



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	3	0.49%	2.86%	Green
ZSFG	4			Green

Currently, San Francisco has moved to Level 3 Moderate Alert with 4 new cases daily per 100,000 population (Goal 1.8 per 100, 000). This is equal to about 35 new cases daily in San Francisco. More San Francisco COVID19 public health indicators are available via this [SFPDPH Website](#).

Asymptomatic Testing Center (ATC) Update:

The Asymptomatic Testing Centers (ATCs) are currently providing rapid Point-Of-Care Abbott ID NOW tests at all three campuses. We have performed surveillance testing for over a thousand patients from the Infusion Center, Dialysis units, Family House and Koz House with no positive cases thus far.

Beginning Monday, 4/5/2021, there will be expansion of testing criteria at ATCs.

1. POCT for Non-AGP and Non-Anesthesia Procedures:

Pre-procedure COVID test for procedures that are NOT aerosol generating (non AGPs) and NOT requiring anesthesia are now approved for POCT (Point of Care Testing) on day of procedure in place of PCR test done 2-4 days prior. The CATCH team will continue to support the clinic for ordering pre-procedure tests.

- Interventional and Diagnostic Radiology, Dermatology, Oncology ANCRE clinic and the Cardiology Labs (Cath, EP and CPET) will transition to POCT instead of PCR beginning 4/5/21.
- If your clinic/ patient group is receiving pre-procedure COVID testing for a non-AGP non-anesthesia procedure and you would like to switch to POCT, please complete [this form](#) and contact Manisha Israni-Jiang, MD (Manisha.israni@ucsf.edu).

2. PCR testing at PARN and MB ATC:

The PARN (Parnassus) and MB (Mission Bay) ATCs can now also provide PCR testing for asymptomatic patients. This is especially helpful if the patient will be onsite at Mission Bay Campus or Parnassus Campus for another visit preceding their surgery.

- Same-day surgery STAT PCR testing will move from the RSC to the ATC. This allows for larger volume of same-day PCR testing at an earlier time.
- CATCH, Prepare and surgery clinics can directly schedule their pre-procedure PCR testing at PARN and MB ATC in addition to Laurel Heights, per patient preference.

3. PARN ATC starts at 6 AM:

The PARN ATC will open at 6 AM instead of 7 AM to accommodate early pre-procedure testing requests.

Avoiding COVID-related test charges when your patient is a UCSF employee

We have had several occasions recently where UCSF Health care providers are ordering diagnostic testing for UCSF employees and staff, typically for COVID-19 symptoms, and the recipients of care have been billed for these tests when their health plan declines or imposes a co-payment for the test. Occupational Health Service (OHS) can only cover the costs of tests that are ordered by OHS providers.

To avoid employees being billed for services covered by OHS, please refer the employee to the OHS COVID Hotline (415-514-7328). You may also reach out to OHS directly if you'd like to advocate on behalf of the employee who may be needing specific work-related clinical services by calling OHS COVID Escalation Line at 415-476-8000. Thank you for understanding.

Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland (BCHO) vaccination clinic update

There are two changes to the Benioff Children's Hospitals (BCH) vaccination program.

- **All high-risk BCH patients ages 16 – 21years are now eligible to schedule vaccinations, including those living outside of Alameda County.** This includes county regional center clients and California Children's Services (CCS) clients.
- The process for patient and families to schedule vaccine appointments has been simplified. **All patients/care givers should call 415-514-1196 and ask to schedule a vaccine at BCH Oakland.** They have to select option 2 and stay online to speak to operator who will schedule appointment. MyTurn is no longer in use for vaccination appointments at BCH Oakland.

BCH vaccine supply has increased in response to focus on our commitment to improve health equity and vaccine access for underserved communities, in collaboration with the Alameda Department of Public Health. Please be aware that availability of appointments is contingent on vaccine supply and may vary over time. Please see the [CDPH current eligibility criteria](#).

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
UCSF External Self or Provider Referral for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Outpatient treatment	Update	Ambulatory/ Emergency Department	3/30/2021	Highlighted the sections in the form which a self-referring patient needs to complete
BCH-SF: Optimal room placement for patients, including BMT patients, requiring admission to protective environment rooms	New	Inpatient BCH	3/29/2021	This document reviews the admission recommendations based on COVID-19 testing results for BCH-SF protective environment rooms including BMT rooms 1-13 and PICU rooms 1, 2 and 15.

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](#)
