



Clinical Update
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Recognitions

Happy National Nurses’ Week to all of our wonderful Nurses!! We appreciate you!!!
 A special shout out today to Emily Ko, who has managed the posts to this clinical update and our clinical website behind the scenes since the pandemic began. Emily will now transition more fully back to her role as a program manager in Continuous Improvement. Thank you for all of your help Emily!

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	0.3%	5%	Green
ZSFG	5			Green

Currently, San Francisco is now at Level 2 Low Alert with 2.8 new cases daily per 100,000 population (Goal 1.8 per 100,000). This is equal to about 25 new cases daily in San Francisco. More San Francisco COVID19 public health indicators are available via this [SFPDPH Website](#).

Emotional Well-Being During COVID-19 for Health Care Providers Webinar Series

The UCSF Alumni Relations team and the [UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences](#) are partnering to co-sponsor a new iteration of the “Emotional Well-Being During COVID-19 for Health Care Providers” webinar series. As before, these sessions will be moderated by Vice Chair for Adult Psychology [Elissa Epel, PhD](#), and feature UCSF and national experts sharing insights on how we can reduce stress and trauma, pandemic fatigue, and racism in our health care systems and communities, as well as promote well-being of youth and help mitigate the climate crisis.

Last year, each weekly session in the series attracted on average 1,300 live zoom participants and produced over 50,000+ YouTube views as of February 2021. The program earned a Gold Award for best programming pivot from CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education).

This year’s monthly webinar series summary and schedule can be found [here](#). Register for the entire series [here](#).

The next session in the series will take place on Thursday, May 13, at noon. It will feature renowned therapist Jack Saul and NY Times bestselling author and family therapist Esther Peral discussing “Pandemic Transitions: From Collective Grief to Joy.”

Resumption of Inpatient COVID-19 Vaccinations

Starting May 5th, the adult inpatient COVID-19 vaccination program **resumed for the single dose Janssen vaccine for patients >=65 years of age OR discharging to congregate setting**. We promote COVID-19 vaccination for our patients at UCSF Health, and we currently have the Janssen vaccine available to our eligible hospitalized patients.

For patients who prefer other vaccine options, resources for COVID-19 outpatient vaccine scheduling can be found at <https://www.ucsfhealth.org/covid/vaccine>. Patients may also be directed to their local outpatient pharmacy, such as Walgreens or CVS.

The [FAQs for Janssen \(Johnson & Johnson\) Pause and Vaccine-associated Complications \(PDF\)](#) document provides clear language for providers to counsel patients on the benefits and risks of vaccination with the Janssen vaccine including links to resources for patients and [Clinical Guidance on Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia \(VITT\) syndrome](#).

For ordering, the “**COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Panel**” can be manually selected anytime during the admission for eligible patients. This order will now auto-appear for patients 65 and older at admission.

The following resources are available for review of the workflows:

- Please see these tips for [Provider ordering and workflow](#).
- Please see these tips for [RN administration workflow](#).
- Please see these tips for Discharge Milestones and the new COVID Vaccine Milestones ([Tip Sheet here](#)).
- Patient, nursing and provider educational materials are available on the [HEIP website](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelsey Waier, kelsey.waier@ucsf.edu, or Sarah Imershein, sarah.imershein@ucsf.edu.

Respiratory Screening Clinic (RSC) Consolidation

The Respiratory Screening Clinics are starting to consolidate given the decreasing prevalence and volume of patients needing assessment for COVID-19. The Mission Bay RSC closes on Friday, May 14th. The Parnassus RSC will eventually also close and consolidate into one RSC site at Mount Zion, and this timing will be communicated when ready.

- Evaluation and triage workflows for off-site patients will remain unchanged
 - If triaged by the clinic, providers can use **Ambulatory Referral to COVID Testing Appointment/RSC and COVID POCT/PCR Panel (REF 778)**, to request a provider appointment or a swab only visit. The PCR swab order is included in the order panel.

Ambulatory Referral to COVID Testing Appointment/RSC and COVID POCT/PCR Panel (UCSF ONLY) ✓ Accept

Ambulatory Referral to COVID Testing Appointment or Respiratory Screening Clinic (UCSF ONLY) ✓ Accept ✗ Cancel

Class: UCSF UCSF

Referral: To dept spec: General Internal Medicine

To dept:

Priority: Routine Routine Urgent

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

COVID positive - Home Monitoring

Which type of visit should be scheduled? In-Person Visit Video Visit Monoclonal Antibody COVID Treatment

Process Inst.: Please consult the reference link below for guidance on when to select PCR vs POCT.

For "Pre-procedure/ admission/ study testing only" and "Other COVID testing-only appointment" remember to place all orders requested, including the appropriate COVID swab order - PCR, POCT or both.

For pre-procedure testing, POCT should be requested to be done on the day of the procedure (it is valid for 24 hours). Pre-procedure PCR should continue to be requested 2-4 days prior to the procedure.

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

Show Additional Order Details ⌵

POCT COVID-19 RNA, Qualitative, Rapid

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

✓ Accept ✗ Cancel

Next Required ✓ Accept

- Patients can also be directed to call COVID Hotline 415-514-7328 to be triaged
 - In person provider visits for Cancer Center Patients will now be scheduled at Mt Zion RSC.
 - Monoclonal Antibody COVID Treatment will be administered at Parnassus and Mt Zion RSCs and can be requested using the same Ambulatory Referral Order Panel.
 - Patients who screen positive for COVID symptoms and/or exposure in the Mission Bay Lobby or in Clinic will be directed for COVID evaluation per the destination clinic workflow. The workflow can be found [here](#).

Laurel Heights Drive Through Testing Site (COVID Mobile Laurel Heights) is now performing blood draws for PUI and COVID positive patients. These can be scheduled using the **Ambulatory Referral to COVID Testing Appointment/RSC and COVID POCT/PCR Panel (REF 778)** under "Other COVID testing-only appointment", "other labs".

The Mount Zion Asymptomatic Testing Center (MZ ATC) will be closing on May 28th. The POCT and PCR testing currently performed at MZ Asymptomatic Testing Center will be transitioned to the Respiratory Screening Clinic at Mount Zion (MZ RSC).

Vaccine Breakthrough in Patients

Many have raised concerns regarding how we should be approaching cases where fully vaccinated patients present positive with a new diagnosis of COVID19. Please remember that the vaccines are not 100% effective at preventing COVID19, though they do significantly reduce the risk of severe illness, and some breakthrough is expected. Currently, we are not advising any changes in the infection prevention approach or clinical management for these scenarios. Although genomic sequencing in these scenarios will be helpful in assessing for variants, this can currently only be done through research-based testing and the related reporting to SFDPH for public health purposes and epidemiologic surveillance. The referral process to research-based testing is described in the Umpire Study below.

UMPIRE COVID-19 Research Study

You and your family & friends are invited to participate in the *UMPIRE* study, a COVID-19 research study initiated by Dr. Charles Chiu.

We are collecting blood samples to look the body's antibody response to the vaccine over time, validate novel antibody assays, and attempt to understand the efficacy of vaccines against emerging variants. You will be asked to complete short surveys and provide blood samples at 9 timepoints at Parnassus or Mission Bay. Antibody results from EUA approved assays will be provided to participants during the study.

We are accepting those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine, and particularly interested in those who have not received it yet.

How to participate (regardless of vaccination status):

1. Complete [THIS SURVEY](#) if you are interested.
2. You will later be contacted by a research coordinator and sent a DocuSign consent form.
3. To refer patients who cannot completely the survey link, clinical teams can reach out to the study coordinators below.

Please contact the research coordinators, Martha Rangel-Lugo (415-652-4058, Martha.RangelLugo@ucsf.edu), Nikitha Reddy (925-640-2167, Nikitha.Reddy@ucsf.edu) or Amelia Gliwa (561-846-1029, Amelia.Gliwa@ucsf.edu) for any questions.

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
UMPIRE COVID-19 Research Study	New	Administrative Announcements	5/6/2021	Flyer with additional details about research study initiated by Dr. Charles Chiu.
Mission Bay On-Site PUI (person under investigation for COVID-19) Workflow	New	Algorithms and Clinical Guidance	5/5/2021	Process for coordinating a COVID Evaluation for on-site patients who screen positive for COVID symptoms or exposure
New Hire COVID-19 Onboarding Guidelines	New	Occupational Health Services	4/29/2021	COVID-19 related guidelines for onboarding new hires. These guidelines cover UCSF Medical Center new hires, campus new hires, and temp agencies.
COVID-19 Vaccine: Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Fact Sheet Benefits and Risks	New	COVID Vaccine	4/23/2021	California Department of Public Health (CDPH) truncated version of FDA COVID-19 Vaccine: Janssen EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers .
Nursing Workflow Guidelines for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine in Inpatient	Update	COVID Vaccine	4/29/2021	The update includes the addition of the CDPH Fact Sheet and Appendix A: to Needle Safety Devices

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](#)