



UCSF Health COVID-19

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It's National Nurses Week. Please let our UCSF nurses know how much they are appreciated!

TOWN HALLS

- Please join us for a UCSF Health Town Hall from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11. You can join at [this LINK](#).
- There will be a UCSF Town Hall on May 14 with more information about telework.
- You can watch last Friday's UCSF Town Hall [HERE](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES

GUIDANCE FOR TELEWORK AT UCSF

[Chancellor Sam Hawgood announced that UCSF will incorporate a combination of telework and on-site work](#) in staffing plans for those job duties that can be performed remotely without compromising our mission. Highlights:

- The Chancellor's Cabinet agreed on guiding principles to inform decisions about telework.
- UCSF is extending the work-from-home guidance to Oct. 1, 2021, for those employees currently working remotely.
- From now through September, leaders will create staffing plans and will communicate them in the coming weeks.

WEARING MASKS INDOORS AND OUTDOORS

Please note that all employees, learners, patients and visitors – regardless of their vaccination status – must wear masks indoors in UCSF buildings unless in a private office. UCSF is currently reviewing new San Francisco Department of Public Health guidance on outdoor masking for vaccinated people and will communicate these updates soon.

EMPLOYEE COVID-19 WEBINAR WITH CONFIDENTIAL Q&A

Some employees may have not yet decided to get the COVID-19 vaccine. This webinar offers a unique opportunity for confidential participation, and the ability to clarify concerns you may have about getting the COVID-19 vaccine by confidentially asking questions from UCSF experts, Alicia Fernandez, MD, professor of medicine and director of the UCSF Latinx Center of Excellence, and Malcolm John, MD, MPH, professor of medicine, UCSF Division of Infectious Diseases.

When: Monday May 10th, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Click [here](#) for more Information and Zoom link.

If you are unable to attend the event, a recording will be available for viewing/listening. More information on where to access the event link will be provided after the event.

RESUMPTION OF JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19 VACCINES

On April 23, following a thorough safety review, the FDA and CDC determined that the use of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine should resume. The FDA and CDC have confidence that this vaccine is safe and effective in preventing COVID-19, and the available data show that the vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks. Available data suggest that the chance of Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia syndrome occurring is very low, but the FDA and CDC will remain vigilant in continuing to investigate this risk.

Starting May 5, 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.

UCSF also resumed offering the single dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine to employees and the public at City College at San Francisco on May 12. Other vaccine appointments that show the option of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are available as well. Employees should use [this link](#).

COMING: STREAMLINED COVID-19 DASHBOARD ACCESS

As part of efforts to improve the user experience, COVID-19 dashboards are now available on the Enterprise Dashboards Catalog site at <dashboards.ucsf.edu>. The site provides easy access alongside additional features allowing navigation between dashboards with a single click, information about each dashboard, and tips on navigating within Tableau.

Beginning May 13, existing links for all COVID-19 response, recovery, and vaccination dashboards will re-direct users to the new location. You must be connected to VPN to view the dashboards within the site. Please reach out to Rhiannon Croci rhiannon.croci@ucsf.edu or Joanne Yim joanne.yim@ucsf.edu with any questions.

VACCINE COVID-19 RESEARCH STUDY

You and your family and friends are invited to participate in the UMPIRE (UC employee and community immune response) study, a COVID-19 research study initiated by Charles Chiu, MD, PhD, UCSF professor, laboratory medicine. We are collecting blood samples to look at 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 nine time points 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 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) with any questions. A flyer is available at [UMPIRE COVID-19 Research Study \(PDF\)](#).

FREQUENTLY USED LINKS

View COVID-19 data dashboards: UCSF Health <dashboards.ucsf.edu> ; 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](#)

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