



UCSF Health COVID-19

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TOWN HALLS

If you missed the UCSF Town Hall from 4-5 today you can watch it [here](#) later this evening once it is posted.

COVID-19 UPDATES

IMPROVED ACCESS TO TESTING FOR ASYMPTOMATIC EMPLOYEES

Vending machines supplying Color COVID self-test kits will be accessible at the end of next week at UCSF sites in the West Bay. Any **asymptomatic** UCSF employee or learner with an active UCSF ID badge will be able to access one test/week 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**.

Please see more information in this [FAQ](#). Employees who have symptoms must still call the occupational health COVID hotline at 415.514.7328. If you require multiple tests, for example after travel, you will still need to pick up multiple test kits via the COVID Asymptomatic Testing Centers. You can find travel guidance [here](#).

SFDPH-REQUIRED SIGNS

As the Bay Area begins to reopen, we need to do so safely. A new order from the SF Department of Public Health (SFDPH) requires businesses to advise people using break rooms, cafeterias, or other similar spaces about how COVID-19 is transmitted and how to reduce one's risk, as well as the ventilation measures in place that are consistent with SFDPH guidance.

Signs, which follow SFDPH-required language, are in the process of being posted in break room throughout our San Francisco campus and health system spaces, and most should be in place by the end of today. You can see the signs at the [Safe and Physical Distancing Program website](#) within the Safe-distancing Resources Section (last item "K") and download them if needed in your areas. Please continue to check this website for updated signage requirements and instructions on how to request permanent signs for your area.

MASK COMFORT GUIDANCE

Staff have asked if masks issued at screening stations can be adjusted to improve comfort and fit around the nose and mouth, to help prevent spread of respiratory droplets and in light of COVID-19 variants. The PPE Resiliency Workgroup has created a [1-page guidance document](#).

FAQ SHEET ABOUT COVID VACCINES

A new [COVID Information FAQ sheet](#) with common questions about the COVID vaccine is now available.

REMINDERS

VISITOR RESTRICTIONS RELAXED THIS WEEK

UCSF Health visitation restrictions were relaxed starting Tuesday, Feb. 2. The main points can be found [here](#). Our visitor restrictions level is dependent on 1) UCSF surge status 2) seven-day case positivity rate and 3) lifted SF shelter-in-place. Any further adjustments will be communicated as conditions change. The [visitor policy](#) and [tip sheets](#) provide full details.

QUESTIONS? VACCINATION RESOURCES

For questions about

- UCSF's vaccine rollout, please email COVIDvaccine@ucsf.edu
- Vaccine scheduling help, please call 415-476-3307
- Questions about MyChart, call 415-514-6000

To follow the progress of our vaccine rollout, visit the new [COVID-19 Vaccination Summary](#) dashboard ([Pulse Secure VPN](#) required for off-site access).

SIGN UP FOR MYCHART

You will be notified through MyChart when you are eligible to receive the vaccine.

- **If you don't have a MyChart account, please sign up [here](#).**
- New and [existing MyChart users](#) should make sure their notification settings allow email and text alerts.

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](#); COVID-19 Hotline 415.514.7328; [COVID+ Employees FAQs](#)

[UCSF Health COVID19 Infection Prevention Website](#)

[COVID PPE Guidance](#)

[UCSF Travel Policy](#)

[UCSF Town Halls](#)

[Infectious Disease Digests](#)

[Dept of Medicine COVID Grand Rounds](#)

[Emotional Health and Well-Being](#)

[BCH SF Clinical Digests](#)

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

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

For questions related to this newsletter, please email COVID19UCSFHealth@ucsf.edu
