



UCSF Health COVID-19 Clinical Update

This corrected version of today’s clinical update has the hyperlinks under the J&J Vaccine section.

Clinical Update
April 15, 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	5	0.7%	3.1%	Green
ZSFG	7			Green

Currently, San Francisco remains at 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](#).

Visitor Policy Updates

- SFPDPH rescinded the Hospital Visitation Health order and has deferred SF Hospitals to continue to follow the guidance of the CDPH [Visitor Limitation Guidance](#) (AFL 20-38.6) order.
- UCSF remains in Visitation Level 1 status. An outline of the status level can be reviewed [here](#).
- Starting **Thursday, April 15**, the following visitor policy changes for visitation level 1 will be implemented:
 - The Birth Center will allow **two** healthy visitors during the laboring period and visitors are allowed to switch every 12 hours.
 - The Parnassus Emergency Department will allow **one** healthy visitor for all patients. This excludes patients in the hallway space or ACU tents
 - Necessary Visitors for patients who need an overnight visitor may switch every 12 hours.
 - Breastfeeding dependents for visitors or patients are allowed during visiting hours
- We have begun planning for Visitation Level 0, which will further expand visitor hours and the numbers of visitors while maintaining health screening, and visitor check-in once the CDPH Visitor Limitation Guidance is lifted.
- Necessary Visitation for patients with a specific medical or caregiving need will continue as well the process for requests to the [Visitor Escalation Committee](#)
- Please see the updated [visitor policy](#) and [tip sheets](#) for more information

	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
UCSF Surge Status (7 days in new range)	Green (0-20 patients)	Green or Yellow (0-40 patients)	Orange (41-60 patients)	Red (greater than 60)
Health Order in Place	Visitation Health Order NOT active	Shelter in Place NOT active	Shelter in Place NOT active	Shelter in Place Active
Test Positivity (7-day average)	Less than 2.0%	Less than 5.0%	Less than 6.0%	Greater than 6.0%

Improvements to the Ambulatory Referral Order to COVID Testing and Respiratory Screening Clinic (REF778)

On Monday 4/19/2021, a revamped ambulatory referral for COVID testing with additional features will be available. The updated order will offer clinicians more specificity in their requests and assist the central scheduling team in prioritizing the requests and scheduling at the ideal location.

- When requesting a Provider appointment, you can specifically request a video visit, in-person RSC visit or a Monoclonal Antibody Treatment evaluation.
- When requesting COVID swabs under “Pre-procedure/ admission/ study testing only” and “Other COVID testing-only appointment”, clinicians can indicate if they need PCR/ POCT/ both.
- The referral order will now include the COVID PCR and COVID POCT lab orders so providers do not have to type two separate orders and can conveniently place the COVID swab order using the same order panel. (see screenshot below)

Ambulatory Referral to COVID Testing Appointment and Lab Order Panel (UCSF ONLY)

Ambulatory Referral to COVID Testing Appointment or Respiratory Screening Clinic (UCSF ONLY)

Class: UCSF

Referral: To dept spec: General Internal

To dept:

Priority: Routine Urgent

Select visit type: Pre-procedure/admission/study testing only Other COVID testing-only appointment Provider appointment COVID positive - Home Monitoring

Process Inst.: For "Pre-procedure/admission/study testing only" and "Other COVID testing-only appointment," remember to place the orders requested, including the COVID swab.

COVID-19 ± rapid flu/RSV or RVP swab will be preferentially scheduled at the mobile testing site. No other studies are available at the mobile testing site. Other labs (including other swabs such as rapid strep) and single view CXR may also be ordered as part of an "Other COVID testing-only appointment" and will be scheduled at the RSC.

Pre-procedure/admission/study testing only will be scheduled at the mobile testing site.

Reference Links: 1. [Click here for instructions on which COVID test to order](#)

Show Additional Order Details

POCT COVID-19 RNA, Qualitative, Rapid

COVID-19 RNA Testing, Qualitative (Priority 1-4)

Universal Access to COVID Point of Care Testing (POCT) for Ambulatory Asymptomatic Patients

Previously, providers in the ambulatory setting generally used PCR testing for diagnosis of COVID19 in asymptomatic patients. Beginning 4/19, we now have the option of Abbott ID NOW Point-Of-Care Test (POCT) available as an alternative with advantages including: a rapid test result (within 15 minutes), only requires anterior nares sampling, and

provides patients with results at the time of the test. The current ambulatory referral order (REF778) has been upgraded to an order panel and now includes PCR and POCT lab orders along with the referral as a single panel for convenient ordering. Asymptomatic COVID testing is also now covered by insurance.

When To Use POCT vs. PCR

POCT is approved for **asymptomatic** COVID testing for:

- Non-Aerosol Generating Procedures (non-AGPs)
- High-risk professions, such as:
 - Child-care
 - Healthcare
 - Frontline workers
- Patients with structural barriers to care, such as:
 - Homelessness
 - Minority groups
 - Undocumented individuals
- Low-risk individuals who are requesting testing, such as:
 - Travel
 - Employment
 - Personal choice

Use PCR testing (not POCT) for:

- *3 High-risk asymptomatic scenarios for which PCR is still mandatory*
 - *Surgery under general anesthesia*
 - *Aerosol generating procedures (AGPs)*
 - *Inpatient admission*
- Symptomatic/ Exposed/ PUI (person under investigation for COVID)

These groups and further details on ordering the appropriate test are included in this [document](#).

How to Request a COVID Test

Beginning Monday 4/19/21, clinicians can indicate their preference for POCT or PCR and order the appropriate COVID lab order using the “Ambulatory Referral to COVID Testing” (REF778) order panel. For pre-procedure testing, POCT should be requested on the day of the procedure as it results within 15 minutes and is valid for 24 hours. In contrast, please continue to request pre-procedure PCR testing 2-4 days prior to the procedure. Please call the central scheduling line at 415.476.6407, option 3 with urgent requests (if needed within 24 hours).

Where Will Patients Be Tested

The central scheduling team will preferentially schedule asymptomatic, unexposed patients for COVID testing in their ideal location at the [Asymptomatic Testing Centers \(ATCs\)](#) or Laurel Heights Drive Thru (LH) instead of the Respiratory Screening Clinics (RSCs). Symptomatic patients/ PUIs requiring a swab only will be scheduled at LH and those requiring a provider evaluation or additional testing will be directed to the RSCs. MB and PARN ATCs can perform both the rapid **POCT** as well as the traditional nasopharyngeal **PCR** swab tests for asymptomatic patients.

Janssen (J&J) Vaccine Pause

This week, federal health officials called for a pause in the administration of the Janssen (J&J) vaccine due to safety concerns related to blood clots. Please see the [announcement message](#) and the [FAQs](#) for more details. UCSF is currently pausing all J&J vaccine administration pending further guidance.

Vaccine Phasing

April 13th marked the beginning of the state's new phase in vaccine phasing, opening to **all individuals age 16 or older**. (Individuals 16-64 with high-risk [comorbidities](#) were already eligible.) More details can be found in the [Governor's announcement](#) and the [CDPH vaccine information page](#).

UCSF continues to have a shortage of vaccine doses. Only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for individuals 16-17 years old. UCSF continues to have a shortage of first-dose Pfizer vaccines, so if you or family members are under the age of 18, please look for appointments at BCH Oakland or City College San Francisco or through <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

See the [message that was sent to pediatric patients and families](#) regarding pediatric vaccination options.

Where should I document in APeX if my patient has received their COVID vaccination outside of UCSF?

You can use the historical immunization function & manually enter it in the Health Maintenance tab, under document past immunizations.

New Pediatric COVID/MIS-C Management Guidelines

New [Pediatric COVID/ MIS-C Management Guidelines](#), written by an interdisciplinary team of pediatric generalists and specialists, provide guidance in the evaluation and treatment of children with MIS-C and COVID19.

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
Asymptomatic Testing Centers (ATCs) Information, Tip Sheet and FAQs	New	Tip Sheets	4/15/2021	Include what is new for updated document, or what is the main message for this new document. The Asymptomatic Testing Centers (ATCs) are present on each of the three main campuses where patients can be scheduled for rapid point of care testing. In addition PCR testing is also available at the MB and PARN ATCs. This document contains contact information for the ATCs, Information regarding the Abbott ID Now Point of care test as well as FAQ and tip sheets for schedulers and providers on how to order POCT and schedule an ATC appointment.
COVID-19 Standards of Practice for Perioperative Services	New	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	4/15/2021	This document is to primarily help guide asymptomatic patients who will be using aerosol generating procedures in our open designed department and how to safely manage those scenarios.

POCT vs PCR: Clinical Guidance for Ordering Appropriate COVID Swab Test	New	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	4/15/2021	Include what is new for updated document, or what is the main message for this new document. Clinical scenarios appropriate for POCT vs PCR COVID Testing. The document has the various patient cohorts as well as an algorithm to guide clinicians on how to order the appropriate COVID test.
Pre-Procedure Point of Care COVID Testing Workflow for Non-Aerosol Generating Procedures	New	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	4/15/2021	The Abbott ID NOW Point of Care rapid test can be used for pre-procedure testing of non-aerosol generating procedures that don't need anesthesia or subsequent inpatient admission. This workflow described the process of scheduling, ordering and conducting the test. It also includes the confirmatory COVID Test workup done for an asymptomatic patient whose POCT is positive.
Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Vaccine FAQs and Clinical Guidance	New	COVID Vaccine	4/13/2021	FAQs and Clinical Guidance for pause in Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Vaccine Update – April 13, 2021	New	COVID Vaccine	4/13/2021	Letter from UCSF Health Chief Clinical Officer and Chief Nursing Executive announcing pause in Johnson & Johnson vaccines.
Inpatient COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs	New	COVID Vaccine	4/9/2021	These are UCSF inpatient specific frequently asked questions (FAQs) from the first few days of the Inpatient Vaccine Program rollout. These will be updated regularly with changes in the program and as more questions arise.
Pediatric COVID/ MIS-C Management Guidelines	New	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	4/1/2021	Drafted by an interdisciplinary team of pediatric generalists and specialists, this document provides guidance in the evaluation and treatment of children with MIS-C and COVID19.
Adult ED and Inpatient Visitor Quick Guide	Update	Administrative Announcements and Workflows	4/14/2021	Modifications to Level 1 visitation policy for Adult ED, as well as changes to Adult Inpatient Necessary visitation.
Patient Screening Tool	Update	Occupational Health Services	4/14/2021	Includes logic to allow return for patients who experienced fever or muscle aches post dose #2 of COVID vaccine.
UCSF Health COVID-19 Visitor Restrictions and Exemptions	Update	Administrative Announcements and Workflows	4/14/2021	Modifications to Level 1 visitation policy for Women's, Ambulatory, and Adult ED, as well as changes to Adult Inpatient Necessary visitation and some Children's Hospital-SF exceptions.
Visitor Screening Tool	Update	Occupational Health Services	4/14/2021	Includes logic to allow return for visitors who experienced fever or muscle aches post dose #2 of COVID vaccine.
Continue to Work – Return to Work DETAILED GUIDELINES	Update	Occupational Health Services	4/12/2021	UCSF has updated its domestic and international travel policy, questions 4 and 5. Fully vaccinated individuals can self-attest their status on the screener for these travel related questions.
Employee Screening Tools	Update	Occupational Health Services	4/12/2021	Includes changes to travel questions and actions based on new CDC recommendations.

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](#)