



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

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

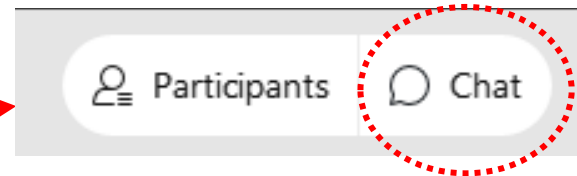
# Upcoming Calls



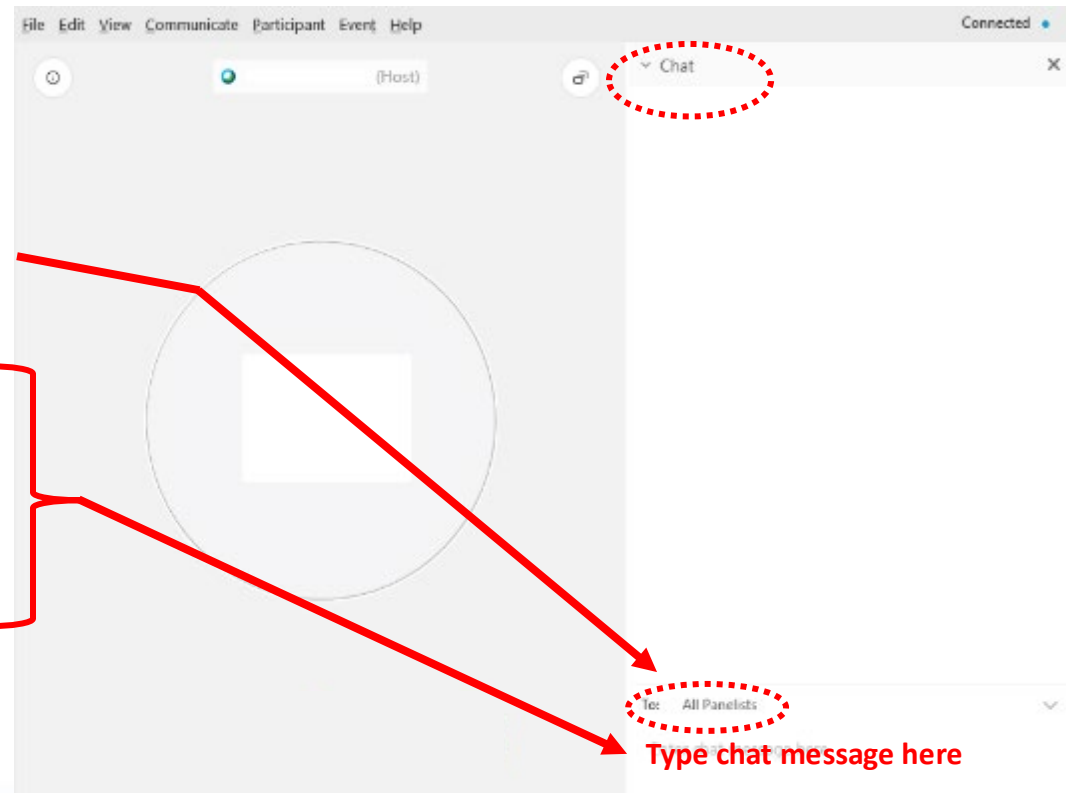
- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls:
  - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
  - Access code: **799 3227**
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars:
  - Register at: [hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars](https://hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars)
  - Recordings, notes and slides are posted 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
  - Upcoming All-Facilities Letters (AFLs)
  - New CMS and CDC\* Guidance
- Testing Task Force Update
- Vaccine Updates
- After-Action Reporting & Improvement Planning
- Q&A

\*CMS = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
CDC = Centers for Disease Control & Prevention



# CDPH Update



# National Skilled Nursing Care Week

May 9–15, 2021

“Together Through the Seasons”

# Governor Newsom declares May 12 as California Skilled Nursing Recognition Day



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 12, 2021

### ***California Skilled Nursing Recognition Day***

On behalf of the State of California, it is an honor to recognize the staff of California's skilled nursing facilities for their remarkable dedication and sacrifice amid unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Skilled nursing facilities provide vital care for our elderly and persons with disabilities. Over the past year, skilled nursing staff have worked diligently to limit the spread of COVID-19 among their residents, protecting this very vulnerable population in the face of challenging circumstances and the heavy emotional toll of the pandemic.

Staff also provided support to nursing facility residents and their families during this incredibly difficult time, especially for those that could not leave their rooms or see visitors in-person.

California skilled nursing facilities have the lowest fatality ratio in the continental U.S., and we have our skilled nursing staff to thank for that.

As we work to recover from the pandemic, our skilled nursing facilities are taking steps to maintain access to quality care while ensuring residents and staff stay safe with access to vaccinations and regular testing.

This National Skilled Nursing Care Week, I thank the dedicated workers in these facilities for the heroic contributions they make every day to the well-being of the residents and families they serve.

Sincerely,

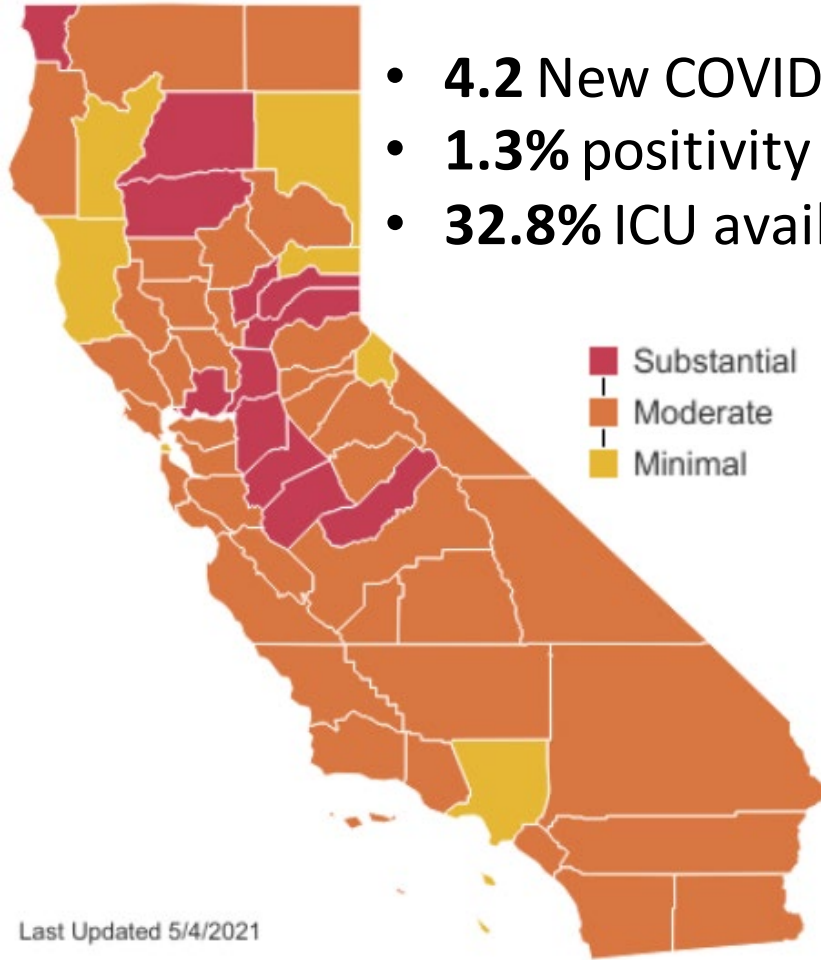
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Gavin Newsom



# California's County Risk Levels

<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#tier-assignments>



- **4.2** New COVID positive cases per day per 100K
- **1.3%** positivity rate (7-day average)
- **32.8%** ICU availability

	Counties	Population	
Substantial	12	4,654,389	11.6%
Moderate	39	24,188,844	60.3%
Minimal	7	11,285,927	28.1%

Last Updated 5/4/2021

WIDESPREAD

SUBSTANTIAL

MODERATE

MINIMAL

# New CMS Testing Guidance

- Fully vaccinated staff do not have to be routinely tested.
- Staff with signs and symptoms must be tested immediately regardless of vaccination status, and are expected to be restricted from the facility pending test results.
- During an outbreak (response testing), all staff need to be tested, regardless of vaccination status.

Follow California guidance in CDPH AFL 20-53.3 until further notice.

Memo	Website Link
CMS QSO-20-38-NH	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh-revised.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh-revised.pdf</a>
CDPH AFL 20-53.3 (updates pending)	<a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-53.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-53.aspx</a>

# New CMS & CDC Guidance on Masking & Distancing

- Allows fully vaccinated residents to resume dining without masks or social distancing, unless unvaccinated individuals are present.
- Allows fully vaccinated visitors and residents to visit without masks and social distancing, unless unvaccinated individuals are present.
- Allows fully vaccinated staff to dine and socialize in break rooms and conduct meetings without masks or distancing, unless unvaccinated individuals are present.

Follow California guidance in CDPH AFL 20-22.7 until further notice.

Memo	Website Link
CMS QSO-20-39-NH	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf</a>
CDC Guidance	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html</a>
CDPH AFL 20-22.7 (updates pending)	<a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-22.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-22.aspx</a>



# Testing Task Force Update



**NHSN Reporting Update**  
**(National Healthcare Safety Network)**  
**[sams.cdc.gov](https://sams.cdc.gov)**

# Upcoming NHSN Training

- Updated Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Modules for Long-term Care Facilities
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 12:30 p.m.
- Registration:  
[https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_DQQITIUsQ7egD7ZPQIralg](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_DQQITIUsQ7egD7ZPQIralg)
- Replay sessions available

# Questions?





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