



UCSF Health COVID-19

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TOWN HALLS

You can watch Tuesday's UCSF Health Town Hall [HERE](#).

You can watch today's UCSF Town Hall, when the video is posted, [HERE](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES

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](#).

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 UCSF BCH Oakland or City College San Francisco or through <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

UPDATED GUIDANCE: TRAVEL, SMALL GATHERINGS

UCSF updated its guidance on [travel](#) and [small group meetings and gatherings](#) in accordance with the latest public health orders.

VISITOR POLICY UPDATES

The San Francisco Department of Public Health rescinded the Hospital Visitation Health order and has deferred SF Hospitals to continue to follow the guidance of the California Department of Public Health [Visitor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%

JANSSEN (J&J) VACCINE PAUSE

UCSF Health is following public health guidance to pause the use of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine at all of our sites as of today. Pending further guidance from the CDC, we are pausing all Johnson & Johnson vaccinations for our hospitalized patients, homebound patients, and at community vaccination sites, including the City College San Francisco site and a pop-up clinic that had been scheduled for April 17.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) made its recommendation in light of six cases of a rare type of blood clot that occurred after more than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine were administered across the United States.

All six cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, with symptoms appearing 6 to 13 days after they received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The CDC and FDA are reviewing data regarding the cases to determine whether it is safe to continue to provide the vaccine, the CDC and FDA said in a joint statement.

To date, UCSF Health has administered a total of 2,647 Johnson & Johnson vaccinations, including through City College, since it began administering the vaccine on March 12, 2021. We are not aware of any UCSF Health patient reporting severe symptoms after receiving the vaccine.

UCSF Health patients who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine and have questions or concerns should call their primary care provider or the COVID-19 hotline at 415-514-7328.

STATISTICS: UCSF AT CITY COLLEGE SF

- **Opened on January 22, 2021**
- **50,000th dose administered on Sunday, April 11**
- **Drive-thru and walk-thru capacity (ADA Accessible)**
- **Capacity for 5,000 doses per day**
- **Drive-thru and walk-thru capacity**
- **Total throughput 24.5 minutes**
- **7 mins from Registration to Administration**
- **2.5 mins for administration**
- **15 mins observation**

IN THE NEWS

NPR/National Public Radio

[Making Sense Of The CDC's Seemingly Conflicting Travel Guidelines](#), NPR's Ailsa Chang talks with Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH, who studies infectious diseases at UCSF, about the CDC's travel guidelines, which seem to simultaneously endorse and discourage travel for people vaccinated against COVID-19.

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](#)

[Infectious Disease Digests](#)

[Dept of Medicine COVID Grand Rounds](#)

[Emotional Health and Well-Being](#)

[BCH SF Clinical Digests](#)

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