



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Upcoming Calls

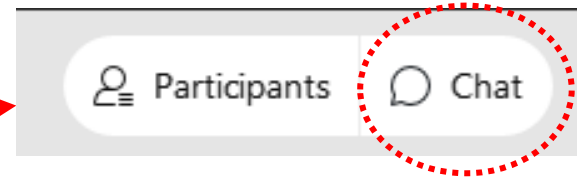


- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls:
 - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
 - Access code: **799 3227**
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars:
 - Register at: hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars
 - Recordings, notes and slides are posted at registration site
 - Trouble logging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

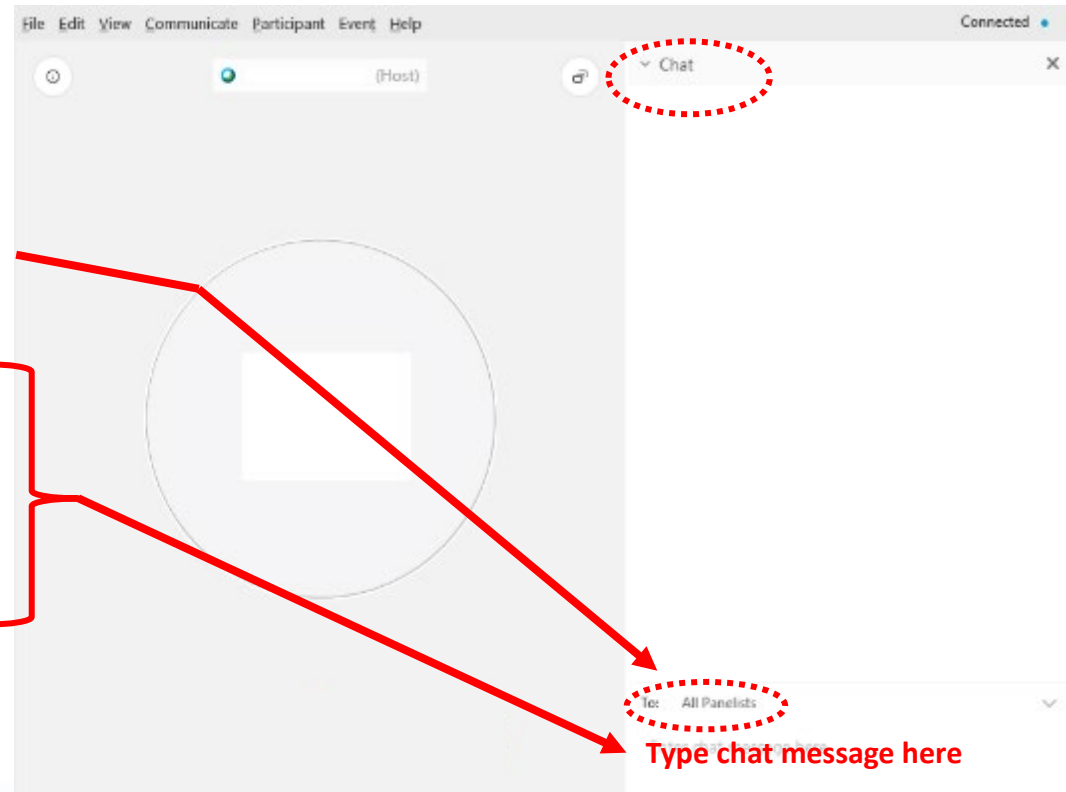
Tomorrow—June 24 call canceled.

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.



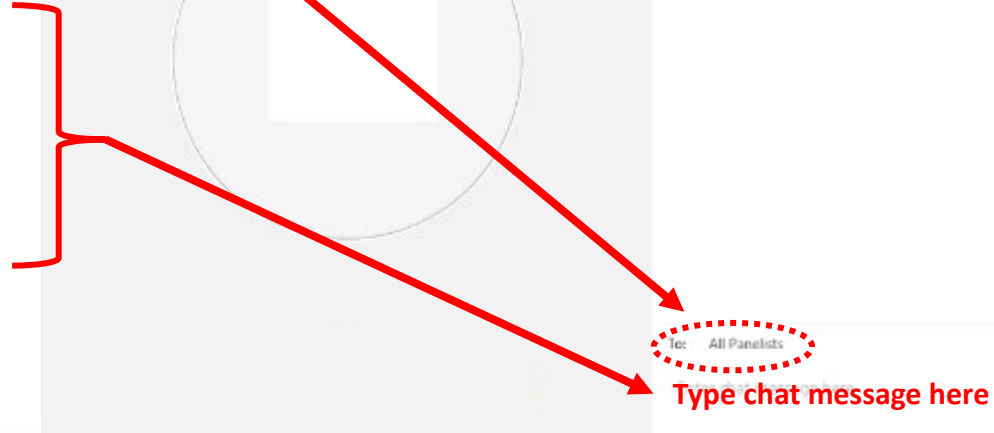
2. The **Chat** panel will open on your right.



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
- Testing Task Force Updates
- California's Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record
- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Updates
- HAI Updates & Frequently Asked Questions
- Q&A



CDPH Updates



Testing Task Force Updates

California's Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record

<https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>

Validating Vaccination Status

- Any individual can obtain
- Some delays in records showing
- Link will be sent via email or text
- Link will be active for 24 hours
- Suggestion: take a screen shot
- Include in your communication to visitors



Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record

Please fill out the required fields to receive a link to a QR code and digital copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record:

Required fields marked with *

First name *

Last name *

Date of birth *



Provide the cell phone or email used when you received your COVID-19 vaccine.

Cell Phone Email

Cell Phone *

Set a 4-digit PIN code to access your vaccine record. *

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Note: this PIN code will not be sent to you, so please ensure you write it down for future use.

By checking this box, you are declaring under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that you are the Patient or Parent/Guardian of the Patient and are therefore authorized to access the Patient's immunization record.

NHSN Updates sams.cdc.gov

- CMS began imposing civil money penalties (CMPs) the week of June 21 for facilities that did not report the new required vaccination elements.
- CMS COVID-19 Nursing Home Data
 - <https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg>
- NHSN vaccination data is public for the week May 31–June 6, 2021.
 - <https://data.cms.gov/Special-Programs-Initiatives-COVID-19-Nursing-Home/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Dataset/s2uc-8wpx>
- 95% of all nursing homes in California reported vaccination data to CDPH Weekly 1, 2, 3 Survey
- CDPH uploaded data into NHSN on June 17 for the week of June 7-13.
- CDPH's next upload will be on June 24 for the week of June 14–20.

SNF Reported Vaccination Rates		
	Residents Vaccinated	Staff Vaccinated
Average	82%	80%

NHSN Webinars

- **Topic:** Long-term Care Facility COVID-19 Module: Information about modifications in the upcoming NHSN release planned for July 8, 2021
- **Webinar Sessions:**
 - Thursday, July 8, 2021
 - Monday, July 12, 2021
- **Time:** 10–11 a.m. PT
- **Register in advance for this webinar:**
https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_qDCdNpp4SvCIH0Io_KK4w

Changes Planned for July 8

- **Resident Impact and Facility Capacity Pathway**
 - Layout of the “Vaccination Status of Residents with a Newly Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 Viral Test Result” section.
- **Ventilator Capacity and Supplies Pathway:**
 - The LTCF COVID-19 Ventilator Capacity and Supplies Pathway will be removed. Users will continue to have access to previously reported data.
- **Therapeutics Pathway:**
 - The reporting option *bamlanivimab* will be removed from the Therapeutics Pathway and will no longer be available to report data.
 - A new therapeutic, *Sotrovimab*, will be added as a reporting option to the Therapeutics Pathway.

Changes Planned for July 8 (cont.)

- **Weekly NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Data Modules will:**
 - Include a user data quality alert screen called “COVID-19 Vaccination Summary Data Alerts” that appears on the NHSN homepage.
 - Flag vaccination rates less than or equal to 10% for reporting weeks starting March 1, 2021, through the present.
 - Have modification that updates the CMS certification number (CCN) field on the data entry screen for facilities that enter in a new CCN.



HAI Updates & FAQs

COVID-19 Vaccine & Tuberculosis (TB) Testing

Q: *Is it recommended to wait 4 weeks after completing COVID-19 vaccination before administering TB testing?*

- Yes, it is recommended to defer the PPD tuberculin skin test (TST) or an interferon release assay (IGRA) to take place ≥ 4 weeks after completion of COVID-19 vaccination.
- A TB risk assessment should be done and if there is high suspicion for active TB disease, diagnosis can be made through other diagnostic tests such as chest X-ray or Sputum for AFB smear and culture.

Q: *A new unvaccinated resident was given the PPD TST on admission. Do we need to delay administration of the COVID-19 vaccine?*

- No, proceed with administering the COVID-19 vaccine. The PPD TST or IGRA test may be performed any time *before* or *at the same time* as the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fcovid-19%2Finfo-by-product%2Fclinical-considerations.html

When do HCP need to universally wear eye protection (face shields, goggles)?

- Eye protection is required during all patient/resident care, including green, red, and yellow zones, **in facilities in counties with moderate, substantial, and widespread COVID-19 transmission** rates (high test positivity rates), and **during a COVID-19 outbreak** in a facility.
- Eye protection in the green zone is NOT required in counties with minimal to no county transmission (<2% test positivity rates), unless otherwise indicated as part of standard precautions.
- kitchen, hallways, nurses' station, regardless of county transmission.
- Eye protection is NOT necessary in non-patient care areas, such as the kitchen, hallways, nurses' station, regardless of county transmission.
- County test positivity rates can be found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/>

COVID-19 Test Positivity Rates

Minimal	Moderate	Substantial	Widespread
<2%	2-4.9%	5-8%	>8%

Example: Kern County Test Positivity Rate

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

Tracking COVID-19 in California

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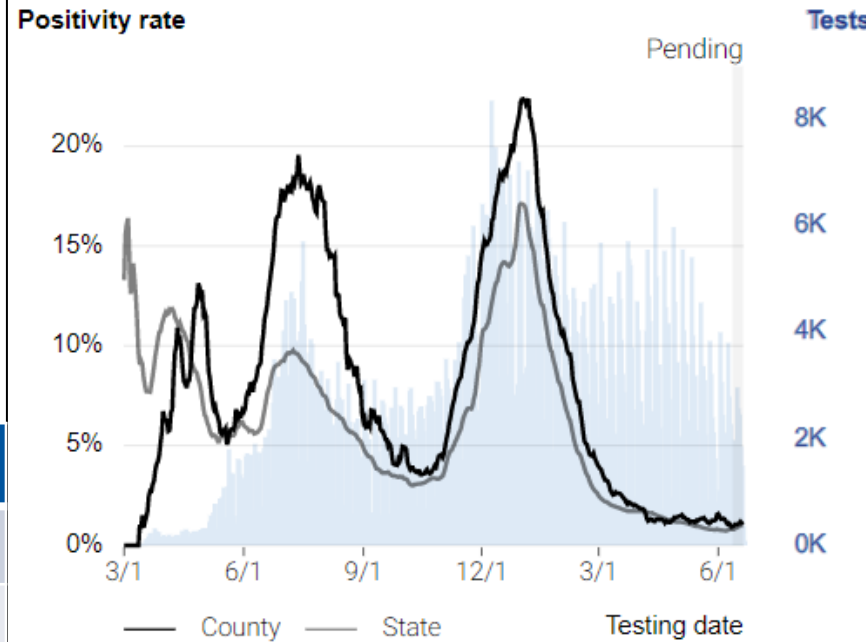
See the data statewide and in each county

Testing for COVID-19

Kern Statewide

1.0% test positivity (7-day rate)
0.1% increase from 7-days prior

1.0% Test Positivity Rate=
Eye Protection is Not Required for
HCP in the Green Zone



COVID-19 Test Positivity Rates

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Example: Imperial County Test Positivity Rate

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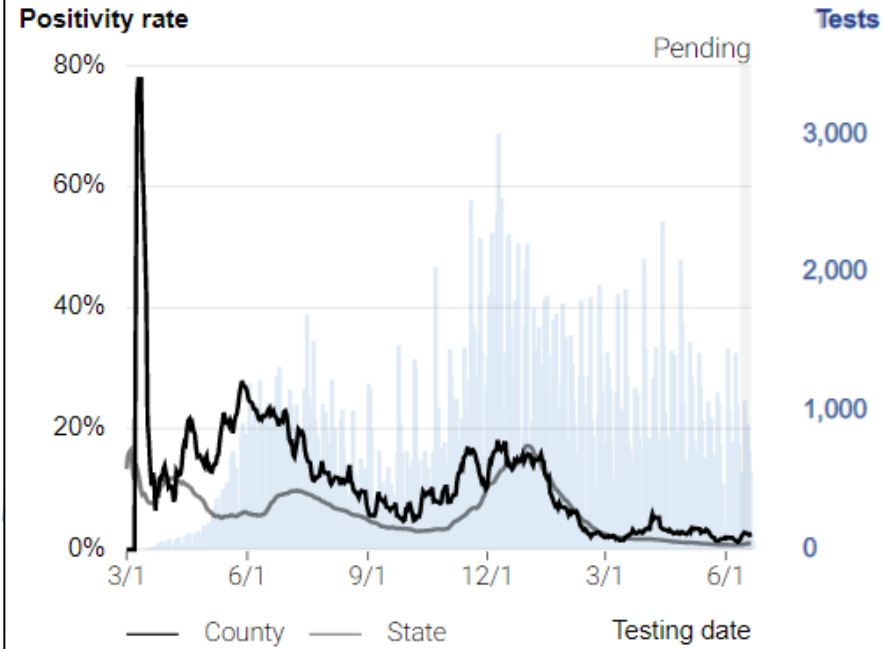
Imperial ⊗ Clear Get county data

2.1% Test Positivity Rate=
Eye Protection is Required for
HCP in the Green Zone

Testing for COVID-19

Imperial Statewide

2.1% test positivity (7-day rate)
 0.1% decrease from 7-days prior



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Are Potlucks in the Break Room Acceptable?

YES...with some precautions

- Potlucks are considered a group activity (AFL 20-22.8) and are now acceptable with precautions.
- Masks and distancing are not required during potlucks **only if all HCP participating are fully vaccinated.**
- If unvaccinated staff are present, masks and physical distancing need to be practiced.
- Outdoor potlucks are more desirable if possible.



Questions?





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