



UCSF Health COVID-19 Clinical Update

September 10, 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	25	0.88%	4.83%	Yellow
ZSFG	13			

Currently San Francisco still remains in High Alert with 7.8 new cases per 100,000 population. This is equal to about 68 new cases daily in San Francisco. This indicator continues to improve from a peak in July, reflecting an optimistic trend. More San Francisco COVID19 public health indicators are available via this [SFDPH Website](#).

In Today's Newsletter:

- **First Responder PPE for Medical Emergencies**
- **Clinician Guidance for COVID Testing Prioritization**
- **New Yellow Re-washable Gown Delivery Process**
- **Where to get your Flu Shot**

What PPE should 1st responders be wearing?

Due to concern for novel infection transmission to first responders during emergency responses, the UCSF Code Blue Committee recommends the use of full personal protective equipment (PPE) for any person responding to assist in a medical emergency. Based on this recommendation starting September 10th, we will now have a PPE Pack in each inpatient room across adult and children's hospitals. Each pack will contain: 2 face shields, 1 small N95 mask, 1 medium N95 mask, and 2 gowns. If other providers (or Code Blue Team/EMS) are also called, they will bring additional PPE.

Ambulatory and other areas will be included in a later phase.

More details can be found [here](#).

Contact Kristine Breyer or Mya Childers, co-chairs of the Code Blue Committee, with questions.



How should we handle testing constraints and testing requests from asymptomatic patients?

UCSF Health is expanding COVID-19 PCR testing to certain asymptomatic patients in the greater community. We would like to provide clinicians with support regarding Covid test ordering to ensure that our testing supplies remain available for our highest-need patients, particularly if and when constraints in supply chain emerge.

A new COVID-19 PCR APeX order is being created to reflect 4 “Priority Levels” to guide clinicians at the point of order entry and is anticipated to be available in the next few weeks. In the meantime, testing is allowable for the indications noted below, but should be used judiciously for lower priority groups to conserve supplies. Level 3 and 4 may have longer turnaround times (72 – 96 hrs).

Any significant testing capacity change may require a pause in testing for some groups which will be reflected in the order and communicated via our usual channels.

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
Inpatient / ED Symptomatic Outpatient Contact Investigation	Inpatient / ED Asymptomatic Outpatient Symptomatic Outpatient Asymptomatic, High Risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care worker or caregiver to elderly or disabled • Congregate facility setting (Rehab, long term care, dialysis / infusion center, dormitory) • Structural barriers to care (Disability, homelessness, difficult access to care) Outpatient Asymptomatic, Pre-Procedure (including outside UCSF and dental care)	Outpatient Asymptomatic, Frequent Public Interactions (Employed in retail, food service, agriculture, education, or transport)	Outpatient Asymptomatic, believes at risk for reasons not above General Screening (related to school, employment, or travel)

* These four “Priority Levels” were created in accordance with the county, state, and national guidance.

Please contact Bryn Boslett or Nat Gleason with questions.

What is new with the delivery process for washable gowns?

Beginning Monday, September 14th, 2020, the yellow washable gown delivery process will be modified. The gowns will be delivered in a reusable cloth sack in place of plastic bags. The cloth sack holds a total of five (5) gowns. To maintain inventory of the reusable delivery sack, please refrain from discarding the sack in the garbage. The delivery sack can be washed with the linens and reused. See the document [New Delivery Method for Yellow Washable Contact Gowns](#) for details. Please contact Material Services with questions.

How can I get my flu vaccine this year?

Based on a UC executive order, all UCSF employees need to be vaccinated for the flu **by November 1st**.

There are a number of ways to obtain your vaccines:

- To find flu deputies across UCSF clinics and hospitals please visit the [Occupational Health Services \(OHS\) flu site](#), or ask your supervisor during a team huddle.
- [OHS flu clinics](#) across UCSF clinical and campus sites started Sept. 8
- Through your primary care provider or other health plan options.
- At [OHS campus sites](#) start 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.
- Document flu vaccinations obtained outside UCSF by emailing FLU@ucsf.edu

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

Questions? Please see our [FAQs](#), or contact flu@ucsf.edu. 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>.

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 Delivery Method for Yellow Washable Contact Gowns	New	PPE	9/10/2020	Beginning Monday, September 14th, 2020, the yellow washable gown delivery process will be modified. The gowns will be delivered in a reusable cloth sack in place of plastic bags. The cloth sack holds a total of five (5) gowns. To maintain inventory of the reusable delivery sack, please refrain from discarding the sack in the garbage. The delivery sack can be washed with the linens and reused.
PPE Packs for Emergency Responders at UCSF Inpatient Locations	New	PPE	9/8/2020	PPE Packs to allow the first responder in a patient room or procedural area to have access to the proper PPE in the event of a code, RRT, or seizure. It contains: 2-gowns, 2-shields, 1-small N95 mask, and 1-regular N95 mask.
Data Update: COVID-19 Employee Screening, Testing and Positive Cases	Update	OHS	9/3/2020	Updated data on employee COVID screening & testing as of 9/3/20
Employee FAQs: COVID-19 Exposures, Testing, Return to Work & Contact Tracing	Update	OHS	9/3/2020	Updated FAQs to include testing options for low risk exposures, and billing and insurance coverage for COVID-related services.
How does UCSF Occupational Health define low, medium and high risk exposures to COVID-19	Update	OHS	9/3/2020	Testing options available for low risk exposure

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](#)
