



UCSF Health COVID-19 Clinical Update

September 3rd, 2020 Clinical Update

Today's Status:

	Inpatient COVID19 + Patients	Asymptomatic Case Positivity (7 day moving average)	Symptomatic Case Positivity (7 day moving average)	COVID Surge Status
UCSF Health	29	0.71%	5.42%	Yellow
ZSFG	12			

We have had a fairly consistent rate of admissions and discharges in past couple of weeks and have remained solidly in the Yellow surge level.

Currently San Francisco still remains in High Alert with 8.6 new cases per 100,000 population however this is an improvement from mid-August when this number was much higher, reflecting an optimistic trend.

In Today's Newsletter:

- **New masks available for use**
- **Flu Vaccination update**
- **New surface disinfectant available (Mt. Zion only)**
- **Post-mortem COVID testing is required**
- **COVID testing for Asymptomatic 23-hr admissions**

What are other available masking options?

UCSF Health is providing additional masking options at Employee Screening Stations as an alternate to the blue and/or yellow exam masks. These masks are regular protective face masks (not N-95) and do not require fit testing. They provide improved comfort and a moldable fit.

Pro tip: Molding the metal bridge so the top edge of the mask fits closely to the skin and beneath eye glasses or eye shields will help prevent lens fogging, see this [Tip Sheet](#) for details.

EACH YEAR WE FACE THE FLU, VACCINATE SO IT DOESN'T GET YOU!

How can I get my flu vaccine this year?

We have rolled out the Influenza vaccination campaign for health system staff this week, starting September 1st, to meet the requirements of the UC executive order, with the expectation of vaccinating all UCSF employees by November 1st. There are a number of ways to obtain your vaccines:

- Nearly 170 nurses and other health care providers have volunteered to be flu deputies for their units. They will be offering flu shots throughout UCSF clinics and hospitals starting Sept. 1. To find your deputy, please visit the [Occupational Health Services \(OHS\) flu site](#), or ask your supervisor during a team huddle.
- You can also get a flu shot through one of the [OHS flu clinics](#) across UCSF clinical and campus sites starting Sept. 8
- Through your primary care provider or other health plan options.
- At [OHS campus sites](#) starting Sept. 28.
- OHS has extended Flu Outreach clinic hours to cover night shift workers and a Saturday clinic for those working on the weekend, as well as clinics in our Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville and Brisbane sites.

If you would like an RN/LVN in your department to become a flu deputy (staff members approved to give flu vaccination to UCSF staff and faculty), please have them reach out to FLU@UCSF.edu for more details.

Please see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or contact flu@ucsf.edu for further questions. Some details, such as how to file a medical exemption, are still being finalized. For questions regarding the UC Flu Vaccination Policy, you may visit <https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/faqs/flu-policy> or contact FLU@UCSF.EDU.

New surface disinfectant available at Mt. Zion

The supply chain for surface disinfectants remains fragile, with monthly allocations to UCSF Health not quite meeting demand. A new-to-UCSF product, [Oxivir® TB](#), will be implemented at the Mount Zion campus beginning Wednesday, September 9th. Oxivir® TB has a 28-day expiration and is distributed in reusable containers that will be collected by Materiel Services and reprocessed by the Sterile Processing Department (SPD). For additional information relevant to the workflow for using this new disinfectant product, see this [Tip Sheet](#).

Is it required to test every deceased patient for COVID-19?

Yes. As of June 25, 2020, an SF city and county health ordinance requires SARS-CoV-2 testing of decedents. Testing is considered part of the routine post-mortem care and due to the health ordinance, cannot be declined.

In compliance with this health ordinance, we are testing all deceased patients using the following [Workflow \(see details here\)](#).

- At the time of death, the deceased patient’s provider is required to enter a “COVID-19 RNA, Qualitative” lab test order. The RN should contact the provider if there is no order placed.
- The RN will collect the lab specimen prior to transporting patient to the morgue.

The exceptions to this are if “COVID-19 RNA, Qualitative” lab order status is already “in process/pending” or in the case of a Stillborn.

Should patients being admitted for <23 hr stays be tested for COVID-19?

No, patients asymptomatic for COVID-19, with an expected stay of < 23 hours [e.g. undergoing non-NORA (Non-Operating Room)/non-OR (Operating Room) procedure], who are not expected to undergo an [aerosol-generating procedure](#), do not require testing for COVID-19 on admission. Please refer to this [algorithm for asymptomatic adult admissions](#).

If the patient is later admitted as an inpatient for a longer stay, testing should be completed at that time.

While not required, a workflow to accommodate pre-procedure testing for this population, if desired by the primary service, is being finalized. We will share more information in a future newsletter, when available.

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
New Disinfectant Product: Oxivir TB Tip Sheet	New	Tip Sheets	9/3/2020	Oxivir® TB product tip sheet for Mount Zion campus only.
Surface Disinfectant Product Change: Mount Zion Only	New	Tip Sheets	9/3/2020	A new-to-UCSF product, Oxivir® TB, will be implemented at the Mount Zion campus beginning Wednesday, September 9th. Oxivir® TB has a 28 day expiration and is distributed in reusable containers that will be collected by Materiel Services and reprocessed by SPD.
Mask Issued at Employee Screening Stations During the COVID-19 Era	New	PPE	8/31/2020	To provide staff with additional masking options at health employee screening stations.
Cleaning Plexiglass Barriers	New	Tip Sheets	8/5/2020	How to clean plexiglass barriers
Anesthesia Perioperative Adult, Pediatric and Obstetric Guidelines for the Care of Patients with Known/Suspected COVID-19	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	8/26/2020	Includes updates on new PPE requirements for COVID+/PUI patients, Abbott Rapid testing as well as updates to the protocols for the various OR and non-OR sites at ML and MB

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](#)
