



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, June 30, 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**



Happy 4th of July!

The Wednesday, **July 7** Webinar & Thursday, **July 8** call are canceled.

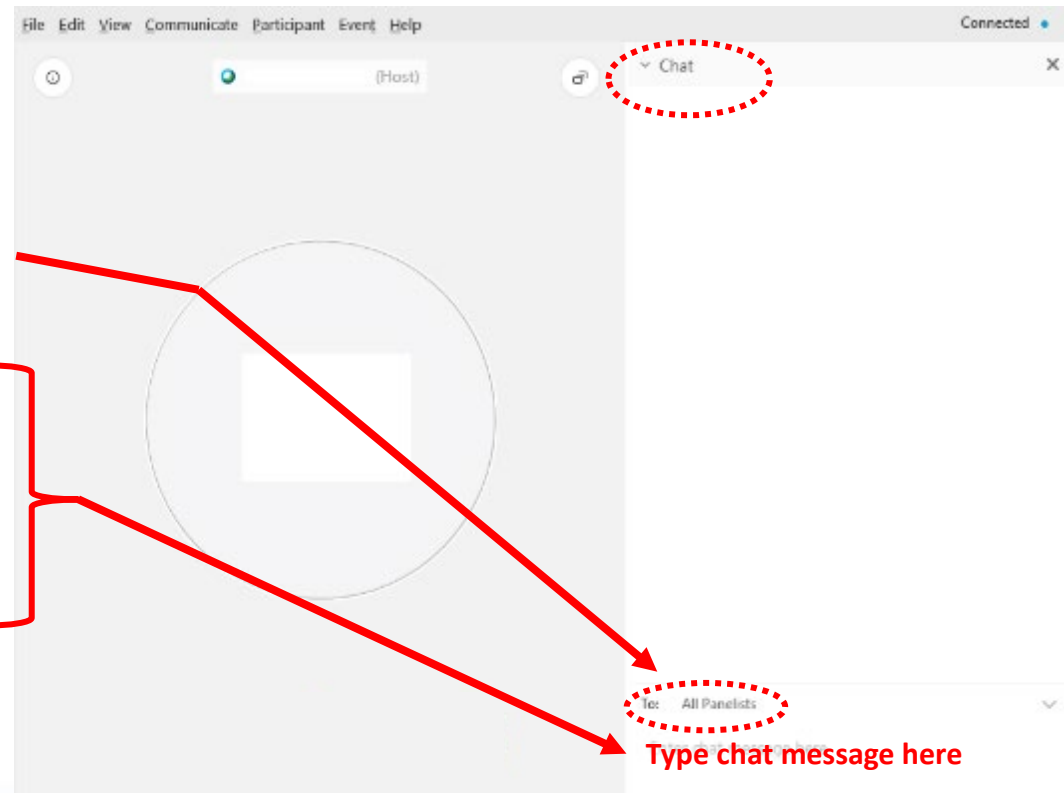
Please join us on Tuesday, **July 6**, for the 8 a.m. All-Facilities call.

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.



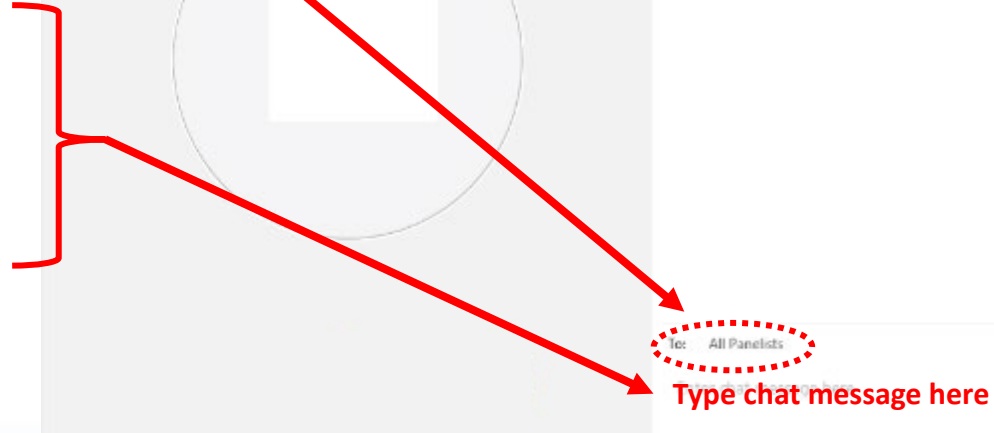
2. The **Chat** panel will open on your right.



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
 - Expanding Visitation Opportunities
 - AFL 21-08.3 Quarantine Guidance
 - Delta Variant
 - Frequently Asked Questions
- Testing Task Force Updates
- Pre-Entry Testing for Visitors
- California's Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record
- Q&A

Celebrate!!

- McKnight's Long-Term Care News, June 30, 2021
- Only 4 states have hit 75% long-term care staff vaccination goal, new CMS data reveal
- <https://www.mcknights.com/news/clinical-news/only-4-states-have-hit-75-percent-ltc-staff-vaccination-goal-new-cms-data-reveal/>
- For the week ending June 13, the states with the highest rates of staff vaccination ranging from 75% to 83% are:
 - Hawaii
 - Vermont
 - Alaska
 - California





CDPH Updates

Expanding Visitation Opportunities

- AFL 20-22.8: www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-22.aspx
- Expand hours for visitation (outside of regular work hours) to accommodate all visitors.
- Ensure an adequate degree of privacy during visits.
- Based on the size of the building and physical space:
 - Limit the number of visitors per resident at one time.
 - Limit the total number of visitors in the facility at one time.
- Consider scheduling visits for a specified length of time (no less than 30 minutes). Longer visits should be supported.
- Failure to facilitate visitation would constitute a violation of residents' rights.

Poll Question: What is causing your facility to restrict visitation? (select all that apply)

- A. Staffing shortages to monitor visits
- B. Physical space challenges
- C. Visitors are unable to adhere to the infection prevention principles
- D. COVID-19 transmission concerns
- E. Other (insert comment in chat box)
- F. Our facility is not restricting visitation



AFL 21-08.3 Quarantine Guidance

Updated June 28, 2021

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-08.aspx>

- Revision includes updated quarantine guidance from the CDC for fully vaccinated HCP who travel.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

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<p>June 28, 2021</p>		
<p>TO:</p>	<p>General Acute Care Hospitals (GACHs) Acute Psychiatric Hospitals (APHs) Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)</p>	
<p>SUBJECT:</p>	<p>Guidance on Quarantine for Health Care Personnel (HCP) Exposed to SARS-CoV-2 (This AFL supersedes AFL 21-08.2)</p>	
<p>All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The purpose of this AFL is to provide health care facilities with updated guidance on exposure risk assessment and the duration of quarantine for SARS-CoV-2 exposed HCP working in hospitals and SNFs and SNF residents.• This revision includes updated risk assessment and quarantine guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for HCP working in hospitals and SNFs and SNF residents who have been fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2.		

Quarantine Guidance for SNF Residents

- Residents exposed to COVID-19 must continue to quarantine for 14 days, **regardless of vaccination status.**
- Quarantine is no longer required for fully vaccinated newly admitted and readmitted residents, unless they had a 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 SARS-CoV-2 transmission.
- Fully vaccinated SNF residents who leave for non-essential purposes (restaurant, visit family) do not need to quarantine.

Quarantine Guidance for Exposed SNF HCP

- Exposed SNF HCP who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded from work for **14 days**.
 - During critical staffing shortages, asymptomatic unvaccinated SNF HCP can return to work after **Day 7** if they have a **negative PCR test result from a specimen collected after Day 5 from the last exposure**.
- Exposed SNF HCP who are fully vaccinated do not need to be restricted from work for 14 days.
 - Work restrictions should still be considered for HCP with underlying immunocompromising conditions.

SNF HCP Quarantine Guidance Following Travel

- **Domestic Travel:** Testing before or after travel and self-quarantine after travel is no longer required for fully vaccinated individuals or COVID-19 recovered within 3 months, as long as they are asymptomatic.
- **International Travel:** Self-quarantine after travel by air internationally and returning to the U.S. is no longer required for fully vaccinated individuals.



California Variants as of June 23, 2021

www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-Variants.aspx

Known Variants of Concern (VOC) in California

WHO Label	Variant	Background Information	# of CA Cases
Alpha	B.1.1.7	Detected in United Kingdom, September 2020	9,697
Beta	B.1.351	Detected in South Africa, May 2020	108
Gamma	P.1	Detected in Brazil, November 2020	1,422
Delta	B.1.617.2	Detected in India, October 2020	372
Epsilon	B.1.427	Detected in California, February 2021	6,981
Epsilon	B.1.429	Detected in California, February 2021	13,060

Known Variants of Interest (VOI) in California

WHO Label	Variant	Background Information	# of CA Cases
Iota	B.1.526	Detected in New York, November 2020	625
Not available	B.1.526.1	Detected in New York, October 2020	522
Eta	B.1.525	Detected in United Kingdom and Nigeria, December 2020	51
Zeta	P.2	Detected in Brazil, April 2020	82
Kappa	B.1.617	Detected in India, October 2020	61
Not available	B.1.617.3	Detected in India, October 2020	1

Q: We understand that unvaccinated visitors must physically distance and mask when visiting unvaccinated residents in the green zone. How does this make sense when the residents can leave the facility for outings with unvaccinated family, and masking and distancing guidance may not be followed?

- Masks for source control and physical distancing are required for indoor visits between unvaccinated visitors and residents.
- The guidelines can be more easily enforced when the visit is in the facility; we understand that families may not follow the guidelines when the resident is on a family outing or overnight stay.
- This can be seen as contradictory, but the guidelines in the facility need to be followed to keep all residents and HCP safe.
- It is important for facilities to provide residents and their loved ones as much opportunity possible for meaningful visitation at the facility, which might lessen the desire for them to go on outings.

Q: We are aware that residents can go on outings with families, regardless of vaccination status. Can SNFs start taking residents on outings to the market or other places?

- Yes, SNFs can take residents on outings, but unvaccinated residents need to be continually reminded to wear a mask.
- If one of the residents participating in the outing is unvaccinated, then all participants should mask and the unvaccinated resident should maintain physical distancing.
- Fully vaccinated residents who leave the facility for an outing do not need to quarantine upon return.
- Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated residents who leave the facility for an outing for >24 hours should be managed like new admissions and be quarantined. For outings less than 24 hours, use case-by-case discretion, but note that they are not required to quarantine upon return.



Testing Task Force Updates



Pre-Entry Testing for Visitors

California's Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record (DCVR)

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



Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record

Validating Vaccination Status

- Allows Californians to download their vaccination record.
- Ask staff, residents, visitors and contractors to show proof of vaccination status to be considered fully vaccinated.

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.

DCVR Troubleshooting: Common Errors

www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/COVID-19VaccineRecord.aspx

- Common error is that the DCVR Portal does not match the California Immunization Registry (CAIR2) record due to missing or incorrect:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Cell phone
- Email address
- Vaccination record



Response*

Please select the sentence below that best describes your experience:

I retrieved my Digital Vaccine Record, but one of my doses was missing or inaccurate.

I cannot retrieve my Digital Vaccine Record.

- Complete troubleshooting form at:
 - <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/unmatched>

DCVR Troubleshooting—Update CAIR2

www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/COVID-19VaccineRecord.aspx

CAIR2

PRD 2.7.2

Patients

patient search
manage patient status

Reports

reminder / recall
check reminder status
cocasa extract
check request status
ad hoc list report
ad hoc count report
ad hoc report status
vaccine eligibility
assessment report
check assessment
benchmark report
check benchmark
manage custom letters
group patients
check group status
check reminder list
check vaccine elig status
accountability report
request
check vaccine
accountability
state supplied flu report
state supplied vaccine
report

Inventory

doses administered

Data Exchange

check status

Patient Information ▼

Address Information ▲

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No Viable Address

* Start Date 

Street Address

Other Address

P.O. Box

Zip zip add-on codes+4

City State ▼

County

Home Phone

Extension

Cell Phone

E-Mail



Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: Updated Guidance June 25, 2021

- Website:

SNF Updated Guidelines

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/healthfacilities/snf/prevention/#testing>

- PowerPoint:

Testing, Visitation, Cohorting

http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/COVID19_SNF_Update062521.pdf

Table 1. Communal dining & group activities

Location	Green Cohort	Yellow Cohort*	Red Cohort
Indoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully vaccinated: Yes • Not fully vaccinated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No outbreak: Yes ○ Outbreak: No 	No regardless of resident's vaccination status or facility's outbreak status	No regardless of resident's vaccination status or facility's outbreak status
Outdoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully vaccinated: Yes • Not fully vaccinated: Yes 	No regardless of resident's vaccination status or facility's outbreak status	No regardless of resident's vaccination status or facility's outbreak status

* If there is no outbreak in the facility, the following residents of the Yellow Cohort may follow the Green Cohort for communal dining and group activities (as long as they are asymptomatic and are not close contacts/considered exposed to a case):

- Residents who are not fully vaccinated who have frequent appointments outside the facility (e.g., dialysis)
- Residents who have severely immunocompromising conditions.

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Table 2. General Visitation

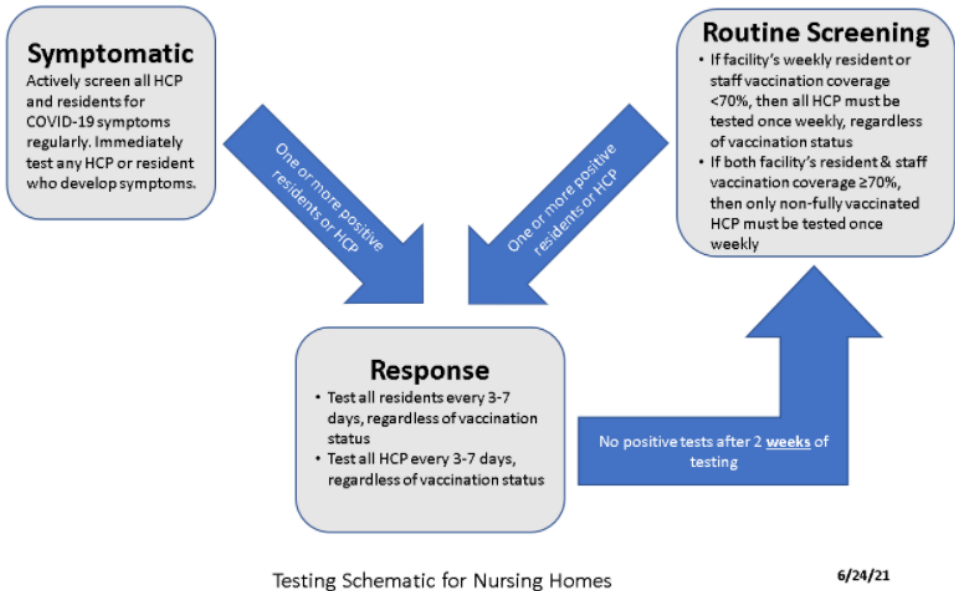
Location	Green Cohort	Yellow Cohort	Red Cohort
Indoor/ In-room	Yes for all residents, regardless of vaccination status.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No outbreak: Yes regardless of vaccination status • Outbreak: No regardless of vaccination status 	No regardless of resident's vaccination status or facility's outbreak status.
Outdoor	Yes for all residents, regardless of vaccination status	Yes for all residents, regardless of vaccination status	No regardless of resident's vaccination status or facility's outbreak status.

Essential visitation should be permitted indoor and outdoor for residents in all cohorts regardless of facility's outbreak status and vaccination status of resident/visitor provided infection prevention & control practices including entry screening are followed.

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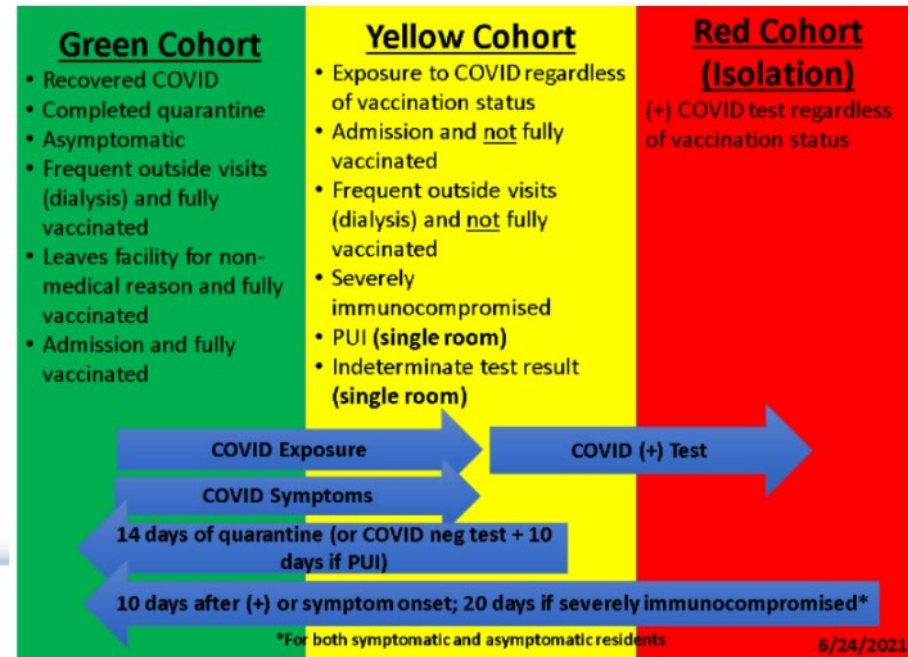
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Updated Guidance (cont.)

Figure 1. Testing Schematic



Website: SNF Updated Guidelines
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/healthfacilities/snf/prevention/#testing>

Figure 2. Cohorting



Special Staffing Considerations in Cohort Areas

Useful CAHF Resources

- Creating Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms (AIIR) for Long-Term Care
<https://youtu.be/QeopCD98Ksw>
- Understanding the Effects of Wildfire Smoke in the Long-Term Care Setting
<https://youtu.be/qjfqc3G3d5o>



Questions?





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