Timeframe Requirements  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-23.aspx>
- AFL 21-26 (7/26/2021)
  - Mandated Reporting Requirements of Potential Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, or Mistreatment of Elders or Dependent Adults  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-26.aspx>

SNF: Skilled Nursing Facility

PPE=Personal Protective Equipment

MDS=Minimum Data Set

# Tracking COVID-19 in California

<https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/#location-california>

## Update for July 28, 2021

### CASES

**3,822,551** total

**6,849** today

↗ 12.7 new cases per 100K

### DEATHS

**63,849** total

**38** today

↗ 0.03 new deaths per 100K

### TESTS

**73,252,199** total

**116,448** today

↗ 5.9% test positivity

### VACCINES ADMINISTERED

**43,663,282** total

See the data statewide and in each county

Get county data

## Vaccination data

COVID-19 vaccination is one of the most important tools to end the pandemic. We're tracking the progress of vaccinating Californians across the state.

[VIEW VACCINATION DATA](#)



62.3% Fully Vaccinated  
9.4% Partially Vaccinated



# CDC Health Advisory, July 27, 2021

This is an official  
**CDC HEALTH ADVISORY**

Distributed via the CDC Health Alert Network  
July 27, 2021, 4:00 PM ET  
CDCHAN-00447

**Vaccination to Prevent COVID-19 Outbreaks with Current and Emergent Variants — United States, 2021**

- Notifies public health practitioners and clinicians about the urgent need to increase COVID-19 vaccination coverage to prevent surges.
- Increasing vaccination coverage is urgent in areas with low coverage.
- Unvaccinated persons account for majority of new COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths.
- Variants of concern, especially Delta, are accelerating spread of infection.
- Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated people need to practice all recommended prevention measures until fully vaccinated.

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/pdf/CDC-HAN-447-COVID-19-Vaccine-to-Prevent-Outbreak-and-Variants-07-27-2021.pdf>

# Vaccination Coverage Helps SNFs Prevent Infection

- Preliminary data from CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) indicate residents of SNFs in which vaccination coverage of staff is 75% or lower experience higher crude rates of preventable COVID infection.

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## COVID-19 in Residents of CMS-Certified Skilled Nursing Facilities

Crude Rate per 1,000 Resident Weeks, Stratified by Vaccination Coverage of Staff

Data from the two weeks ending 11 July 2021

Quartile of Staff Vaccination Coverage (percentile)	Staff Vaccination Coverage	Crude Rate of COVID in Residents per 1,000 Resident-weeks, for the two weeks ending 11 July	
1 (0 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> )	0-44%	0.77	} Highly significant reductions in incidence between these strata, $P < 0.0001$
2 (26 <sup>th</sup> -50 <sup>th</sup> )	45-59%	0.54	
3 (51 <sup>st</sup> -75 <sup>th</sup> )	60-74%	0.26	} Reduction between these strata not significant
4 (76 <sup>th</sup> -100 <sup>th</sup> )	75+%	0.31	
Overall, national		0.4	

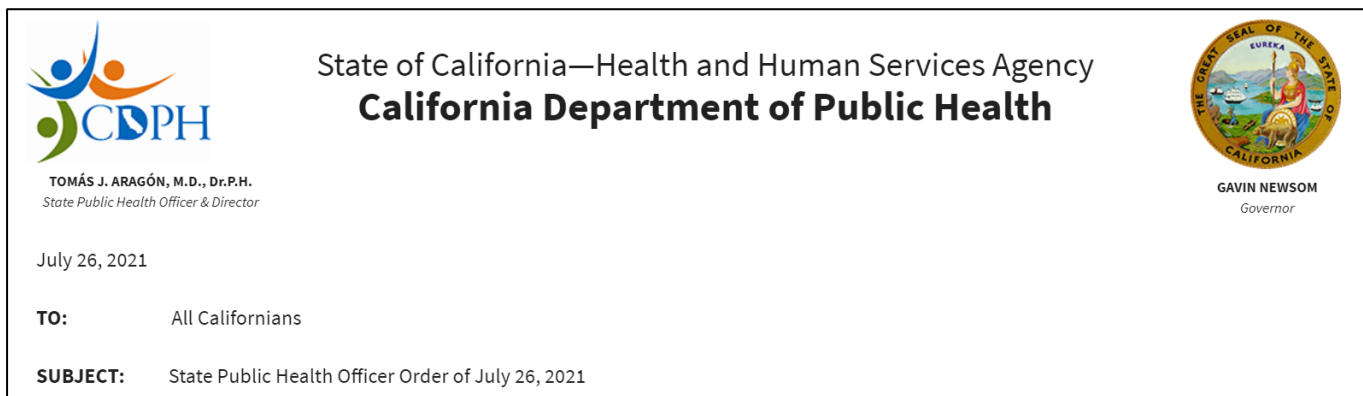
- There was a 29% significant reduction in the case rate from Q1 to Q2 of staff vaccination coverage
- There was a 52% significant reduction in the case rate from Q2 to Q3 of staff vaccination coverage

*Data limited to facilities reporting vaccination coverage.*



# California Implements First-in-the-Nation Measures

- State Public Health Officer Order of July 26, 2021  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Unvaccinated-Workers-In-High-Risk-Settings.aspx>
- Recent outbreaks in health care, SNFs, and other congregate settings have frequently been traced to unvaccinated staff.
- Vaccination is the most effective means of preventing infection with the COVID-19 virus, and subsequent transmission and outbreaks.
- Order shall take effect on August 9, 2021.
- Facilities must be in full compliance by August 23, 2021.



# Settings that Public Health Order Applies

## **Acute Health Care and Long-Term Care Settings:**

- General Acute Care Hospitals
- Skilled Nursing Facilities (including Subacute Facilities)
- Intermediate Care Facilities

## **High-Risk Congregate Settings**

- Adult and Senior Care Facilities
- Homeless Shelters
- State and Local Correctional Facilities and Detention Centers

## **Other Health Care Settings:**

- Acute Psychiatric Hospitals
- Adult Day Health Care Centers
- Adult Day Programs Licensed by the CA Department of Social Services
- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and PACE Centers
- Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospitals
- Clinics & Doctor Offices (including behavioral health, surgical)
- Congregate Living Health Facilities
- Dental Offices
- Dialysis Centers
- Hospice Facilities
- Pediatric Day Health and Respite Care Facilities
- Residential Substance Use Treatment and Mental Health Treatment Facilities

# Definition of “Worker”

- "Worker" refers to all paid and unpaid persons serving in SNFs who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients/clients/residents or SARS-CoV-2 airborne aerosols.
- Workers include, but are not limited to:
  - Nurses
  - Nursing assistants
  - Physicians
  - Technicians
  - Therapists
  - Phlebotomists
  - Pharmacists
  - Students and trainees
  - Contractual staff not employed by the health care facility, and persons not directly involved in patient care, but who could be exposed to infectious agents that can be transmitted in the health care setting, for example:
    - Clerical
    - Dietary
    - Laundry
    - Security
    - Billing
    - Environmental services
    - Engineering and facilities management
    - Administrative
    - Volunteer personnel

# Vaccine Status Must be Verified

- Facilities must have a plan in place for tracking vaccination status.
- Only the following modes may be used as proof of vaccination:
  1. COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card
  2. Photo of a Vaccination Record Card
  3. Photo of the Vaccination Record Card stored on phone/electronic device
  4. Documentation of vaccination from healthcare provider
  5. Digital record that includes a QR code  
(i.e., Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>)
  6. Documentation of vaccination from other contracted employers who follow vaccination records guidelines and standards.
- Workers who are not fully vaccinated, or for whom vaccine status is unknown or documentation is not provided, must be considered unvaccinated.

# Respirator or Mask Requirements

- SNFs must continue to strictly adhere to current CDPH Masking Guidance, Cal/OSHA's standards for Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD), which requires respirator use in areas where suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases may be present, and Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS), where applicable, that requires all unvaccinated workers be provided a respirator upon request.
- ***In addition***, facilities must provide respirators to all unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers who work in settings where
  - (1) care is provided to patients or residents, or
  - (2) to which patients or residents have access for any purpose.
  - Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers are strongly encouraged to wear respirators.

# Testing Requirements

- Unvaccinated or Incompletely Vaccinated Workers:
  - Asymptomatic **unvaccinated** or incompletely vaccinated workers are **required to undergo** diagnostic screening testing **at least twice weekly** with either PCR testing or antigen testing.
  - Workers must still be tested if they have the following conditions because they are still potentially able to spread the illness:
    - Medical contraindication to vaccination
    - Previous history of COVID-19 from which they recovered > 90 days earlier
    - Previous positive antibody test for COVID-19
- Fully Vaccinated Workers:
  - Diagnostic screening testing of asymptomatic fully vaccinated workers is not currently required; however, fully vaccinated workers may consider continuing diagnostic screening testing if they have underlying immunocompromising conditions which might impact the level of protection provided by the COVID-19 vaccine.



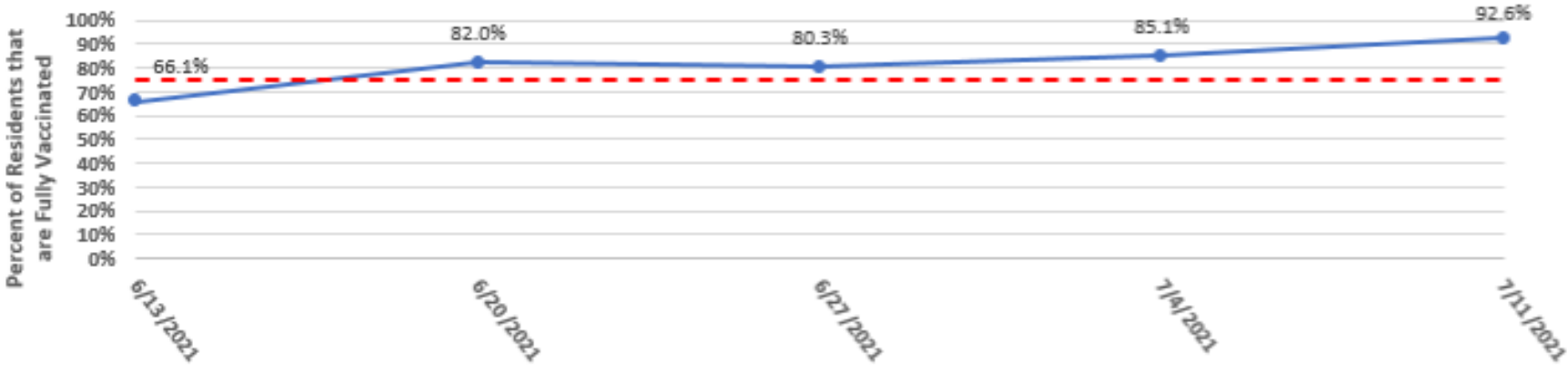


# Vaccine Data Reports, Resources & Quickinars

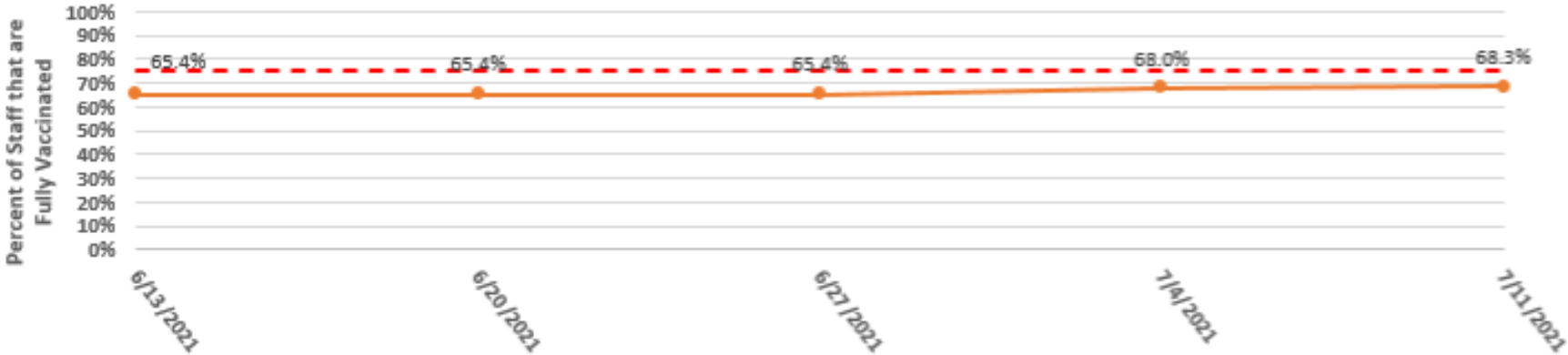
# Facility-Specific COVID-19 Vaccine Data Report

Available at—<https://qiip.hsag.com>

### Resident: Vaccination Rate



### Staff: Vaccination Rate



Data Source: National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Accessed on DD/MM/YYYY, HH:MM EST

Each data point represents the cumulative percent of residents or staff without contraindications to the COVID-19 vaccine that are fully vaccinated. The listed date indicates the end point of the week.

# To Access the Quality Improvement Innovation Portal (QIIP) for Facility Report

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## HSAG Quality Improvement and Innovation Portal (QIIP) Administrator Form

The HSAG QIIP is your centralized place for information in support of the quality initiatives and activities which you are working on with HSAG to achieve the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') national goals. CMS' goals include increasing quality scores, improving infection prevention, decreasing opioid misuse, preventing adverse drug events, improving quality of care transitions, and preventing avoidable readmissions. The HSAG QIIP will allow you to view your weekly COVID-19 Trend Report. Future enhancements include the ability to complete assessments, track interventions, and view your performance dashboards.

To get access to your weekly COVID-19 Trend Report please fill out the short form below to designate your QIIP Administrator(s) and return the completed form via email to [canursinghomes@hsag.com](mailto:canursinghomes@hsag.com).

The QIIP Administrator(s) will have the following rights:

- Access performance reports and dashboards.
- Attest to the completion of activities.
- Complete assessment forms.

- Add, edit, and remove users within the application.
- Upload/submit data.

### Facility Information

Please provide the CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name for your facilities. **Please add additional rows to the table as needed if your organization has more than one facility.**

CCN	Facility Name

### Administrator(s) Information

HSAG QIIP Administrator(s), please complete the table below. HSAG recommends having at least two staff members assigned to each facility. If there is no lapse in Administrator coverage.

	Email Address	Telephone Number

[www.hsag.com/covid-19/long-term-care-facilities/](http://www.hsag.com/covid-19/long-term-care-facilities/)

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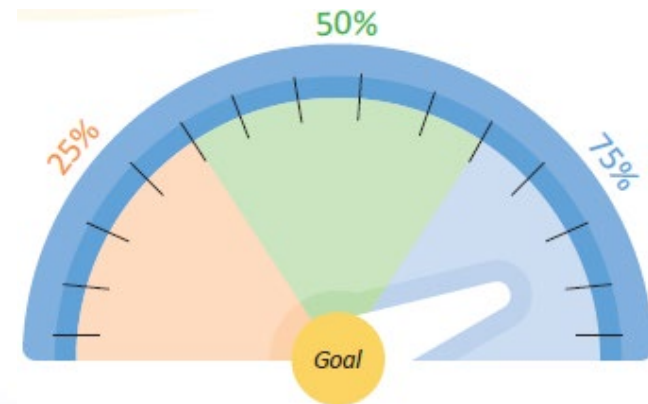
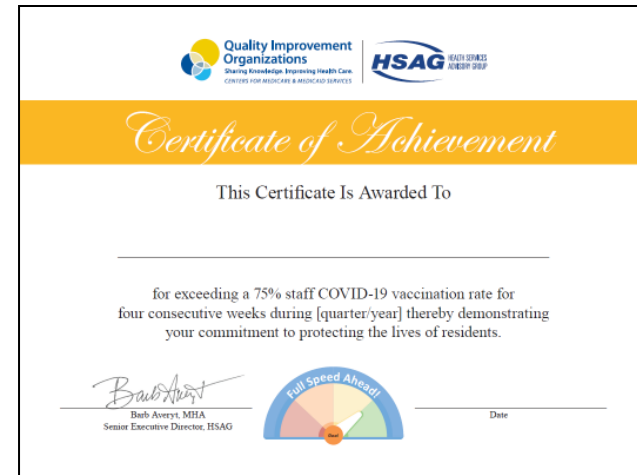
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# Full Speed Ahead!

## COVID-19 Vaccination Recognition Program

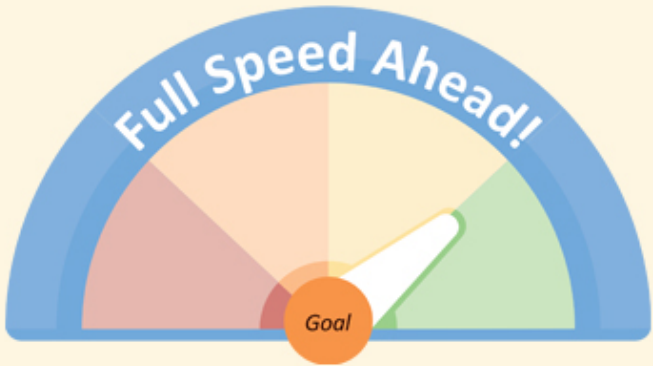
Nursing homes will receive a certificate of achievement for meeting either of the following criteria in July, August, and September:

- ✓ Exceeding a 75% staff vaccination rate for 4 consecutive weeks.
- ✓ Exceeding a 90% resident vaccination rate for 4 consecutive weeks.



# Full Speed Ahead! Vaccine Resources

## [www.hsag.com/covid-19/vaccine-resources](http://www.hsag.com/covid-19/vaccine-resources)



**Full Speed Ahead! COVID-19 Vaccination Recognition Program**

Access program materials, resources, and register for upcoming quickinars.

[Learn More](#)

Full Speed Ahead! COVID-19 Vaccination Recognition Program

NHSN Data Reporting

Improving Vaccine Acceptance

Vaccine Equity

National and State Vaccine Data

# 5-Part “Quickinar” Vaccine Series

- **Launch Full Speed Ahead! Program**
  - August 5, 2021 | 10:30–11:00 a.m.
- **The Moveable Middle**
  - August 19, 2021 | 10:30–11:00 a.m.
- **The Moved Middle**
  - September 2, 2021 | 10:30–11:00 a.m.
- **Invest in Trust Strategies, Part 2**
  - September 16, 2021 | 10:30–11:00 a.m.
- **Celebrate Success**
  - September 30, 2021 | 10:30–11:00 a.m.

# Questions?





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