



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Upcoming Calls



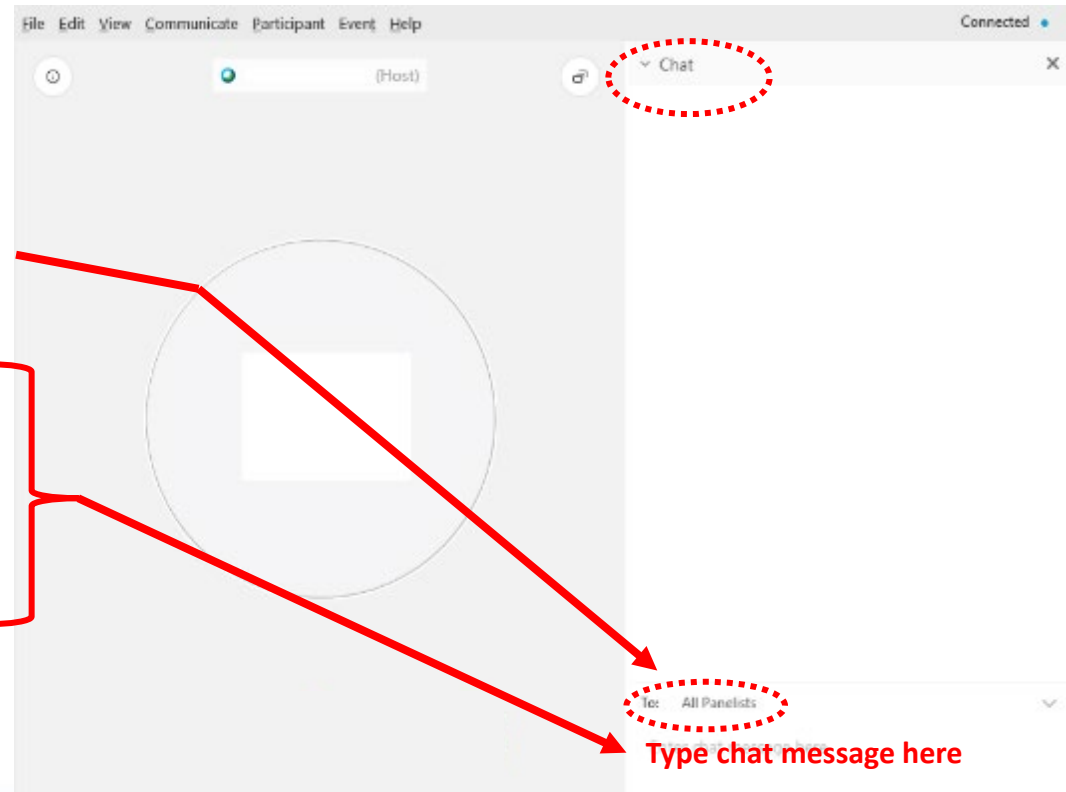
- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls:
 - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
 - Access code: **799 3227**
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars:
 - Register at: hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars
 - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted at registration site
 - Trouble logging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

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
- Immunization Branch Update
- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Vaccine Reporting Updates
- Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI) Updates
- Q&A



CDPH Updates



Testing Taskforce Updates



Immunization Branch Updates



NHSN Reporting Updates

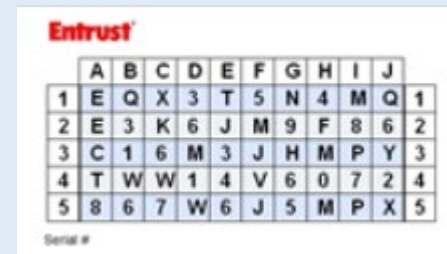
Level 1 vs. Level 3

Level 1

- Did not go through the identify verification process to gain NHSN access
- Enrolled with NHSN without SAMS grid card

Level 3

- Completed the identity verification process
- Enrolled with NHSN with SAMS grid card



Level 1 vs. Level 3 (cont.)

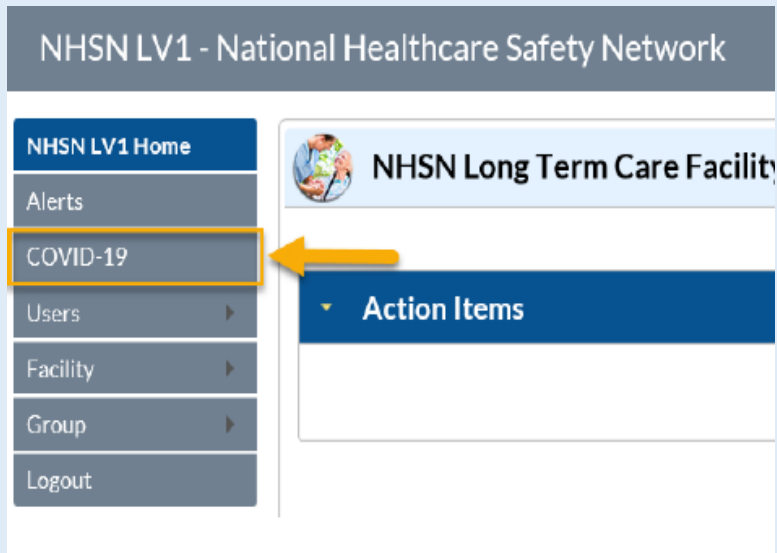
Level 1

NHSN LV1 - National Healthcare Safety Network

- NHSN LV1 Home
- Alerts
- COVID-19**
- Users ▶
- Facility ▶
- Group ▶
- Logout

NHSN Long Term Care Facility

- ▼ Action Items



Level 3

NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network

- NHSN Home
- Alerts
- Dashboard
- Reporting Plan ▶
- Resident ▶
- Event ▶
- Summary Data ▶
- COVID-19**
- Import/Export

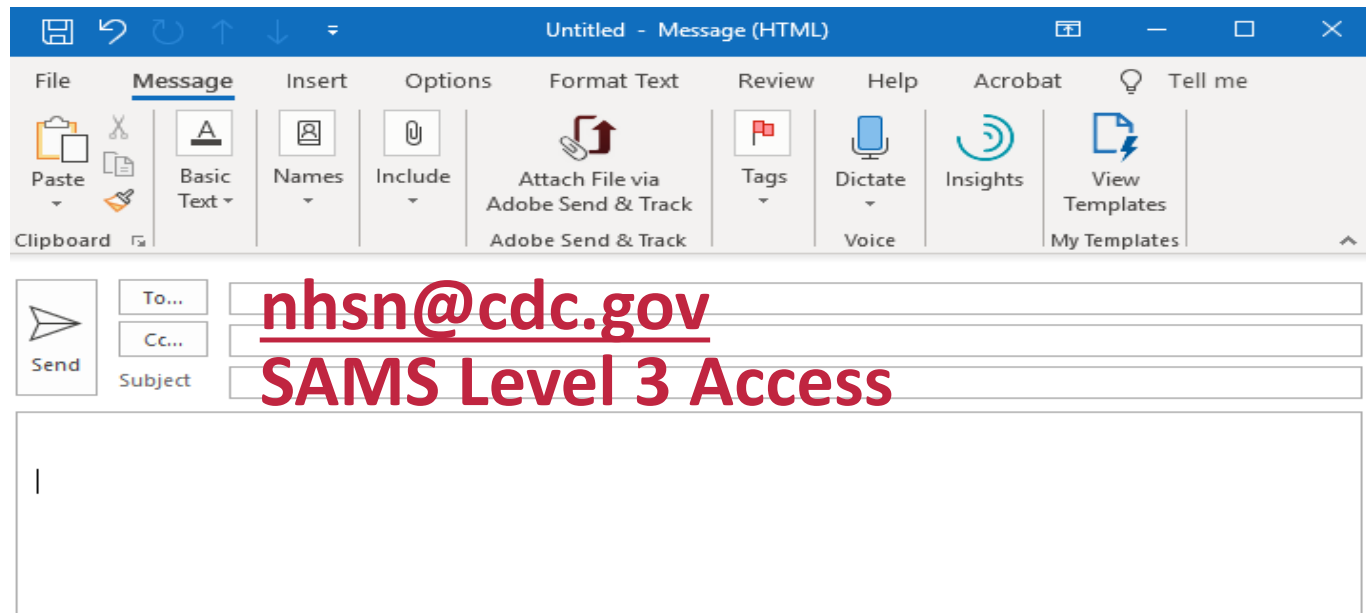
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- ▶ Long Term Care Dashboard
- ▼ Action Items



Upgrade From Level 1 to Level 3

Step 1: Send request to NHSN



**Step 2: Be on the lookout for an email from SAMS via
sams-no-reply@cdc.gov**

Annual Facility Survey

The screenshot displays the NHSN Long Term Care Facility Component Home Page. On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: NHSN Home, Alerts, Dashboard, Reporting Plan, Resident, Event, Summary Data, COVID-19, Vaccination Summary, Import/Export, Surveys (circled in red), and Analysis. The main content area features a header 'NHSN Long Term Care Facility Component Home Page' and a 'Long Term Care Dashboard' section. Below this is an 'Action Items' section with a sub-header 'COMPLETE THESE ITEMS'. A notification card indicates 'Survey Required 2020', with a red arrow pointing to the year '2020'.

Download data collection form:

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/57.137_LTCFSurv_BLANK.pdf

Additional Resources

- Identity Verification Overview (Level-3):
<https://auth.cdc.gov/sams/IdentityVerificationOverview.pdf?disp=true>
- NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module:
<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html>
- SAMS Help Desk:
877.681.2901 or samshelp@cdc.gov
- NHSN Help Desk: NHSN@cdc.gov



HAI Updates

Guidance for SNFs if HCP if Not Fully Vaccinated by September 30, 2021

- Following September 30, 2021, unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated HCP (including new hires) that do not have a medical or religious exemption are not able to work in areas that could potentially expose residents or other HCP that could expose residents.
- If HCP are incompletely vaccinated and waiting to become fully vaccinated, on a case-by-case basis the facility can identify ways for the HCP to work on other functions that do not expose residents, and they need to be tested twice a week similar to unvaccinated HCP with exemptions.

SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Reporting Requirements

- Due to federal regulations, facilities and laboratories conducting antigen testing must report all positive and negative antigen test results to CalREDIE via Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) within eight hours from receiving the test results.
- To fulfill state reporting requirements, facilities or laboratories unable to report to CalREDIE via ELR must report using one of the methods below:
 - NHSN (SNF only)
 - Navica app for Binax tests
 - CDC's Simple Report platform
 - CalREDIE's Manual Laboratory Reporting Module
- In California, SNFs may report the antigen test results to NHSN and the data will flow over to CalREDIE. However, if SNFs report the data to CalREDIE, the data will not flow to NHSN. To avoid duplication, it is recommended for SNFs to report antigen test results directly into NHSN.

SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Reporting Requirements (cont'd)

- CDPH “Letter to Laboratories: Testing for SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19”
Last Updated August 26, 2021
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/LFSCOV19ltr-1.aspx>
- CMS QSO-20-38-NH
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh-revised.pdf>
- CMS QSO 20-37-CLIA-NH
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-37-clianh.pdf>
- CDPH COVID-19 for Laboratories: Frequently Asked Question
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/COVID-19FAQ.aspx>
- CMS “Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19 Testing at SNFs”
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-faqs-snf-testing.pdf>

Q: Can over-the-counter (OTC) or at-home tests be used for testing visitors or HCP?

- The state health officer order specifies that the test used may be an antigen or molecular (PCR or other NAAT) test and must have FDA Emergency Use Authorization.
- **OTC tests that have FDA EUA may be used for testing visitors or HCP but CDPH recommends that they be supervised by the facility** to ensure the facility can verify the identity of the individual being tested and the date the test was done.
- Supervised OTC testing may be conducted in 2 ways:
 - **“self-swab” or “self-collect”** (person collects own specimen using swab, **facility staff** add reagent, inserts swab in card, reads results)
 - **“self-test”** (person collects own specimen using swab, adds reagent to **their own** test card, inserts swab in card, reads results)

Q: Does the facility need to report visitor and HCP OTC test results to NHSN and CalREDIE?

- Test results (positive and non-positive) of visitors and HCP who “**self-swab**” or “**self-collect**” on site with an OTC test, but facility staff perform the actual test, **do** need to be reported by the facility to NHSN and CalREDIE.
- Test results of visitors and HCP who “**self-test**” on site with an OTC test (self-collect and self-test observed by facility staff) **do not** need to be reported by the facility to NHSN and CalREDIE.
 - However, if an HCP tests positive, the positive result does need to be reported to NHSN and CalREDIE (also include in SNF 123 survey)
 - Per the CDC, individuals who use OTC or at-home tests should give both negative and positive test results to their healthcare provider or to their local or state health department. Some self-tests have an app that will automatically report results to the appropriate public health authorities.
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html#anchor_1620925332561

HCP PPE Requirements in the Yellow Zone

- For patient care activities in the yellow zone, HCP need to wear eyewear (face shield/goggles), N95, gloves and gown.
 - Consider strategies for bundling care activities and/or limit number of staff entering room (e.g., dropping off or picking up meal trays)
- When gowns in short supply, may reserve the use of gowns for high-contact care activities, e.g., bathing, toileting, repositioning, device care, etc.

Do HCP need to wear N95s and eye protection in the yellow zone hallways?

- **Answer:** N95s, eye protection (face shields or goggles), and gloves are not required to be worn as PPE in the hallways and other non-patient care areas of the nursing home (i.e., kitchen, nurses' station, reception area), regardless of county transmission.
 - Hallways and other non-patient care areas are generally considered “clean areas”
 - Consider unique situations, e.g., red zone residents leaving the room or wandering in the hallways: reasonable for HCP to wear an N95 throughout the unit and even in the hallways.
- Per the July 26, 2021, State Public Health Officer Order, unvaccinated HCP (with a religious or medical exemption after 9/30/2021) are "strongly encouraged" to wear N95 respirators at all times, including in non-patient care areas, **for source control**.

Questions?





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