UCSF Health COVID-19

November 6, 2020

TOWN HALLS
You can access today's UCSF Town Hall **here.** Topics include updates on the pandemic and how the 2020 election results may impact UCSF.

COVID-19 UPDATES

BREAK SPACES & EATING
Stay safe and protect each other in break rooms and while eating. The underlined list offers alternative places when break rooms at Parnassus are full. There also are outdoor options including:
- Tables and chairs have been added to the outdoor area around 400 Parnassus
- New tables and chairs in front of the library
- Benches, table and chairs in Sanders Court

- Existing benches on the 4th St Plaza and all of the garden spaces at Mission Bay (and additional picnic benches that should be delivered at the end of the month)

As a reminder:
- Put on your mask after eating/drinking
- One person at a time eating
- Wear eye protection and mask while others are unmasked/eating
- Maintain at least 6' distance
- Clean surfaces before/after eating

RANDOM ASYMPTOMATIC COVID-19 TESTING
UCSF Occupational Health Services (OHS) has launched the COVID-19 random Asymptomatic Testing Program (ATP) program to help monitor and prevent the spread of COVID-19 at UCSF. Each week, a randomly selected group of faculty, staff and students who work or learn onsite will receive an email inviting them to register for voluntary asymptomatic testing. Volunteers will receive a follow-up call from OHS to schedule a time to submit a self-administered nasal swab for testing at one of UCSF's onsite screening locations at the Mission Bay, Parnassus Heights or Mount Zion campuses. ATP supplements the universal testing already in place for onsite workers and learners who have COVID-19 symptoms or may have been exposed to the virus.

UCSF PARKING UPDATE
Employees and residents who park in the evening/late afternoon for the beginning of overnight shifts should not use PayByPhone. Effective November 1, 2020, if you purchase the daily max rate of $20 via PayByPhone, your parking will expire at midnight on the day of purchase. If you have used PayByPhone and worked past midnight, resulting in a double payment, please contact Director of Parking Joe Braucher, at 415.502.1731 or joe.braucher@ucsf.edu, for a refund.

The best parking options for working periodic and frequent evening and late afternoon shifts are below.
- For those working *periodic* evening or late afternoon shifts, they should park in a gated garage and pull a ticket and pay the cashier on exit. This way they can park for up to 24 hours for the $20 daily rate.

- For those working *frequent* evening or late afternoon shifts, consider purchasing an L or N monthly permit (same as pre-COVID-19 options).
  - N permit *(enter after 2:00 pm, exit by 8:00 am – with UCSF ID)*: $125
    - L permit *(enter after 4:45 pm, exit by 8:00 am – with UCSF ID)*: $40

As of October 1, 2020, parking rates for patients and visitors are $5 per hour and $35 per day.

To purchase a permit, please visit: Paymyinvoice.ucsf.edu

For more information, please visit: Parking.ucsf.edu

REMINDERS

CHANGES TO INPATIENT VISITOR POLICY

The Inpatient Visitor Exception Committee regularly reviews the numbers and types of visitor requests and adapts policy to meet the needs of patients and safety of our staff. **Effective Monday, November 9th**, the changes below will be made to our Inpatient Visitor Policy.

Changes to General Visitation: The one visitor allowed to all patients in the inpatient setting
- **Expanded Hours:** Visiting hours expanded to 10AM – 8PM.
- For general **visitors with cognitive or physical disabilities** for whom a visit may present a safety concern, an additional visitor to serve as an escort will be approved upon request.
- **Minors Visiting:** Inpatients at the Pediatric and Adult Hospitals and Birth Center who stay longer than two weeks can request a scheduled visit by their minor dependents once per week, as long as those minors are at least 5 years of age and able to comply with masking and socially distancing policies.
- **Chaplain Visitation**: For patients requesting outside spiritual care services for specific services that can only be provided in person, a single chaplain may be allowed in addition to the essential visitor upon approval by UCSF Spiritual Care Services.

Changes to Necessary Visitation: Visitor exceptions that allow for increased numbers and hours for patients with a specific caregiving need
- **Requests for necessary visitation** should be made by the attending to the unit director, and when appropriate, in partnership with the critical care attending.
- **Fetal demise**: Adult and minor patients who have experienced a fetal demise, whether due to ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, or still birth during their hospitalization are allowed to have a one visitor stay overnight.
- **Definition of End of Life (EOL)**: A patient at the end of life will now be defined as a patient expected to survive less than 7 days, a patient on comfort care **or** with a challenging disposition to hospice as their next level of care. This definition does not include patients undergoing a high-risk procedure or all those with a terminal diagnosis or who are critically ill who may survive until discharge. Imminent death is defined as patients expected to pass away within 12 hours.
- **Visitors at EOL:** Adult Patients who meet this definition of EOL will be allowed 8 total visitors on their exception list, of which two can be at the bedside at one time. When death is imminent, four visitors may be allowed at the bedside by request depending on the size of the room and patient acuity.

Requests for Visitors outside of those allowed by the policy
- **Requests for visitors to be added** to the list should be directed to the unit staff. Bedside nurses can enter a single General Visitor, all other requests should be directed to unit directors/ hospital supervisor depending on time of day.
- **Outside of policy requests**: Unit directors can approve any visitors specifically outlined under the policy, however to ensure equity and transparency, all requests outside of the policy should be submitted to the visitor escalation committee, and will be reviewed by a team of physicians, nurses and social workers familiar with the policy the same business day.

For the full visitor policy, go to https://tiny.ucsf.edu/UCSFVisitors

UCSF COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES DASHBOARD
The new UCSF COVID-19 Enterprise Dashboard provides the UCSF community with information about COVID-19 testing and positive cases at UCSF. The interactive dashboard will incorporate regularly updated testing data and includes:
- Tallies of the total number of students, faculty, clinical and administrative employees who have tested positive since the pandemic's start.
- Recent trends in symptomatic and asymptomatic COVID-19 testing at UCSF.
- A list of UCSF buildings recently accessed by someone who later received a positive diagnosis, along with the dates when the buildings were accessed.

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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