California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Upcoming Calls

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  - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
  - Access code: **799 3227**

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  - 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**

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October - December 2021

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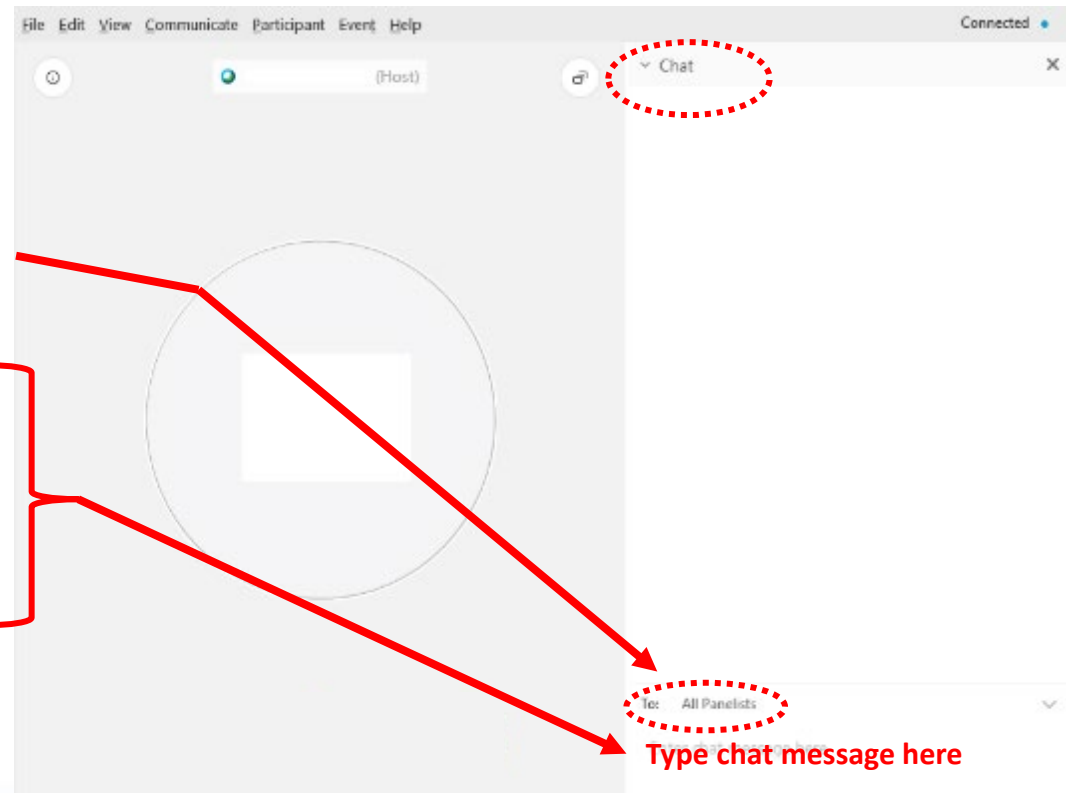
Q4 2021 webinar dates include:

- October 6
- October 13
- October 20
- October 27
- November 3
- November 10
- November 17 - no webinar
- November 24 - no webinar
- December 1
- December 8
- December 15
- December 22 - no webinar
- December 29 - no webinar

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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

- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Vaccine Reporting Updates

- Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI) Updates

- Q&A

CDPH Updates

Testing Taskforce Updates

NHSN Vaccine Reporting Updates

NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Important Links

- Main page: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html
- FAQs: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/weekly-covid-vac/faqs.html
- Table of Instructions:
  - Residents: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/instr/57.218-toi-508.pdf
  - HCP: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/instr/57.219-toi-508.pdf

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FAQs

- **Q6. Should I include individuals not yet eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination due to age in the data?**
  - Individuals not yet eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination because of their age should be excluded from question #1 on the data collection form.

- **Q9. What if there are no changes to my data from one week to the next?**
  - If there are no changes to your data (for example, there are not any changes in the number of individuals and their vaccination status), then you would report the same numbers as the previous week. Because there could be new staff, residents, and/or patients joining or leaving the facility, vaccination coverage could change week by week even though no new vaccines are given.

FAQs

- **Q10. I entered and saved data into the NHSN application for the incorrect week. What should I do?**
  - Once COVID-19 vaccination data are entered and saved in NHSN, a week cannot be deleted in its entirety. We recommend that you enter zeros (0) on the data collection form for the incorrect week. Please note that data can be updated or edited at any time. For the correct week, you can proceed to enter your COVID-19 vaccination data.

- **Q17. An individual received the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine but had a severe allergic reaction to this. As a result, the individual did not receive the second vaccine dose. How should we categorize this individual?**
  - The individual should be counted only as receiving the first vaccine dose for question 2. Individuals should only be categorized in question 3.1 if they did not receive any doses of COVID-19 vaccine due to having a medical contraindication or exclusion to this vaccine.

FAQs

- **Q25. Which individuals are eligible to receive additional doses or boosters after completing an initial COVID-19 vaccination series?**
  - Please refer to the following guidance to determine individuals who are eligible to receive additional doses or boosters after receiving an initial completed vaccination series: Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC.

- **Q27. What if a facility cannot determine if someone is eligible to receive an additional dose or booster after receiving an initial completed COVID-19 vaccination series?**
  - If the facility cannot determine this, then the individual should **not** be counted in question 4 or question 5 on the data collection form.

HAI Updates

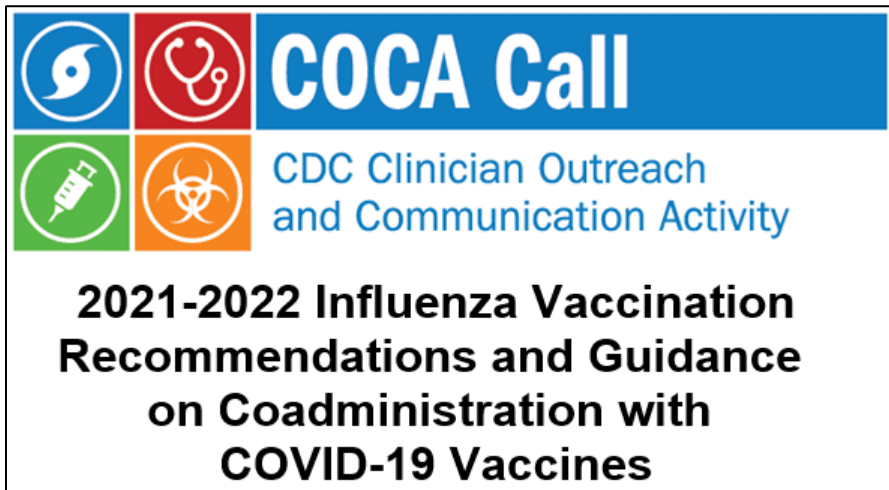# While We Wait for Booster Dose Recommendations:

- Reach out to immunocompromised patients for an additional dose.

- Reach out to patients who haven't been vaccinated for COVID-19.

- Offer seasonal flu vaccine to all eligible staff and patients.

- Consider planning additional opportunities for seasonal flu vaccination (after hours clinics, dedicated flu clinics).

- Send reminders to patients who are overdue for their 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

- Send reminders to patients who are overdue for other routine vaccines.

Reminders: COVID-19 Vaccines and Other Routine Medical Care

- COVID-19 vaccines may be co-administered with other vaccines, including influenza vaccine.

  - Coadministration of COVID-19 Vaccine with Other Vaccines https://eziz.org/assets/docs/COVID19/IMM-1385.pdf

- Testing for TB infection can be done before, after, or during the same encounter as COVID-19 vaccination.

  - www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html#laboratory-testing

2021–22 Influenza Vaccination Recommendations and Guidance on Coadministration with COVID-19 Vaccines

Overview: During this COCA Call, presenters will provide updates on the ACIP recommendations for the 2021–2022 influenza vaccination season and guidance for coadministration of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.

- **Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021
- **Time:** 2–3 p.m. ET (11a.m.–12 noon Pacific)
- **Webinar Link**: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1610456908external icon
- **Passcode:** 220280
- **Dial In:** 1.669.254.5252

https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2021/callinfo_090921.asp

Can 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.

- **Over-the-counter (OTC) tests that have FDA EUA may be used for testing visitors or healthcare personnel (HCP), but they should 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)

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Requirements-for-Visitors-in-Acute-Health-Care-and-Long-Term-Care-Settings.aspx

Does the facility need to report OTC test results to public health?

Results of testing performed by the facility should be reported as specified by CDPH Lab Field Services (LFS) https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/COVID-19FAQ.aspx

- Test results (positive and non-positive) of persons who **"self-swab" or "self-collect" but facility staff perform the actual test <u>do</u> need to be reported** by the facility to the local health department.

- Test results of persons who **"self-test" on site** (self-collect and self-test observed by facility staff) **<u>do not</u> need to be reported** by the facility to the health department.

- Visitors who self-test positive should isolate and discuss their findings with their physician; confirmatory PCR test is recommended.

Q: Do the vaccination and testing screening guidelines in the July 26, 2021, State Public Health Officer Order apply to ombudsman, surveyors, first responders, and contractors?

- **Surveyors, Ombudsman, First Responders** do not need to show vaccination or testing status prior to entry. Vaccination status of surveyors and ombudsman are tracked according to the public health order by their supervising agencies.

- **Contractors:** The definition of "worker" in the Order 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. Contractors (i.e., plumbers, electricians, transport drivers) are included in this Order. Check with your local health department for county specific guidelines.

Q: Are non-emergency medical transportation providers who do not fall under the authority of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) considered visitors or healthcare workers? Or does the state consider them to be in the same excluded category as First Responders?

Questions?