



# UCSF Health COVID-19 Clinical Update

**Clinical Update**  
**1.14.21**

**In Today's Issue:**

- **Guidance for Post-Vaccine Symptoms**
- **Vaccine Distribution Update**
- **Communicating the COVID vaccine distribution to patients**

**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	82	2.1%	12.3%	Red
ZSFG	63			Red

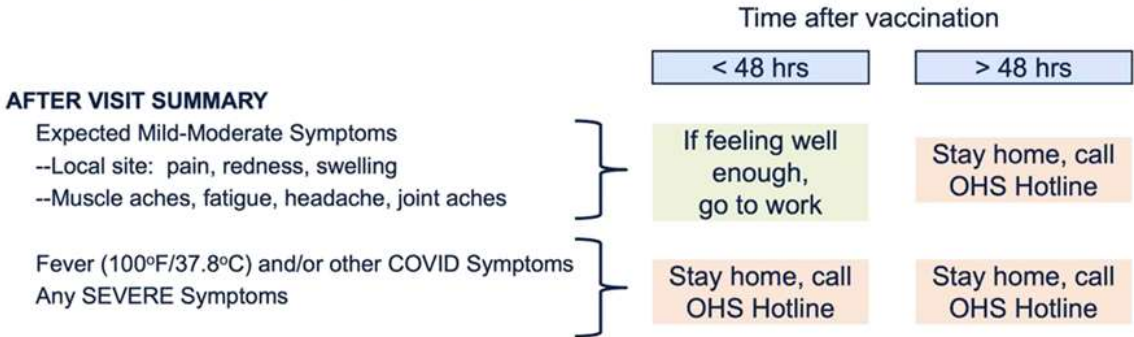
Currently, San Francisco remains at Level 4 High Alert with 34.8 new cases daily per 100,000 population. This is equal to about 303 new cases daily in San Francisco.

More San Francisco COVID19 public health indicators are available via this [SFDPH Website](#).

**Should I go to work if I have symptoms after the COVID Vaccine?**

The following algorithm will help with decision making if you develop symptoms after your vaccination.

## Post-Vaccine Symptom Guidance



**CONVERSA SCREENER**

- If Expected Mild-Moderate Symptoms above ONLY and < 48 hours:
  - Answer "NO" to "unexplained symptoms" last 14 days and last 24 hrs
- If Expected Mild-Moderate Symptoms above and > 48 hours, OR Fever and/or other COVID Symptoms
  - Answer "YES" to "unexplained symptoms"

## What is the status of our COVID vaccine roll out?

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The current status can be viewed on the [COVID vaccine dashboard](#). Currently, nearly all of Group 1A, subgroups a-d, have been offered first vaccination. We are currently vaccinating our health care providers and other staff and learners at high-risk of COVID-19 exposure.

We are getting ready to offer vaccinations to our patients, prioritizing by age, beginning with patients aged 75 and older, as guided by public health agencies and the availability of our vaccine supply. Patients will be contacted directly when vaccines become available, and they do not need to contact their care provider's office.

It is difficult to provide a timeline, as our progress will depend on vaccine availability which to date has been unpredictable. You can learn more by visiting [UCSF COVID-19 Vaccine Information Hub](#). This site will be updated as new information becomes available.

## How are we communicating the availability of UCSF COVID vaccines to our patients?

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Yesterday, we sent a message to 500,000 UCSF patients explaining the process of rolling out the vaccine, who is priority, the limited availability of our vaccine supplies, and asking them not to call their doctors' offices. We know you still are receiving questions. Following are answers to the most common ones, as well as the website where patients can find the answers and more information. We will continue to update the website and provide you with answers as we receive them.

## How can we answer common patient questions about the COVID vaccine?

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Question	Answer	Link
How/when can I get my vaccine?	UCSF is following <a href="#">guidance from the California Department of Public Health</a> and the CDC to identify patients who are eligible for vaccination during each phase of the vaccine rollout and balancing that guidance with our supply of vaccines. As of Jan. 15, 2021, we have begun offering vaccines to patients age 65 and over, beginning with the over 75 age group. Please note that vaccine supplies are limited, so it will likely take several weeks to vaccinate this group.	<a href="https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#As-a-UCSF-patient-will-i-be-prioritized-to-receive-the-vaccine">https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#As-a-UCSF-patient-will-i-be-prioritized-to-receive-the-vaccine</a>
How do I find out if my health condition would let me get the vaccine sooner being at higher risk?	Per state and federal guidelines, we will provide vaccines for patients aged 16-64 patients with health conditions in a later stage.	<a href="https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#As-a-UCSF-patient-will-i-be-prioritized-to-receive-the-vaccine">https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#As-a-UCSF-patient-will-i-be-prioritized-to-receive-the-vaccine</a>
Will you be vaccinating folks outside of the age qualification of this upcoming round?	No, we will adhere to the CDC guidance.	<a href="https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#As-a-UCSF-patient-will-i-be-prioritized-to-receive-the-vaccine">https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#As-a-UCSF-patient-will-i-be-prioritized-to-receive-the-vaccine</a>
How do I get on the list?	We are rolling this out based on age, per public health guidance and the limited availability of the vaccine supply at UCSF.	<a href="https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#How-will-i-know-when-i-am-eligible-for-the-vaccine-Should-I-ask-my-care-provider">https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#How-will-i-know-when-i-am-eligible-for-the-vaccine-Should-I-ask-my-care-provider</a>

	There is no waiting list at UCSF available. You will be contacted when it is your turn.	
How will you be contacting me to schedule the vaccination?	We will contact patients through MyChart or the contact information designated in their health record. If you are not on MyChart, we encourage you to sign up at <a href="https://www.ucsfhealth.org/mychart">https://www.ucsfhealth.org/mychart</a> .	<a href="https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#How-will-I-know-when-I-am-eligible-for-the-vaccine-Should-I-ask-my-care-provider">https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#How-will-I-know-when-I-am-eligible-for-the-vaccine-Should-I-ask-my-care-provider</a>
I heard that the first group would include seniors above age 65. Why are you saying 75?	Our vaccine supply is extremely limited, with only a few days' worth of supply available at a time. We are starting with patients aged 75 and over and will expand further when vaccine supplies allow.	
Will information and side effects be provided to people receiving vaccination?	We provide information about potential side effects and other education to everyone receiving a vaccine.	<a href="https://ucsf.box.com/s/3lje1fua6mcsmh3se5h01pqpa37bv7em">https://ucsf.box.com/s/3lje1fua6mcsmh3se5h01pqpa37bv7em</a>  (Link can be shared)
What about immunocompromised people and children?	Please speak with your doctor about whether the vaccine is the right option for you.	<a href="https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#As-a-UCSF-patient-will-I-be-prioritized-to-receive-the-vaccine">https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/patients#As-a-UCSF-patient-will-I-be-prioritized-to-receive-the-vaccine</a>  and <a href="https://ucsf.box.com/s/3lje1fua6mcsmh3se5h01pqpa37bv7em">https://ucsf.box.com/s/3lje1fua6mcsmh3se5h01pqpa37bv7em</a>
Why is the process taking so long?	The first tier of vaccines was designated for people who need to keep our health care system capable of taking care of others who are ill and at the highest risk of exposure to COVID-19. At UCSF that includes health care workers and first responders. This is an extremely large group of people, and our vaccine supply is very limited. Once the vaccine supply is more stable, we and public health departments and hospitals will be able to offer vaccines more broadly.	

**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
<a href="#">COVID Vaccine Dashboard</a>	New	COVID Vaccine	1/14/2021	
<a href="#">UCSF Health COVID-19 Visitor Restrictions and Exemptions</a>	Update	Administrative Announcements and Workflows	1/12/2021	Updates to Visitor Hours, General Visitation and EOL definitions and policies. Includes correction to remove a second place peds EOL restrictions are called out.
<a href="#">Adult ED and Inpatient Visitor Quick Guide</a>	Update	Administrative Announcements and Workflows	1/7/2021	Updates to allowed visitor restrictions and exceptions and new easy to understand format.
<a href="#">Continue to Work – Return to Work DETAILED GUIDELINES</a>	Update	Occupational Health Services	1/4/2021	Updates to testing/travel policy

## 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](#)

[Emotional Health and Well-Being](#)

[Visitor Policy](#)

[COVID-19 Testing page](#)

[UCSF Travel Policy](#)

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

[UCSF COVID-19 Vaccine Information Hub](#)

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