



UCSF Health COVID-19

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TOWN HALLS

You can watch last Friday's UCSF Town Hall [HERE](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES

RETURN-TO-WORK POLICY: VACCINATED EMPLOYEES

UCSF and UCSF Health have enacted a new return-to-work policy for fully vaccinated employees (see below for definition), who have had a high-risk exposure to COVID-19. Under normal staffing conditions, our return-to-work policy remains the same as for unvaccinated individuals.

That policy calls for a 10-day quarantine beginning from last day of exposure with return-to-work permitted with a negative COVID-19 test performed between days seven and nine. CDC and SFDPH recommend maintaining the same policy for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals because we don't yet have enough evidence that the vaccine prevents asymptomatic carriage and spread of COVID-19. Individuals who have been fully vaccinated may return to work without quarantine after a high-risk exposure to COVID-19 in order to fill critical staffing needs, which are determined on a case-by-case basis.

Please be aware that:

- Critical staffing exceptions to the mandatory quarantine for fully vaccinated individuals require senior vice president approval
- Fully vaccinated individuals who are granted an exemption must complete COVID-19 testing on day 5-6 and on day 10 after their last high-risk exposure

Information about what constitutes a high-risk exposure and return-to-work guidelines can be found on the [OHS website](#). If you are unsure whether your exposure is considered high risk, please contact OHS at 415-514-7328 or covidohsmz@ucsf.edu for a risk assessment.

Fully Vaccinated Definition: An individual is defined as fully vaccinated if it has been more than 14 days and less than 90 days since they received a one-dose vaccine or both doses of a two-dose vaccine.

PSAS TO PROMOTE VACCINE CONFIDENCE

UCSF is featuring members of our community in a series of [public service announcements](#) (PSAs) to build confidence in the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines.

- The PSAs are currently available in English and Spanish and will be followed by additional videos for speakers of Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian, Tagalog and Vietnamese.
- Please help us promote vaccine confidence by sharing these PSAs with your family, friends and colleagues and through social media.

MYTURN VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

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 including the timeline. We will continue with our current operations until we know more about the new contract implementation.

REMINDERS

EMPLOYEE TIME OFF FOR VACCINES

As a reminder, employees will be provided paid time off for the time needed to get the COVID-19 vaccine. If employees receive the vaccine during their work hours or are asked to receive it outside of their shift, this time should be considered “normal hours worked” and paid as such.

WELL-BEING RESOURCES

UCSF is committed to supporting the well-being of you and your family during our response to COVID-19. We want to acknowledge the stress, fear, anxiety and other complex emotions that come with the work we do to care for our community. Please check out the resources [at this website](#).

- COPE Program – <https://psychiatry.ucsf.edu/cope>
- Faculty & Staff Assistance Program : <https://hr.ucsf.edu/service/faculty-and-staff-assistance-program> 415-476-8279
- Spiritual Care Services: <https://www.ucsfhealth.org/services/spiritual-care-services> 415-353-1941
- Finding An Individual Mental Health Provider: <https://psychiatry.ucsf.edu/cope/providers>
- Family Services: <https://campuslifeservices.ucsf.edu/familyservices/?goto=start> 415.502.6312
- Childcare Referral Service: 415.476.2692

VACCINE STANDBY LIST

To help UCSF avoid wasting COVID-19 vaccine doses at the end of each day, employees and learners who are waiting for a vaccine or who have had trouble securing a vaccination appointment are encouraged to sign up for the vaccine standby list. More information about the standby list, eligibility and how to sign up is [available online](#).

VACCINATIONS OUTSIDE OF UCSF

Employees who receive their COVID-19 vaccine outside of UCSF should email a copy of their vaccine record to [UCSF Occupational Health](#).

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
- If you received a vaccine at City College and need help scheduling second doses, please email COVID2ndDose@ucsf.edu.

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

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
