



UCSF Health COVID-19

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TOWN HALLS

Once the archived video is posted, you can watch today's UCSF Town Hall [here](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES

UPDATE: RETURN-TO-WORK POLICY FOR VACCINATED UCSF EMPLOYEES AND LEARNERS

UCSF is updating its return-to-work policy for employees and learners who are fully vaccinated* and have had a high-risk exposure. Fully vaccinated* employees and learners who work in any UCSF facilities, have had a high-risk exposure to COVID-19 and who do not have symptoms, can return to work immediately without quarantine:

- as long as they do not have an immunocompromising medical condition,
- agree to monitor symptoms,
- and complete scheduled COVID-19 testing on day 3 and day 7-9 after their first day of high-risk exposure.

Approval for immediate return-to-work requires an Occupational Health System (OHS) interview about immunocompromising conditions, confirmation of vaccination status and clearance. Please note that the workflows for this new guidance will be in place on **Wednesday, March 24**.

In order to confirm eligibility for immediate return-to-work, OHS needs documentation of vaccination. If you were vaccinated outside of UCSF, you will need to show a card to OHS with the following information: *Name, Date of Birth Date, COVID-19 vaccine Name (Moderna, Pfizer, or Johnson & Johnson/Janssen), the lot number and the date(s) you received either the two doses or single dose.*

Work restrictions/quarantine for fully vaccinated employees and learners with high-risk exposures should still be considered for those who have underlying immunocompromising conditions at the time of exposure (e.g., organ transplantation, cancer treatment), which might impact level of protection provided by the COVID-19 vaccine.

Fully vaccinated employees and learners who have traveled should continue to follow the unchanged [UCSF travel recommendations and requirements](#), including restriction from work, when recommended for any traveler.

Information about what constitutes a high-risk exposure and return-to-work guidelines can be found [HERE](#). 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: Individuals are defined as fully vaccinated if it has been more than 14 days since they received a one-dose vaccine or both doses of a two-dose vaccine.*

HOUSING UPDATES

Campus Life Services has updated its housing resources information. Please check [here](#).

You can also find information about hotel options for health care workers [here](#).

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE J& J VACCINE

With the FDA's emergency use authorization of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on Feb. 27, the U.S. now has three highly effective vaccines against COVID-19. Our expert explains how the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is different, why it's one dose, and whether it can stand up to the new variants. Read more [here](#).

UCSF HEALTH PARNASSUS VACCINE LOCATION

We have increased our vaccination capacity at both City College and Rutter Center over the past few weeks. As a result, we will be closing our Parnassus site after March 21. Individuals who received their first dose at Parnassus will be alerted to receive their second dose at Rutter Center instead.

COVID-19 SCREENING & TESTING AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

You may see new posters in common areas of our buildings encouraging staff and learners to complete the daily health screener before coming onsite and a reminder about access to free testing for COVID-19. The posters, in English, Spanish, Russian and Chinese, align with earlier UCSF and UCSF Health awareness campaigns. Please read them and ask your managers any questions you may have about screening and/or testing. Both of these actions continue to be important tools in our fight against the pandemic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Time of Remembrance for UCSF Staff, Faculty, and Learners: Honoring Our Losses During COVID-19

Join members of the UCSF community on [Tuesday, March 23, at 4 p.m. via Zoom](#), a time dedicated to acknowledging the grief and loss that our community has experienced during the pandemic. Staff, faculty, learners and leaders will share their experiences and spiritual leaders will guide the audience in a memorial ceremony to honor our losses, including patients and loved ones who have died. Please note the new [Zoom link](#) for this event, which was updated after the town hall was first announced.

Special Series to Commemorate One-Year of COVID-19 Pandemic

To mark one year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, UCSF is presenting [COVID-19: The Path Forward](#), a three-part public series of virtual panel discussions that will examine science, health equity and our shared future in the wake of COVID-19. The three panels are:

- How the Science Will Drive Recovery and the Covid-19 Mandate for Equity, [recordings available online](#).
- [Mapping a Post-Pandemic World](#), Tuesday, March 23 at 5 p.m.

More information about each panel, including a list of speakers and the Zoom link for each event, can be found on the [UCSF Events Calendar](#).

Mission Bay Blood Drive

HUGE GRATITUDE to donors from the February Blood Drive! Due to your generosity, we collected a grand total of 96 total units, which has the potential to save as many as 288 lives.

- **WHEN:** Thursday, March 25th and Friday March 26th, from 9 am - 2 pm
- **WHERE:** UCSF Mission Bay at the new UCSF Valley Center for Vision across the street from the MB cafeteria--490 Illinois Street, Topaz Room
- **NOTE:** If you recently received the COVID19 vaccine, you ARE able to donate red blood cells (for 14 days after vaccine, you are only restricted from donating plasma)

COVID-19 precautions will be in place with COVID-19 universal masking, COVID screening, strict social distancing and proper cleaning procedures. You can make an appointment by visiting <https://www.bloodheroes.com> and click **donate**. Use the sponsor code: **UCSF**

Donating blood takes 60-90 minutes. Please eat a hearty breakfast and lunch and be sure to hydrate well the day before and the day of the blood drive. For eligibility questions, please consult <https://www.vitalant.org/Donate/Donor->

[Eligibility.aspx](#) or contact Vitalant through their website. This blood drive is being hosted by the UCSF Blood Drive Committee, please contact Katie Maniatis (kathleen.maniatis@ucsf.edu) or Erica Tavares (erica.tavares@ucsf.edu) if you have any questions or if you would like to join future blood drive efforts.

All completed blood donations will be screened for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. You will be able to find out if your plasma can be used to help others currently battling the virus. For more information regarding this please visit www.vitalant.org/antibodytest. Please visit [COVID-19 Antibody Testing Frequently Asked Questions](#) for frequently asked questions related to COVID-19.

REMINDERS

EMPLOYEE PAID TIME OFF FOR VACCINES

As a reminder, employees will be provided paid time off for the time needed to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Hourly paid employees may take up to four hours of paid time to obtain each dose of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine. Employees must provide advance notice to their supervisor.

In coordination with their supervisor, employees may take time off during work hours to get vaccinated. If vaccination cannot be accommodated during an employee's shift due to operational/patient care needs, a supervisor may authorize the use of paid Administrative Leave to get vaccinated during non-scheduled work time.

In the inpatient areas, employees who are seeking to get their vaccine during non-scheduled work time will need to seek advance approval from their Unit Director/Assistant Unit Director. If approved, this should be coded as admin time on their timesheets.

VACCINE SUPPLY

The Bay Area continues to experience limited vaccine supplies and unpredictable allotments, which likely will become more acute as more people seek vaccines. Patients and employees should continually look for options via [MyTurn](#) and their county vaccine web sites.

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](#)

<https://coronavirus.ucsf.edu/>

[COVID PPE Guidance](#)

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