



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

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

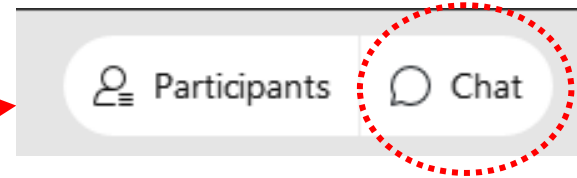
# Upcoming Calls



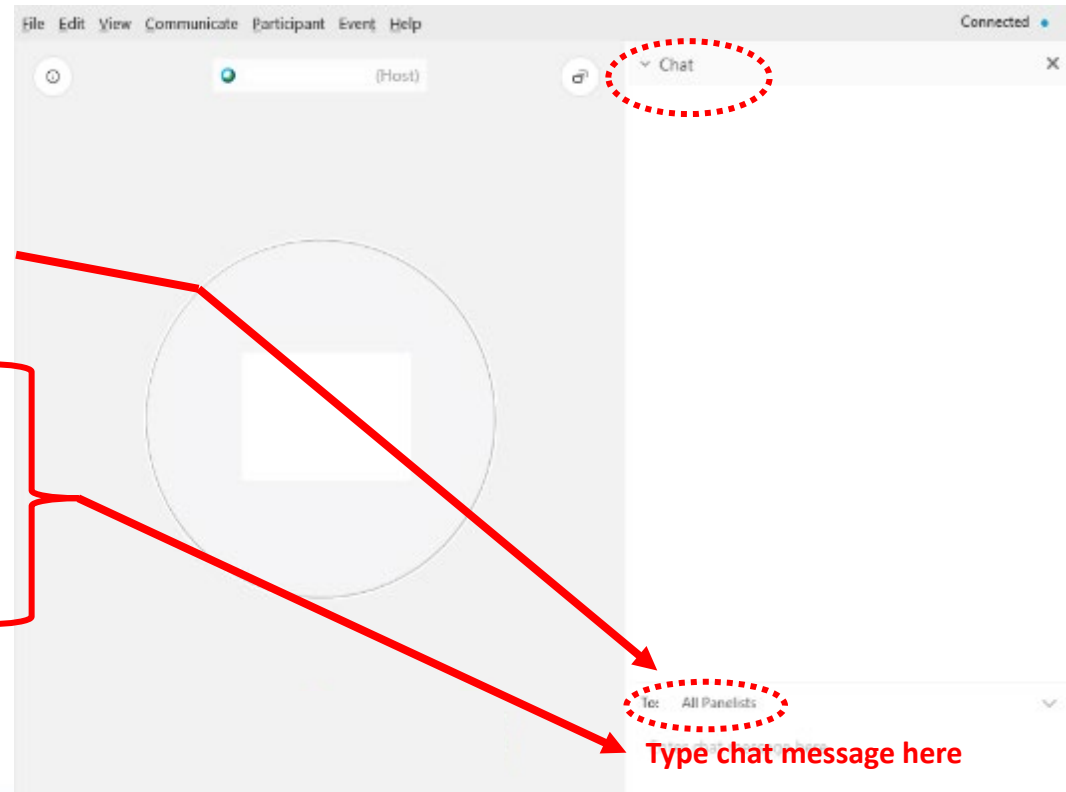
- CDPH Tuesday, 8 a.m., All-Facilities Phone Calls:
  - Call in: **1.844.721.7239**
  - Access code: **799 3227**
- CDPH Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars:
  - Register at: [hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars](https://hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars)
  - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted 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
- Testing Task Force Updates
- Immunization Branch Updates
- Continuing Education for Infection Preventionists
- Strategies to Reduce Risk: Humidifier Guidance
- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)  
Vaccine Reporting Updates
- Q&A



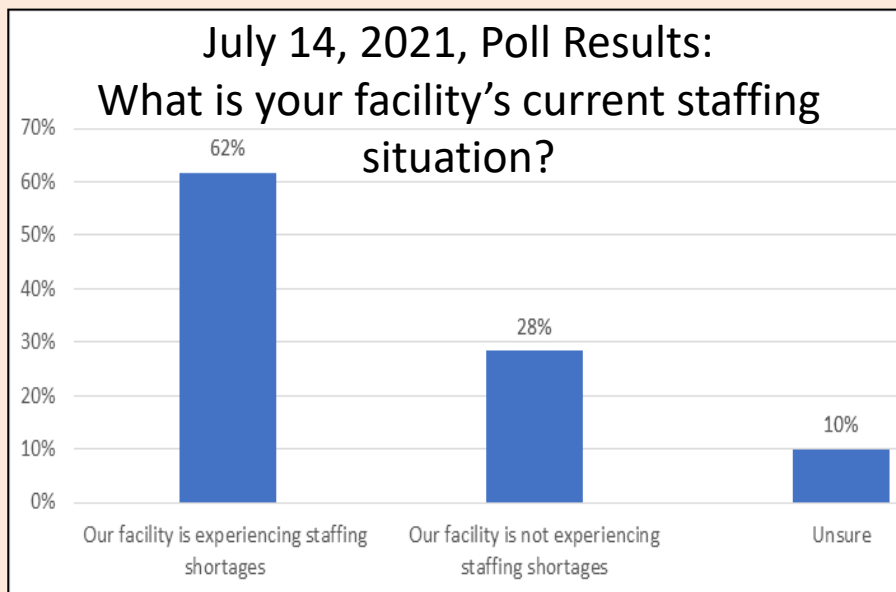
# CDPH Updates

# Requests for Urgent Staffing Resources for COVID-19 CDPH AFL 20-46.3

- Per the AFL, nursing homes are urged to report staffing needs to local health departments and the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) to initiate the process of locating staffing resources from healthcare facilities, coalitions, medical reserve corps, local staffing agencies, etc.  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-46.aspx>
- If the MHOAC cannot fulfill staffing needs, staffing resources will be requested from the region via the Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator (RDMHC).
- If regional resources are inadequate, the RDMHS will forward the request to the Medical Health Coordination Center (MHCC).

## Q1: What is your facility's current staffing situation?

- A. Our facility is experiencing staffing shortages.
- B. Our facility is not experiencing staffing shortages.
- C. Unsure.
- D. Not applicable.



## Q2: What is your facility's recent experience submitting staffing requests to the MHOAC?

- A. We submitted a staffing request, and the MHOAC was able to help.
- B. We submitted a staffing request, but the MHOAC was NOT able to help.
- C. We have not submitted a staffing request because we did not know the MHOAC could help.
- D. We have not submitted a staffing request because our facility does not need assistance.





# Strategies to Reduce Risk: Humidifier Guidance

# Strategies to Reduce Risk

**Q:** Recommendations about using a humidifier in a shared SNF resident room?

**A:** Humidifiers are not ventilation devices. High humidity may affect the function of portable air cleaner (PACs), if a facility is using them in close proximity to the PAC.

However, studies have shown that maintaining 40-60% relative humidity rates in healthcare reduce both respiratory and gastrointestinal infection rates.

<https://www.ashrae.org/file%20library/technical%20resources/covid-19/56-1.pdf>

# Strategies to Reduce Risk

- Humidifiers can be an issue in and of themselves if they are not cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Remember that water from the tap is not sterile, and even sterile water can become contaminated with the settling of airborne dust or application into a non-sterile device.
- Legionella is a concern since humidifiers are emitting fine water droplets into the air that can be inhaled.
- The rooms you are deploying these devices may have immunocompromised people, so humidifier preventative maintenance is critical and should be policy/procedure driven and not left to chance.



# NHSN Vaccine Reporting Updates

# Questions?





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