



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	18	0.5 %	2.9%	Green
ZSFG	8			Green

Currently, San Francisco has moved to Level 3 Moderate Alert with continuing improvement this week to 4.6 new cases daily per 100,000 population (Goal 1.8 per 100, 000). This is equal to about 40 new cases daily in San Francisco. More San Francisco COVID19 public health indicators are available via this [SFDPH Website](#).

EIGHT KEY MESSAGES ABOUT THE THREE COVID-19 VACCINES

Patients may have questions about the different vaccine options. Below are 8 talking points you can use in answering their questions.

1. The Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccines are some of the most effective vaccines ever produced, including against current COVID-19 variants.
2. All three vaccines are overwhelmingly effective at significantly reducing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. The best vaccine is the one that is available to you.
3. Comparing effectiveness rates of the three vaccines is like comparing apples to oranges. Each was tested in different clinical settings, time of year, and places where there were or were not variants.
4. Just like other vaccines, they are not 100% effective in preventing you from getting COVID-19, but they do significantly reduce your risk and severe illness. You may have mild symptoms or none.
5. The vaccines won't give you COVID-19.
6. The vaccines play an important role in ending the pandemic. Having more people vaccinated will reduce the development and spread of viral variants.
7. The vaccines were approved in record time but based on decades-old science.
8. The vaccines have been found to be safe and effective in tens of thousands of adults in clinical trials and in millions of people world-wide.

VACCINE FAQs FOR PROVIDERS

The [COVID-19 FAQs for Providers](#) has been updated describing specific questions providers may get from patients, particularly related to vaccines, treatment, and testing. Also, see more details about [Janssen \(Johnson & Johnson\) Vaccine: Information for Clinicians and Vaccine Providers](#).

POST VACCINE CONSIDERATIONS

As more people get vaccinated and COVID-19 cases continue to decline, federal, state and local public health agencies are offering updated guidance. At UCSF, we are working on how our policies will be adapted in response. However, we cannot let down our guard until more people are fully vaccinated and COVID-19 is no longer a threat to public health. Everyone must continue to mask, physically distance, wash hands regularly, and follow all COVID-related policies, including completing the daily health screening before coming to campus.

BOOKING VACCINE APPOINTMENTS THROUGH STATE AND COUNTY WEBSITES

[MyTurn](#), the state's vaccine scheduling system, is now active for Bay Area residents, including interpretation in 250 languages.

- For those who prefer phone access, call the CA COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255 (M-F 8AM-8PM, Sa-Su 8AM-5PM) for assistance.
- The UCSF Vaccine Scheduling Help Line is 415-476-3307.
- In addition, each Bay Area county's vaccine website offers appointments at county-run vaccination sites and at Walgreens, CVS and Safeway pharmacies.
- Please note that statewide vaccine supplies remain limited, so appointments at UCSF locations are currently being prioritized for those needing their second dose.
- Employees who receive their COVID-19 vaccine outside of UCSF should email a copy of their vaccine record to [UCSF Occupational Health Services](#).

More information about vaccine scheduling can be found on the [UCSF Vaccine Hub](#).

PHASING UPDATE: VACCINE ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

Starting March 15, individuals under age 65 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to one or more [health conditions](#) will be eligible to schedule a vaccination appointment, when available, through the state's [MyTurn](#) system, county vaccine websites, and some health care providers. Please see [Vaccine Eligibility Expansion to Persons Under 65 with Qualifying Conditions \(San Francisco\)](#) for San Francisco guidance on this new phase.

COVID-19 TEST PRN LAB ORDER FOR INPATIENTS

A **PRN order** is now available for providers and nursing to utilize for asymptomatic patient COVID-19 screening and post-mortem workflows.

Please refer to the [Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Prevention clinical guidance](#) for details and Frequently Asked Questions pertinent to the testing recommendations for [Adult](#) and [Pediatric](#) patients.

- The PRN order will be pre-selected within all the core admission order sets for all inpatients.
- Once the provider signs the order, Nursing will release the order as needed based on the indications of the table below.

****Symptomatic testing still requires a one-time provider order.**

Population	PRN Order Release Indications	
	Weekly or Day 7	Subsequent
Asymptomatic, no AGPs Pediatric Population Only: <u>not</u> admitted to ICN, PICU, or PCICU	N/A	✓ Retest if needing anesthesia/procedural sedation and last test > 7 days prior.
Asymptomatic, frequent (at least once daily) or continuous AGPs, including all adult ICU patients ¹	✓	✓ Weekly. Retest if needing anesthesia/procedural sedation and last test > 7 days prior.

Pediatric Population Only: <u>admitted</u> to ICN, PICU, or PCICU		
Adult Population Only: Asymptomatic, shared room, with or without AGPs	✓Every Monday and Thursday starting ≥ 2 days after day 4 test.	
Post-Mortem	✓Testing prior to discharge from care area when a physician order is not present (exception: test pending, still birth, COVID+ or COVID recovered)	
COVID Exposed	Testing cadence as indicated by HEIP and ID	
Asymptomatic patients who are COVID-19 recovered and ≤90 days since first positive COVID-19 test collected ("COVID recovered")	No asymptomatic testing recommended.	

¹ For a list of AGPs refer to this [guidance](#).

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
Vaccine Eligibility Expansion to Persons Under 65 with Qualifying Conditions (San Francisco)	New	COVID-19: Vaccine	3/10/2021	
Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Vaccine: Information for Clinicians and Vaccine Providers	New	COVID-19: Vaccine	3/9/2021	
COVID-19 FAQs for Providers	Update	COVID-19: Vaccine	3/11/2021	Updated information about COVID-19 vaccinations.
UCSF Health COVID-19 Visitor Restrictions and Exemptions	Update	Administrative Announcements and Workflows	3/9/2021	Adds new long LOS exceptions for pediatric patients.

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](#)