



UCSF Health COVID-19 Clinical Update

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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	50	2.0%	9.6%	Orange
ZSFG	42			Orange

This week, UCSF Health and San Francisco have seen improvement in hospitalized cases of COVID19 positive patients and case positivity. Currently, San Francisco remains at Level 4 High Alert, but with improvement this week to 23.3 new cases daily per 100,000 population. This is equal to about 203 new cases daily in San Francisco. More San Francisco COVID19 public health indicators are available via this [SFDPH Website](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine 2nd Dose Timing

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has updated its guidance on the timing of second doses of both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

The CDC continues to recommend administering the second dose as close to 21 days (Pfizer) or 28 days (Moderna) after the first dose as possible. If it is not possible to meet these timelines, both vaccines can be administered up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose without restarting the series.

UCSF Health will continue to provide the vaccines within this window and as close to the recommended 3-4 weeks as possible. We are continuing to allocate second doses from the same manufacturer for all of our vaccine recipients at this time.

COVID-19 Vaccine Sign Up for Patients

We have rolled out a number of new COVID-19 vaccine options for our patients in the past few weeks that will both simplify the scheduling process and offer more choices for receiving their vaccines.

- Starting Jan. 26th, we have launched a simplified scheduling system that will enable any patients in the eligible age group to self-schedule their vaccine through MyChart. When they are eligible, they will be able to see available appointments through their Schedule an Appointment tab in their MyChart account. We have just alerted 15,000 UCSF Health patients aged 75 and over, as well as primary care patients 65+, that this is available for them. We will extend to more patients aged 75 and above, and then to specialty care patients aged 65 to 74, as we ensure that the systems are working and as vaccine supplies permit.
- We have just opened two new locations for patient vaccines:
 - **Our Drive-through vaccine site at City College of San Francisco** opened Friday, Jan. 22 with 600 appointments per day. This will rise to 750 appointments per day for the next few weeks and ultimately will accommodate 3,000 patients per day as vaccine supplies allow.
 - **UCSF Mission Bay Rutter Community Center** opened on Jan. 25 as a new walk-in site, replacing our Mission Hall vaccination site. Rutter Center will offer greater accessibility and flexibility for our patients and vaccinators.
 - Appointments will be required for both options and will be available via the MyChart scheduling, based on availability. Appointment outreach via email, phone and snail mail are being pursued, including multilingual outreach, for those who are not on My Chart or not responding to digital outreach.

Due to the high demand and limited vaccine supplies, we expect appointments to fill quickly. If your patients reach out to say that no appointments are available, please encourage them to check back daily. We will post new openings as we receive further doses. A phone line is available for those having scheduling problems 415-476-3307.

If you receive inquiries about our vaccine rollout from your patients, please assure them that appointments will be available in MyChart as soon as they are eligible. They can take action now to make sure they are notified by [activating their MyChart account](#) and confirming that their notification settings will alert them via an email or text they check regularly. If they need assistance with MyChart, please ask them to call MyChart Customer Service at (415) 514-6000.

For more information on our current vaccination schedule and vaccine rollout, please visit the [UCSF COVID Information Hub](#).

Update: Novel Respiratory Isolation for Patients from SNFs and other Congregate Living Settings

Novel Respiratory Isolation continues to be recommended for patients transferred to UCSF Health from skilled nursing facilities because many SNFs are continuing to experience outbreaks of COVID-19. Novel Respiratory Isolation is no longer routinely recommended for patients coming from other congregate living settings (e.g., assisted living facilities, shelters, forensic patients, group homes) unless COVID-19 is clinically suspected or if the patient has had a known COVID exposure. The APeX best practice alert has been updated to reflect this change.

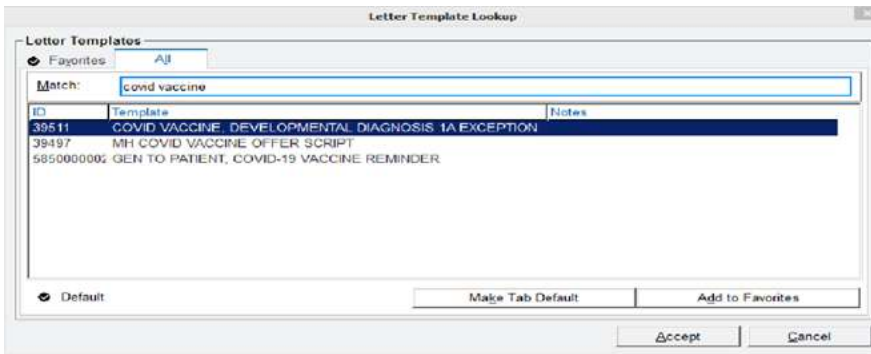
Family Members of Patients with Neurodevelopmental Conditions Qualify for Phase 1A vaccine Distribution

Per the [State of California’s Vaccination Plan](#), family members of **patients with an intellectual and or developmental disability** with the following diagnoses now qualify for Phase 1A COVID vaccination as health care workers:

- Cerebral Palsy
- Epilepsy
- Down Syndrome
- Specialized health care needs, including dependence upon ventilators, oxygen, and other technology

Health Care Providers or Staff can give family members who qualify a letter which can be accessed via Communication/Letter functionality in APeX.

- This standard letter template button can be selected under the Communication Management Tab in the "Other" section - search COVID VACCINE.



- The Smartphrase .COVIDDEVDIAG1A (the letter in a smartphrase) can be used within the letter section.
- The Smartphrase .COVIDVACCINELOCATIONS - can be used in the letter or separately (AVS, etc) - which provides the list of county vaccine links.

Patients will bring this letter to their county’s vaccination program as proof of eligibility. Patients have already been contacted by the California Health and Human Services Agency, Dept of Developmental Services and should access the vaccine through their county vaccination program.

How to Refer Ambulatory Patients with COVID19 for Bamlanivimab Treatment

Symptomatic patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 may be eligible for Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Treatments of Bamlanivimab in the outpatient setting if they are within 10 days from their diagnosis and they have certain comorbidities. This 3-hour treatment visit occurs at the Mission Bay Respiratory Screening Clinic. Full info on who is eligible and the process is here: [UCSF Bamlanivimab Use Document](#). UCSF has completed 155 treatments thus far.

The CRISM team will route the patients who are tested at UCSF for Bamlanivimab assessment.

If your patient (primary or specialty) is tested outside UCSF, please refer your patient for treatment evaluation by emailing Dr. Manisha Israni-Jiang and the RSC team at COVIDOutpatientTreatment@ucsf.edu with the following information:

- Pt Name
- MRN/ DOB
- Pt Contact Info
- COVID symptom onset date:
- COVID positive test date:
- A one-liner about history/ co-morbidities

In February, we will extend the availability of this treatment to our partners at ZSFG, UCSF Health Affiliates, and other members of the community through a referral process. More details to follow. Until then, patients not known to UCSF should explore getting it through their established medical homes. See this [list of hospitals which have monoclonal antibodies](#). If there is no an option for a patient who meets our criteria, we have been able to accommodate them.

Our Parnassus Emergency Department (ED) does provide BAM therapy for ED patients meeting Emergency Use Authorization criteria. The ED does not take referrals or offer appointments for BAM infusions; however, they also do not turn anyone away. Patients seeking Bamlanivimab therapy are encouraged to find outpatient clinics that offer this service, avoiding Emergency Department wait times that can span several hours.

People who do not qualify for Bamlanivimab treatment at UCSF will be offered the option of trials, including one at ZSFG under Dr. Annie Luetkemeyer studying monoclonal antibodies - however, patients need to be willing to be randomized to placebo. Dr. Sarah Doernberg is the PI for a trial of outpatient Remdesivir that will begin in February - also placebo-controlled. It has the benefit of being entirely done through homecare so patients who do not want to leave their house may be interested. You can email Sarah Doernberg for further details.

When Can We Relax Our Current Visitor Restrictions?

- Consistent with our surge plan, UCSF Hospitals suspended general visitation and restricted visitor volume at the EOL, as our numbers of hospitalized COVID patients increased and community case volumes rose. We currently remain in our restricted status as of 1/28.
- The three criteria below will be used as an indicator that resuming visitation is safe.
 1. UCSF in Orange surge status (or less) for 7 days - **Not met**
 2. AND, San Francisco Shelter in place status: Lifted - **Met**
 3. AND, Test Positivity Rate in SF and 4 Neighboring counties, 7-day average: <6% **Met**
- The Visitor Restrictions Committee will monitor seven days of rolling data and when conditions are met announce the date for resumption of general visitation and relaxation of the limitations on visitor exceptions at the end of life.

		1/23 Sat	1/24 Sun	1/25 Mon	1/26 Tues	1/27 Wed	1/28 Thurs	1/29 Fri
UCSF Surge Status (for 7 days)	Red	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange
SIP Lifted	In place	In place	In place	In place	In place	In place	Lifted	Lifted
Test Positivity (7-day average)	7.4%	7.1%	6.8%	6.6%	6.2%	6.0%	5.8%	5.8%

- We anticipate meeting our criteria tomorrow, and will announce the date for easing our current visitor restrictions.

Improving Access to Color Testing Kits for Asymptomatic Employees

Vending machines supplying Color COVID test kits will be installed in several locations across UCSF Health with a go live date planned for 2/8. Any **asymptomatic** employee or student with a badge will be able to access 1 test/week in order to be tested via the [Color process](#). The vending machines are intended to improve access to test kit pick up locations for those **without symptoms**.

Locations planned include Genentech Hall, Parnassus Cafeteria, Mount Zion Cafeteria, and Mission Bay 3rd Street Entrance. Employees who have symptoms must still call the occupational health COVID hotline at 415 514 7328. Those who require multiple tests, for example for post travel surveillance, will still need to pick up multiple test kits via the COVID testing centers.

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
Pediatric COVID-19 Testing Intervals for Procedural Sedation/Anesthesia	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	1/28/2021	This update clarifies that for inpatients who are asymptomatic and had a negative admission NP/OP or mid-turbinate/OP COVID PCR can have an anterior nares COVID PCR for pre-procedural sedation or anesthesia testing if it has been >7 days since their last test.
Pediatric COVID-19 Guidance for ED and Inpatient Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Patients	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	1/28/2021	This update clarifies that for inpatients who are asymptomatic and had a negative admission NP/OP or mid-turbinate/OP COVID PCR can have an anterior nares COVID PCR for pre-procedural sedation or anesthesia testing if it has been >7 days since their last test
FAQs COVID-19 Screening of Pediatric Patients	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	1/28/2021	This update clarifies that for inpatients who are asymptomatic and had a negative admission NP/OP or mid-turbinate/OP COVID PCR can have an anterior nares COVID PCR for pre-procedural sedation or anesthesia testing if it has been >7 days since their last test.
UCSF Health COVID-19 Visitor Restrictions and Exemptions	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	1/21/2021	Updates Pediatric Visitation standards at EOL to align more with adult definitions.
Guidance for Discontinuing Isolation for Select Severely Immunocompromised COVID+ Patients	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	1/21/2021	We added pediatric primary immunodeficiency to this select category and instructions for COVID PCR interpretations for relative light units.
Novel Respiratory Isolation for Patient Admitted to UCSF Health from Skilled Nursing Facilities	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	12/30/2020	Routine, precautionary Novel Respiratory Isolation is now recommended for patients transferred to UCSF from skilled nursing facilities vs. other congregate living settings

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](#)