



UCSF Health COVID-19

September 4, 2020

TOWN HALLS

Join UCSF leadership on [Friday, Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. via Zoom](#) to hear the latest updates on COVID-19. Experts also will discuss ways to maintain mental and physical well-being while shelter-in-place guidelines remain in effect.

The next UCSF Health COVID-19 Town Hall will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 4 pm. [Click here](#) for the link. Passcode: 673432

COVID-19 UPDATES

WORK-FROM-HOME GUIDANCE EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

UCSF is extending its work-from-home guidance from Jan. 18, 2021 to June 30, 2021 for employees who can perform their University duties remotely. Employees who find it challenging to telework may request approval to work onsite from their manager. More information about the [telework extension is available online](#). UCSF also has created a telework toolkit to assist those who are working or studying remotely. More information about [the toolkit is available online](#).

GUIDE FOR COMMUNICATING WITH PATIENTS ABOUT COVID-19

The UCSF Health Patient Communications Committee has developed a resource guide to help you communicate consistently with patients about COVID-19 and how we are ensuring their safety. It includes key messages to share with patients, links to videos – including a tour of our facilities – and our website, as well as other resources available for patient communications. Please click [here](#) to access the guide.

YMCA LEARNING CAMPS

YMCA Learning Camps provide distance learning support and enrichment activities at three UCSF campuses for children in transitional kindergarten through 8th grade. Registration is currently open for the next four-week session (beginning September 14) of the onsite YMCA Learning Camps, and the program has been expanded to add new groups at the Mission Bay and Parnassus Heights campuses. To learn more and get instructions for registering your child, please visit [this page](#).

REMINDERS

GET YOUR FLU VACCINE!

Our influenza vaccination campaign started this week, 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.

[Click here](#) for questions regarding the UC Flu Vaccination Policy, or contact FLU@UCSF.EDU.

KEEPING PLEXIGLASS BARRIERS CLEAN

We're installing plexiglass barriers to help ensure the safety of our health care workers who interact frequently with patients and visitors in public areas, and other areas where physical distance cannot be maintained. While helpful, those barriers add surfaces that need to be cleaned. Please work to keep them clean by following these [Cleaning Plexiglass Guidelines](#)."

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Should patients admitted for less than 23-hour 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.

FREQUENTLY USED LINKS

View COVID-19 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](#)

<https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/>

[COVID PPE Guidance](#)

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For questions related to this newsletter, please email COVID19UCSFHealth@ucsf.edu
