



# UCSF Health COVID-19

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NPR, WASHINGTON POST

## TOWN HALLS

Once the archived video is posted, you can watch today's UCSF Town Hall [here](#).

## COVID-19 UPDATES

### SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

UCSF Health has a phased approach to relaxing safe and physical distancing guidelines and has resumed allowance of essential small-group meetings at UCSF Health when directly related to patient care and when meeting certain criteria. The initial phase includes a select number of rooms:

- clinical activities such as pathology multi-headed microscope reviews and radiology reading room rounds with teams
- use of conference rooms for essential small group meetings.

The following rooms can be reserved on the Event Management System via [My Access](#):

*Parnassus*: [M169](#) and [M286](#) (not to exceed 12 persons per room)

*Mission Bay*: [C4701](#) (not to exceed 10 persons)

*Mount Zion*: Coming Soon

Read more details here: <https://safety.ucsf.edu/safe-and-physical-distancing-covid19>

Any unit at UCSF Health with a shared communal staff work area (i.e. team work room, shared office, etc.) may request an assessment of the area to meet requirements prior to recalling additional staff back on site. Please open [MCSS Help Desk](#) ticket under "Safety Assessment". Evaluation of staff break rooms will be part of a future phase.

### MZ ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Time has flown by and this yesterday the one-year anniversary since Mount Zion was opened as a hospital in response to the beginning of COVID-19.

The additional capacity it provides will play a critical role in fulfilling UCSF Health's 2025 Vision as the leading complex care provider and a destination for tertiary and quaternary care in the Bay Area. The majority of orthopedic inpatient surgeries already have transitioned to Mount Zion, allowing orthopedics to grow and providing additional capacity at Parnassus Heights.

The reopening and transition of orthopedics are great examples of how so many of people have ensured the execution of UCSF Health's priorities have continued even during this pandemic. Please take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate all that has happened at Mount Zion in the last year, as well as of all the people on the front lines making sure UCSF Health consistently provides high-quality care and a great experience to all of our patients.

## SPECIAL THEATER PRODUCTION FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

On May 27, from 6 to 8 p.m., UCSF and Stanford University will present a virtual performance by the international theater company, "Theater of War," which features acclaimed actors reading from ancient Greek plays as a way to spark constructive conversations.

- This program will feature three-time best actress Oscar winner Frances McDormand and others who will read Sophocles' "Philoctetes and Women of Trachis" to explore issues such as personal risk, death and dying, grief and helplessness.
- The goal of this production is to foster resilience, build community and spur positive action among health care workers, first responders and all those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Registration is free and open to the public via Eventbrite.](#)
- The event Zoom link will be distributed and available to registered attendees starting two days before the event.

## REMINDERS

### VACCINATION COMPLIANCE FOR EMPLOYEES

UCSF is requiring all employees and residents, fellows and postdoctoral scholars, including those at Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, to either be vaccinated or decline vaccination in accordance with an interim University of California (UC) policy, which aims to protect the health and safety of the entire UC community. Here's what you need to know:

- Get the COVID-19 vaccination or decline the vaccination.
- Please note that if you were in one of the earlier groups offered a vaccination and you declined or deferred your vaccination in MyChart, you must still complete a declination form on the OHS portal in order to be compliant.
- If you received a COVID-19 vaccination outside of a UCSF campus location, you must submit proof of your vaccination.
- **For UCSF employees**, go to the new [Occupational Health Services \(OHS\) portal](#), which is accessible via the UCSF network or VPN.
- **For BCH Oakland employees**, send documentation directly to [EH-Dept@ucsf.edu](mailto:EH-Dept@ucsf.edu). BCH Oakland compliance reports will be sent directly to unit managers. [Get more details.](#)

Find more information about how to be vaccine compliant on the [COVID-19 website](#).

### RUTTER CENTER CLOSED FOR VACCINES

UCSF Health closed its vaccination site at the Rutter Center at the Mission Bay campus on April 29, to focus efforts at City College of San Francisco (CCSF), UCSF is considering operating smaller vaccination site locations based on the needs of employees and patients.

## IN THE NEWS

[All Things Considered: Doctors Weigh In On How To Navigate A Partially Vaccinated Society](#), 4/23/21. NPR's Ailsa Chang talks to Dr. Monica Gandhi, infectious disease specialist at UCSF, and Dr. Leana Wen, emergency physician and public health professor at George Washington University, about how Americans can navigate a half-vaccinated society.

[Opinion: This is the most dangerous moment to be unvaccinated](#), 4/19/21. Washington Post. Op-ed by Robert M. Wachter, chair of the department of medicine at UCSF.

## 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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