



August 14, 2020 Clinical Update

Status:

	Inpatient COVID19 + Patients	Asymptomatic Case Positivity (7 day moving average)	Symptomatic Case Positivity (7 day moving average)	COVID Surge Status
UCSF Health	24	0.63%	9.03%	Yellow
ZSFG*	37			

*Beginning today, ZSFG hospitalized patient #s will now be included in future editions of this clinical update.

In Today’s Newsletter:

- **Creating Better Spacing Options in our Work Environment**
- **Surface Disinfectants Supply**
- **Anti Fogging Solutions for Eye Wear**
- **In person visits for COVID+ inpatients**
- **Heat Preparedness**

How are physical constraints on our spacing being improved?

Although everyone is familiar with the need to stay 6 feet apart, this has been challenging in small work areas. Over the next 4-6 weeks, changes will continue to the physical environment to allow more space for physical distancing. At Moffitt Long and Mission Bay, conference rooms, family waiting areas and some administrative spaces are being repurposed for breaks, charting, and team rooms. This includes removing and/or adding furniture as well as adding computers and key pads on doors where necessary. This work is expected to complete by September 15th. Outdoor spaces are also being explored for this purpose. At Mission Bay, seating and table options are being considered for gardens on 4-5, the first floor patio and the 4th street plaza. At Parnassus, tables are being added to the courtyard on Moffitt/Long 6, and outdoor furniture has been added to the east side of 400 Parnassus.

How are we addressing the limited supply chain for surface disinfectants?

The supply chain for surface disinfectants remains fragile, with monthly allocations to UCSF not meeting demand for the month. A new-to-UCSF product, Oxivir-TB, will be trialed in select adult, pediatric and ambulatory locations over the next week. Material Services will prepare disposable wipes in closed containers; more details will be coming soon. As the pandemic wears on, and supply chains continue to be fragile, we appreciate everyone’s flexibility to adapt to new workflows.

Is there a way to keep eyewear from fogging up while wearing a mask?

Antifogging solution/sponge packs are now available from material services. The Order # and a photo of the product are located at this [link](#).

Should clinicians limit in person visits with COVID19+ inpatients?

Early in the pandemic, due to concerns about PPE scarcity, clinical teams were asked to reduce to minimum needed clinicians seeing patients in person. A number of creative solutions were devised to provide telehealth in some areas. Currently, our PPE supply is adequate, and there are no limitations on provider visits for COVID19+ patients. COVID19+ patients should receive in person care by providers as clinically appropriate and indicated.

How can we prepare better for patient care this hot weekend?

The San Francisco Department of Public Health has released an Extreme Heat Preparedness Checklist found [here](#). San Francisco is particularly vulnerable to the health impacts of extreme heat, as a 2006 California heat wave study found that San Francisco's emergency department visits increased more than almost anywhere else in the state.

San Francisco Hospital Extreme Heat Preparedness Checklist

Prepare for Extreme Heat Events

- Identify patients particularly sensitive to the health impacts of extreme heat. Heat-sensitive patients include:
 - Patients with health conditions that make them particularly susceptible to heat-related illnesses
 - Patients who are particularly exposed to extreme heat
 - Patients who may lack adaptive capacity to prepare-for or recover-from extreme temperatures and heat-related illnesses
 - More information on factors that contribute to vulnerability can be found at sfclimatehealth.org.
 - Consider using electronic health records to identify heat-sensitive patients.
- Prepare patients:
 - Clinical staff often act as the first point of contact for many populations most vulnerable to the health impacts of extreme heat.
 - Resources for clinicians on how to discuss extreme heat preparedness with patients can be found at: sfclimatehealth.org/modules.
- Encourage ALL patients to sign up for AlertSF
 - AlertSF is a free text-based emergency alert and notification system. This system provides advance warnings along with real time updates to residents about heat events and other emergencies. Patients can sign up for AlertSF at sf72.org.

What updates have been posted to the [HEIP site](#) since the last clinical update?

Descriptive Title	New or Update	Category	Date Updated	Summary of Updates
Guidelines for Eye Protection during the COVID-19 Era	Update	Personal Protective Equipment	8/14/2020	PMM # for sample eye protection and Anti-fog solutions and sponge product available from Material Services.
UCSF Health COVID-19 Visitor Restrictions and Exemptions	Update	Administrative Announcements and Workflows	8/14/2020	Clarifications to ED visitor policies and to guidelines for pediatric patients and caregivers.
BCH Perioperative and Periprocedural PPE and Workflow Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	8/13/2020	Update on the use of the Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 test
BCH Perioperative Care of Suspected/Confirmed COVID-19 Patients	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	8/13/2020	Updated to include the new infection control guidelines surrounding Novel Respiratory Isolation
Perioperative and Periprocedural Personal Protective Equipment and Workflow Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	8/13/2020	Now includes guidance on the use of the Abbot ID NOW Rapid Covid-19 test.
New Novel Respiratory Isolation Strategy for N95 Use	Update	Personal Protective Equipment	8/11/2020	
Ambulatory On-site Workflow for Non-Respiratory Screening Clinics	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	8/6/2020	Updated PPE recommendations for symptomatic or known COVID+ patient

Frequently Used Links

View COVID Data dashboards:

- UCSF Health [COVID-19 Enterprise Dashboard](#)
- Hopkins [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) (for World, USA and CA #s)
- SF Chronicle [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) (CA, County and SF#s)

Occupational Health Services:

- Continue to work/return to work [detailed staff guidelines](#) and [simple sheet](#)
- COVID-19 Hotline 415.514.7328
- [COVID+ Employees FAQs](#)

[UCSF Health COVID19 Infection Prevention Website](#)

[UCSF Town Halls](#)

[Dept of Medicine COVID Grand Rounds](#)

[Emotional Health and Well-Being](#)

Daily Employee Health Screening: Text "Screen" to: **83973** or [UCSF Online Health Screen](#)