



October 8, 2020 Clinical Update

In Today’s Newsletter:

- Update to Occupational Health Guidelines
- APeX COVID-19 PCR Test Order Updated to Reflect Priority Levels
- How to document your flu shot or exemption

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	13	0.41%	2.37%	Green
ZSFG	7			

Currently, San Francisco has improved to *Moderate Alert* with 4.8 new cases per 100,000 population, equal to about 42 new cases daily in San Francisco. The goal is to get below 1.8 per 100, 000. More San Francisco COVID19 public health indicators are available via this [SFDPH Website](#).

Occupational Health Update: What happens if I live with someone symptomatic who is awaiting COVID test results?

As a reminder, the employee daily screener now asks whether you live with anyone who is waiting for COVID test results due to symptoms of a COVID-type illness. If you answer yes to this question, you will need to inform your manager and stay home until your household member receives a negative test result, or after an appropriate quarantine if there is a positive test result. A clearance letter is not required to return to work after your household member receives a negative result. Call the COVID-19 Hotline (415-514-7328) with any additional questions.

Which clinical situations are prioritized for COVID-19 testing?

A new COVID-19 PCR APeX order has been created to reflect 4 “Priority Levels” (previously described in this newsletter in September) to guide clinicians at the point of order entry and improve the workflow for test ordering. Level 3 and 4 below are orderable at the provider’s discretion but 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
 Inpatient / ED Symptomatic
 Outpatient Symptomatic
 Outpatient Contact Investigation

Priority 2

Inpatient / ED Asymptomatic

Outpatient Asymptomatic, High Risk

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)

Priority 3

Outpatient Asymptomatic, Frequent Public Interactions (Employed in retail, food service, agriculture, education, or transport)

Priority 4

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.

How Do We Document Flu Vaccine Exemptions and Submissions?

With three weeks remaining, we have vaccinated 70% of our Health employees and over 43% of Campus employees. Please be sure to get vaccinated or document an approved exemption prior to the November 1 deadline. Occupational Health has added [flu shot clinics](#) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Parnassus. [Primary Care clinics](#) also have Saturday openings for UCSF patients. All [OHS clinics](#) are open daily during business hours.

DOCUMENTING VACCINES: All employees who receive vaccines outside an OHS flu clinic – including UCSF Primary Care – must submit documentation to flu@ucsf.edu. These should be accompanied by the employee’s date of birth or UCSF ID number. Further guidance is available in the [Employee FAQs](#) and the [OHS flu vaccination page](#).

GUIDANCE ON NEW FORMS: We have updated the [Employee FAQs](#) and [Managers’ FAQs](#) with links to the medical and religious exemption and declination forms, as well as guidance on how to submit them.

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
Continue to Work – Return to Work DETAILED GUIDELINES	Update	Occupational Health Services	10/5/2020	Updates have been made regarding work criteria for employees who have household contacts awaiting test result for COVID-like symptoms.

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](#)

[Visitor Policy](#)

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