



# UCSF Health COVID-19

November 20, 2020

## TOWN HALL

UCSF Town Hall – **Today from 4-5 pm.** Join [here](#) or you can find a recording [here](#).

## COVID-19 UPDATES

### COVID-19 TRAVEL POLICY OVER THE HOLIDAY

As the COVID-19 infection rate accelerates in California and across the country, [Governor Gavin Newsom](#) and the [San Francisco Department of Public Health](#) have issued public health advisories regarding holiday travel. To help slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the UCSF community, frontline care workers, and patients, UCSF is issuing updated travel guidance aligned with our state and local public health officials.

**If you are considering travel outside of the 9 Bay Area counties (and Fresno) over the holidays, including domestic and international, it is important that you understand UCSF's updated travel policy, as it may impact your plans or ability to return to on-site work and activities.** Please read more [here](#).

### COVID-19 PAID LEAVE EXTENSION

UC President Drake has [extended the deadline](#) for employees to use COVID-19 Paid Administrative Leave (PAL). Employees now have until June 30, 2021 to use their allotment of up to 128 hours of PAL. More information on COVID-related leave is [available online](#).

### OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH UPDATE

Holiday Hours for UCSF Occupational Health and COVID-19 Services:

In recognition of the upcoming holidays, the following UCSF COVID-19 triage and testing services will have modified hours. Please see the updated hours [here](#).

UCSF Occupational Health Services clinics are closed during all holidays, except for urgent COVID-19 return-to-work clearance and contact tracing. Please call 415-476-8000 to speak with a clinician during the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. After hours, call Operator Services at 415-353-7842 to speak with the provider on call.

### NATIONAL MASK UP CAMPAIGN

UCSF Health joined 100 of the nation's top health care systems, representing thousands of hospitals nationwide, in launching a national campaign urging people to do their part. The [Every Mask Up campaign](#) is running across social media and digital platforms, with public service messages also in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post* and *The Los Angeles Times*. You can read more [here](#).

### COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

UCSF is monitoring the COVID-19 vaccine landscape after [Pfizer](#) and [Moderna](#) announced that their vaccines were found to be 95% and 94.5% effective in human trials, respectively. As one of seven hospitals in California chosen for early distribution of the Pfizer vaccine, UCSF has assembled a task force of experts to work with state public health officials and plan for early vaccine distribution at UCSF. Early distribution of the Pfizer vaccine is anticipated by December 2020. Frontline care workers who are treating COVID-19 patients and high-risk groups will be prioritized. Vaccines for the general public are expected in Spring 2021.

Additionally, this UCSF Medicine COVID-19 [grand rounds](#) explores the promising news and what the future may hold in terms of FDA approval, distribution, and impact on the shape of the pandemic in 2021. The program also takes a look at a few of the therapeutics in the news, including monoclonal antibodies (one of which was just approved by the FDA for emergency use) and Remdesivir.

**Introduction:** UCSF Department of Medicine chair Bob Wachter [00:04:03-0:41:55](#)

**Vaccines:** Paul Offit, Professor and Director of the Vaccine Education Center, Division of Infectious Diseases, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Professor of Vaccinology, University of Pennsylvania [00:41:58-01:13:48](#)

**Therapeutics:** Annie Luetkemeyer, UCSF Professor of Medicine, Division of HIV, ID and Global Medicine at ZSFG

## IN THE NEWS

- UCSF experts have provided [helpful holiday advice](#) to encourage everyone to take simple steps to help minimize the risk of spreading of COVID-19 during the holiday season.
- This [KPIX-TV story](#) focuses on the importance of returning to hospitals for routine or follow up cancer care. The piece features two of our oncologists and one of our patients.

## 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/>

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