



UCSF Health COVID-19

September 25, 2020

TOWN HALLS

You can access the link to today's town hall at [UCSF Town Halls](#). It will be posted shortly after 5 p.m. In addition to an update on COVID-19, the discussion features a report from the Child and Dependent Care Task Force, and Nancy Duranteau, Chief Learning Officer, Learning & Organization Development, shares results from the Your Voice Counts survey and next steps.

COVID-19 UPDATES

FLU VACCINATIONS

Some people have asked about the ideal time to get a flu shot. It's best to have your flu shot in late September or early October in order to ensure that you have time - usually two weeks - to develop an immune response before there is widespread flu transmission. Getting a flu vaccine in this timeframe generally provides protection throughout the entire flu season.



We're four weeks in toward our goal of having all UCSF employees receive their influenza vaccines or obtain an exemption by November 1st. More than 10,000 UCSF employees have received their vaccines, including 46% of UCSF Health employees and almost 23% of campus employees. There are four ways to obtain your vaccine:

- Find the flu deputy for your unit by visiting the [Occupational Health Services \(OHS\) flu site](#).
- Get a flu shot through one of the [OHS flu clinics](#) in San Francisco, Oakland, Emeryville and Brisbane.
- Contact your primary care provider or access [other UC health plan options](#).
- Visit an [OHS campus site](#) during business hours, starting Sept. 28.

See [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or contact flu@ucsf.edu for questions. Some details, such as how to file a medical exemption, have been updated in the FAQs. Questions

about the UC Flu Vaccination Policy: <https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/faqs/flu-policy> or contact FLU@UCSF.EDU.

[Above] UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals COO Jamie Phillips receives her flu shot.

EATING AND DRINKING SAFELY

UCSF has launched a campaign to remind the UCSF community of precautions that faculty, staff and learners must take to eat and drink safely onsite during the pandemic. Tables and chairs from The Pub at the Mission Bay Conference Center have been relocated to Parnassus Heights and arranged to create physically distanced seating options with one chair per table. New outdoor break areas are located at:

- ACC Terrace – 8 tables and chairs
- Saunders Court – 8 tables and chairs
- Lucia Child Care Center – 3 tables and chairs
- Exterior Kalmanovitz Library – 3 tables and chairs

More information is available on the [COVID-19 safe dining website](#).



CLARIFICATIONS ABOUT EXPANDED N95s FOR AGPs IN COVID-19 NEGATIVE TESTED PATIENTS

- Encounters with patients who have been recently tested negative for COVID by PCR carry *very low risk* of COVID-19 exposure/infection
- The expanded recommendation for N95s in aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) for COVID-19 negative PCR tested patients is mainly to address the cumulative risk for front line health care workers who are exposed repeatedly over the course of time.
- Please consult this [document for a list of AGPs](#) and PPE for various situations.

Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP) include but are not limited to:			For ALL COVID-19 testing: not AGP, wear N-95 w/eye protection (or PAPR), gloves, gown for collection
Intubation procedure	Extubation procedure	Chest physiotherapy	Not an AGP: non-rebreather mask, in-line suctioning, suctioning the oropharynx, coughing patient, NG/OG placement, intubated patients not receiving other AGPs
Non-invasive ventilation (BIPAP/CPAP)	Open suction	Nebulized medications	
Manual Ventilation	Bronchoscopy/BAL	Pulmonary function tests	Do I need to be fit tested to wear PAPR equipment? No, but training is required. Call EHS at 415-476-1300 for information. How to obtain a PAPR unit Contact Materiel Services at 415-353-1837 (Parnassus) 885-7255 (MZ) or 476-1116 for (MB) PAPRs not functioning should be red tagged, removed from circulation and sent to Materiel Services.
High frequency ventilation	Laryngoscopy	Autopsy	
Tracheostomy including suction/tube change	CPR	Sputum induction	
High Flow Nasal Cannula	Certain ENT procedures	Certain dentistry procedures	
Other high risk procedures that should be considered AGPs: TEE, endoscopy			

- Patients on mechanical ventilation, not receiving other AGPs, do not meet the definition of AGPs
- High Flow Nasal Cannula and Bipap are considered AGPs.
- Visitors should continue to routinely wear surgical masks per our universal masking policy. Visitors do not need to wear N95s for continuous or intermittent AGPs.
- Room placement remains unchanged with this update.
- The [FAQs document](#) for expanded N95 use has been updated to reflect these clarifications and summarizes other frequently asked questions.

REMINDERS

PPE AND SCREENING ARE FOR YOUR PROTECTION

Our screening checkpoints and PPE requirements are not just for our patients’ safety – they also are for you. Our screening and security teams are reporting inappropriate and disappointing behavior from a number of employees when entering our buildings for work.

Behaviors include staff refusing to show their badge or changing from a face covering to a universal mask, challenging why they are being screened, and taking multiple masks at one time. Many exchanges between staff and screeners have taken place in front of patients and visitors.

These behaviors are not aligned with our PRIDE values nor do they show respect for your colleagues who are simply doing their job to keep you safe. Please practice kindness and patience as we deal with COVID-19 together. The steps we are requiring for your safety are minimal and not optional.

- Show your digital screening pass (if none done prior, the screener asks 3 questions);
- Show your badge;
- Take a daily sticker and place it on badge (remove sticker at the end of the day; keeping multiple colored stickers on your badge to bypass the screeners is not acceptable);
- Take one mask (replace your cloth one with new surgical mask);
- Gel your hands;
- Proceed to work.

CLARIFICATION

In last week’s bulletin, we noted that effective this week, we are asking “***all staff to only enter through the ED entrance.***” Please note: the correct entrance is the “***staff entrance near the ED.***”

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](#)
[UCSF Town Halls](#)
[Infectious Disease Digests](#)
[Dept of Medicine COVID Grand Rounds](#)
[Emotional Health and Well-Being](#)
[BCH SF Clinical Digests](#)

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