



UCSF Health COVID-19 Clinical Update

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	31	0.9 %	5.2 %	Yellow
ZSFG	10			Yellow

Currently, San Francisco remains at Level 4 High Alert, but with continuing improvement this week to 8.5 new cases daily per 100,000 population (Goal 1.8 per 100, 000). This is equal to about 74 new cases daily in San Francisco.



Hospitalizations in San Francisco for COVID19 confirmed cases are also declining.

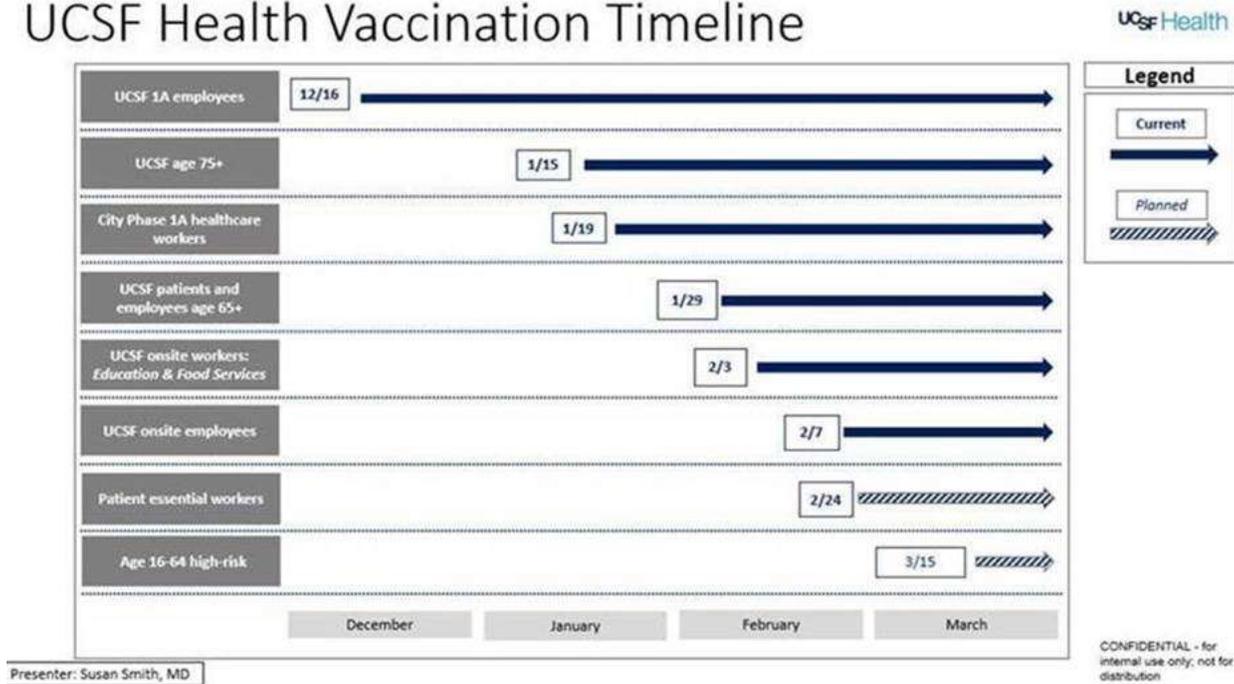
More San Francisco COVID19 public health indicators are available via this [SFPD Website](#).

COVID Vaccine Update

Phasing

This week, UCSF has opened up vaccinations to all UCSF employees and UCSF patient teachers, child care workers, first responders, and food workers. Please know that vaccine supply continues to be limited and unpredictable at the current time. Our current phasing is summarized here:

UCSF Health Vaccination Timeline



MyTurn Vaccine Distribution System

UC has just joined the California MyTurn vaccine distribution system, which will be allocating vaccine doses statewide through Blue Shield. The goal of this system is to create a centralized process for distribution which can improve access, ensure vaccine is being efficiently administered, and allow for statewide/county programs that highlight equity and ensure access to communities most impacted by COVID. It is another step in creating a mass vaccination effort through centralization and efficiency.

This arrangement results in several changes to our current processes, including opening up our sites to anyone who meets the eligibility criteria - not just UCSF patients and employees. The UCSF campus sites also will be listed on the MyTurn.ca.gov web site, which will make them more accessible to our local community, and our vaccine supply will now come through Blue Shield, rather than a variety of sources.

We are still awaiting several details on how this will roll out, but have been told that all UC medical centers will retain their ability to vaccinate their patients. We will continue with our current operations until we know more about the new contract implementation.

Health Equity Considerations

In the meantime, a number of UCSF specific efforts are in progress to address inequities in vaccine distribution based on language access, technology access, and for those in racial/ethnic groups disproportionately impacted by COVID. These are summarized below:

Outreach Efforts: Focusing on Equity

Method	Description	Target Dates
Direct mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending ~29,000 direct mail letters (6.2K in Spanish, Russian, Chinese) • Began sending 75+ non-emailable patients on 2/11 (complete 2/18, n=14K) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target completion date of deploying to ALL 65+ patients 2/22
Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent emails to ~37,293 65+ patients (English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete
MyChart support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone line & onsite MyChart support at vaccine sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCPs have manually called 1200-1300 pts across primary care sites • Cancer Center outreach has recently begun & engaging specialty practices to assist in the (near) future • Large scale Cipher outreach age 65+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual phone outreach underway • Cipher outreach planned for March

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Several other efforts are also underway:

- Launching a **broad population health phone outreach intervention**
 - Using Cipher to call patients disproportionately impacted by COVID to help schedule appointments and address vaccine questions
- Actively **planning town halls for patients, hosted by diverse, multi-lingual faculty**
- Planning to **utilize learnings to date to prioritize vulnerable populations** and get ahead of equity issues as we plan the next phase of the vaccine roll-out

COVID Vaccine Resources

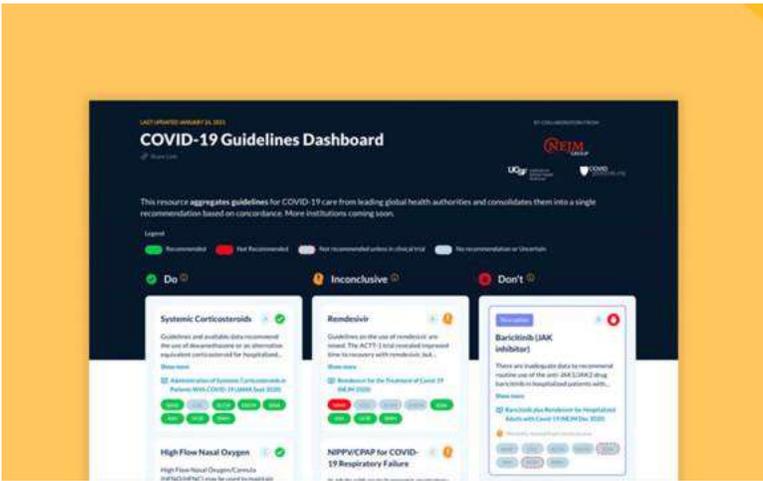
- **Hotline for scheduling (employees & patients):** (415) 476-3307
- **Email:** covidvaccine@ucsf.edu
- **Website:** <https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/vaccines>
- **MyChart activation help desk:** (415) 514-6000

Guidelines for COVID-19 Vaccination in Immunocompromised Patients and Other Specific Populations

The COVID-19 vaccine clinical working group has developed [Vaccine Clinical Guidelines for Immunocompromised and Other Special Populations](#) to answer the most frequently asked clinical questions and concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine. In this document, you will find information about COVID-19 vaccine in immunocompromised patients as well as specific situations such as pregnancy and lactation, past COVID-19 infection, allergy history, and recent receipt of specific medications or other immunizations. More than 20 UCSF clinicians from adult and pediatric primary and specialty care areas contributed to the creation of these guidelines. We will update the guidelines as new vaccines are approved or new data emerges that would impact our policies.

Clinical Guidelines Comparisons

A group from ZSFG, Parnassus and the Institute for Global Health Sciences have created a Dashboard that displays UCSF Health clinical COVID19 recommendations alongside CDC, WHO, SCCM, IDSA and others. You can access this here: <http://covid19treatmentguidelines.org/>



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
Employee Screening Tools	Update	Occupational Health Services	2/23/2021	Includes changes to align manual screener with Conversa digital screening.
Novel Respiratory Isolation Packet	Update	Forms and Signage	2/22/2021	The room log (page 5 in the isolation cart) was updated and the fax number was changed.
COVID-19 FAQs for Providers	Update	COVID Vaccine	2/19/2021	
Perioperative and Periprocedural Personal Protective Equipment and Workflow Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	2/6/2021	Clarify the care of emergency surgical patients without COVID PCR results available.

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](#)

[Vaccination, Treatment and Testing FAQs for Providers](#)