



**Clinical Update**  
**March 25, 2021**

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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	9	0.7%	2.9%	Green
ZSFG	7			Green

Currently, San Francisco remains in Level 2 Low Alert with 3.5 new cases daily per 100,000 population (Goal 1.8 per 100,000). This is equal to about 31 new cases daily in San Francisco. More San Francisco COVID19 public health indicators are available via this [SFDPH Website](#).

**COVID VACCINE UPDATES**

**Phasing**

Today, the Governor announced a new phase in vaccine phasing, opening to:

- all individuals aged 50 or older starting April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - all individuals 16 or older starting April 15<sup>th</sup>
- (Individuals 16-64 with high risk [comorbidities](#) are already eligible.)

More details can be found in the [Governor’s announcement](#) and the [CDPH vaccine information page](#).

**UCSF Vaccine Distribution**

Our vaccine supply remains very limited. Our teams are working to provide 2<sup>nd</sup> doses as our supply improves. This week, enough Pfizer vaccine has been received to fill our Pfizer 2<sup>nd</sup> dose allotments, but this did require rescheduling for many. We are sorry for the inconvenience this caused.

For those awaiting second doses, please note that second doses can only be allotted through the site where one receives the 1<sup>st</sup> vaccine. For example, getting the first dose at UCSF means the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose also needs to be given through UCSF.

Our Parnassus vaccine site is now closed. Rutter Center at Mission Bay and City College are our remaining sites.

## BENIOFF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OAKLAND VACCINATION CLINIC

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As part of our commitment to improve health equity and vaccine access for underserved communities, Benioff Children's Hospital (BCH) Oakland and Alameda Department of Public Health are collaborating to vaccinate [high-risk pediatric patients ages 16-17](#) who live in Alameda County including regional center clients and California Children's Services (CCS) clients.

BCH Oakland is now giving COVID vaccinations [by appointment only](#) to eligible 16-17 year-old Alameda County residents at the BCH Oakland Outpatient Center. Please be aware that vaccine availability for the BCH Oakland vaccine clinic is limited and availability of appointments is dependent on vaccine supply. We hope to offer vaccines for patients aged 18-21 in the near future.

High-risk BCH patients in Alameda County who are 16-17 years old, including regional center clients and CCS clients, can schedule in two ways:

- [www.myturn.ca.gov](http://www.myturn.ca.gov). Patients can look for the BCH Oakland vaccine site and will be asked to attest that they are 16-17 years old. The MyTurn website is accessible to people with disabilities and in eight languages: English, Spanish, simplified and traditional Chinese, Arabic, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean.
- **MyTurn COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255 or 1-833-4CA-4ALL (M-F 8AM-8PM, Sa-Su 8AM-5PM)**. The Hotline is accessible to people with disabilities and offers services in English and Spanish, with connections to interpretive services in more than 250 languages.

See the [CDPH current eligibility criteria](#).

Patients 18+ years old who meet eligibility criteria can schedule vaccinations at other locations through MyTurn [www.myturn.ca.gov](http://www.myturn.ca.gov) or county websites.

## OPTIMIZING THE FIT OF PROCEDURAL (SURGICAL) MASKS

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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 allegedly found to be more transmissible or infectious. The PPE Resiliency Workgroup has produced an updated 2-page guidance document [Optimizing the Fit of Procedure \(Surgical\) Masks](#) to help address staff concerns.

Patients and visitors will be given only one mask on entry to our facilities. If patients or visitors insist on keeping their own cloth masks on, they may wear the one supplied surgical mask over their cloth mask, but we recommend just one surgical mask.

## CDC GUIDELINES FOR SMALL-GROUP GATHERINGS BY FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE IN NON-HEALTH CARE SETTINGS

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As you are probably aware, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued interim [recommendations for fully vaccinated people](#) in non-health care settings. It's important to note that these recommendations are intended for the community, which doesn't carry the risks of exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 that we have in our health system.

Currently, all of our protocols for masking, distancing, hand hygiene and eye protection remain in place. Groups comprising individuals from clinical, education, research, and administration are meeting to develop a roadmap to guide leaders in relaxing specific COVID-19 prevention and control measures, and what criteria we will use. We will consider how many people across our workforce have been vaccinated and the trends in new COVID-19 infections among our patients and staff and the density of people in areas of our facilities. We will need to be closer to having 100% of our workforce vaccinated and fewer new COVID-19 cases to consider changes. More broadly, we also still need more of the community to be vaccinated. The good news is that all of these criteria are moving in the right direction. We will provide updates.

Please note that the CDC recommends that, while out in public, fully vaccinated individuals should continue to mask, physically distance, practice hand hygiene, and avoid travel and convening in large crowds.

**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
<a href="#">Continue to Work – Return to Work DETAILED GUIDELINES</a>	Update	Occupational Health Services	3/24/2021	UCSF has updated its return-to-work policy for employees and learners who are fully vaccinated, have had a high-risk exposure and cleared by OHS, see number 7 and 8.
<a href="#">UCSF Adult COVID-19 Management Guidelines</a>	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	3/24/2021	Clarifying which drugs are restricted to ID
<a href="#">Optimizing the Fit of Procedure (Surgical) Masks - Print 8.5"x14"</a>	Update	Personal Protective Equipment	3/23/2021	Introduces staff to methods for adjusting procedure masks for improved fit around the nose and mouth using ear loop extenders or by twisting or tying a knot in ear loops, and gently molding edges of the mask around the nose bridge.
<a href="#">How does UCSF Occupational Health define low, medium and high risk exposures to COVID-19</a>	Update	Occupational Health Services	3/22/2021	Define High, Medium and Low risk exposures
<a href="#">Vaccine Clinical Guidelines for Immunocompromised and Other Special Populations</a>	Update	COVID Vaccine	3/19/2021	Guidelines have been updated to reflect new single-dose J&J - Janssen vaccine.
<a href="#">Novel Respiratory PPE Donning/Doffing Guide with Reuse</a>	Update	Personal Protective Equipment	3/1/2021	
<a href="#">Process for Referring Patients to Adult ED with Respiratory Illness</a>	Update	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	1/27/2021	Updated referral process to adult ED (Parnassus).

**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](#)
- 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](#)