



# 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

### EXPEDITED DAILY SCREENER RETURNS

The "expedited" daily screener option on Conversa will return next week. Just like the previous version, if you have five consecutive clearance days within a 14-day period, you will be offered an option to complete the expedited screener the next time. Failure to use the screener for more than 10 days will return you to the full set of questions.

### VACCINE ELIGIBILITY EXPANDS

Vaccine eligibility is greatly expanding in California in April:

- all individuals aged 50 or older starting April 1st
- all individuals 16 or older starting April 15th

(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](#). You can sign up and schedule your vaccination through [MyTurn](#) (California's vaccine scheduling system) or through your county's vaccine website. UCSF vaccination sites are listed as one of several options in the Bay Area.

### PREVENTION REMAINS IMPORTANT

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. San Francisco COVID-19 new case rates have increased over the past 10 days. Two weeks ago, the seven-day average new case rate hit 26, its lowest point this year. On Wednesday, the new case rate was back up to 36. Please remember to stay safe and continue to exercise good judgement and caution.

### BENIOFF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OAKLAND VACCINATION CLINIC UPDATE

We are announcing two changes to our Benioff Children's Hospitals (BCH) vaccination program.

- **All high-risk BCH patients ages 16 – 21 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.
- We have simplified the process for patient/families to schedule vaccine appointments. **All patients/care givers should call 415-514-1196 and ask to schedule a vaccine at BCH Oakland.** Please select option 2, and stay on the line to

speak to the operator who will schedule the appointment. We are no longer using MyTurn for vaccination appointments at BCH Oakland.

Our vaccination supply has increased as we 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](#).

## REMINDERS

### 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](#).

### HOUSING RESOURCES

**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](#).

## IN THE NEWS

Check out this recent [article in Health Affairs](#) co-authored by Diane Sliwka, MD, UCSF Health chief physician experience officer and executive medical director for patient experience, on *Six Principles To Ensure Clinician Well-Being: Lessons From COVID-19's Darkest Days For A New Way Of Working*.

## 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](#)

[UCSF Town Halls](#)

[Infectious Disease Digests](#)

[Dept of Medicine COVID Grand Rounds](#)

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[BCH SF Clinical Digests](#)

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