Healthcare Partner/EMS Provider Coordination Conference Call

COVID-19

August 6, 2020
8:30 – 9:30 am Update of all facilities
9:30 – 10:00am Infection Control Discussion for SNF/LTC Facilities
Purpose of Partner Conference Call

- Assure and coordinate situational awareness between partners and PHD/EMSA
- Share best practices to prevent spread of COVID-19
- Discuss and confirm guidance to assure health care worker and patient safety
- Identify resource shortages and determine solutions
- Promote coordinated and efficient response to protect the community
Agenda

8:30- 9:30 am:
I. Situation Update
II. Updated Guidance
III. Resources, Supply Chain & Request Process
IV. Conference Calls
V. Questions? Additional Issues?

9:30 – 10:00 am: Infection Control Discussion for SNF/LTC
COVID-19 by the Numbers

On August 5, California reported 5,295 new cases of COVID-19. The state now has a total of 524,722 positive cases. There have been a total of 9,703 deaths in the state.

CDPH has discovered an underreporting of COVID-19 cases due to technology issues with the electronic laboratory reporting system which reports into the state's disease registry system (CalREDIE). However, patient care and test results are not affected or delayed by this issue. Laboratories continue to report test results directly to providers and hospitals, and hospitalization and death rates are not impacted as they are reported directly to the state through different systems. This is also likely leading to underreporting of cases at the local level as well.

While clinicians are still able to report to local health departments, this issue may impact a local public health department's ability to receive all lab reports in order to case investigate and contact trace.

To address this issue, we have taken the following actions:

- Deployed a team from the Department of Technology to assess the underlying code;
- Engaged our local public health officers to ensure they have necessary information;
- Instructed all laboratories in California to manually report all positive cases to the local public health departments.

[Source](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx)
The state’s electronic disease reporting system has been experiencing issues processing incoming reports. Therefore, recent data published on the SB County Public Health COVID-19 dashboards are likely to be an underestimate of true cases in the county. This disclaimer will be in place until the state reporting issue is rectified.

### Geographic Area as of 8/5/2020

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### Cases Reported at Skilled Nursing Facilities

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Source: Cumulative numbers are from the survey found [here](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OID/DCDC). Outbreak numbers are reported by each Skilled Nursing Facility Department as of 8/5/20. HCW = health care workers.

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[https://publichealthsbc.org/santa-barbara-county-reopening-metrics/](https://publichealthsbc.org/santa-barbara-county-reopening-metrics/)
State SNF and Assisted Living Data

Skilled Nursing Facility - (at the bottom of the page)
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/SNFsCOVID_19.aspx

Assisted Living (RCFE), Adult Residential Facility -
https://www.cdss.ca.gov/#covid19
• Click on link for Positive Cases in Adults and Senior Care Facilities

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COVID-19 Situation Update - Global

https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#!/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6
PHD Department Operations Center (DOC)

**Open Monday-Friday - 8:00 am- 5:00 pm**

- After hours email and phone
- Provides additional staff to carry out PHD objectives
- Respond to cases and provider/public information requests
- Coordinates contact tracing and additional testing
- Orders and prioritizes resources for distribution
- Supporting symptomatic homeless individuals with alternate sheltering
- Supporting individuals in hotels that are unable to isolate at home or have been discharged from the hospital
## Communication with PHD DOC

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| Santa Barbara County Disease Control | Used to contact and report positive cases, and suspect cases in SNF/LTC and HCW | **805-681-5280** – 24/7 number [dc@sbcphd.org](mailto:dc@sbcphd.org) – hospitals report discharges via email, submit line lists (Mon – Fri 8am-5pm)
Fax: **805-681-4069** |
| Santa Barbra Isolation & Quarantine | Discharge from hospital or ED of confirmed COVID-19 patient unable to isolate at home. Individuals unable to isolate within their home. | **805-681-5165** |
| EMS Duty Officer | After hours requests for PPE and assistance | **805-694-8301** |
| PHD Department Operations Center (DOC) | Operations Section:
M-F 8 am- 5pm | [Operations.medicalbranch@sbcphd.org](mailto:Operations.medicalbranch@sbcphd.org)
Jan Koegler- 805-681-4913
Stacey Rosenberger- 805-681-4912 |
Hear from our Local Experts

https://publichealthsbc.org/hear-from-the-experts/
Health Officer Order No 2020-12.5

6. Gatherings are not allowed. As required by the State Public Health Officer Order of July 13, 2020, all gatherings are prohibited unless otherwise excepted.

a. A "gathering" is any event or convening that brings together people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space.

b. This restriction applies to all non-essential professional, social, and community gatherings regardless of their sponsor. Gatherings that do not meet the aforementioned definition should only be conducted when they are essential—that is, if the activity is essential and could not be postponed or achieved without gathering, meaning that some other means of communication could not be used to conduct the essential function.
Updated Guidance

• Home Isolation Instructions have been updated
  • English and Spanish can be found on: https://publichealthsbc.org/healthcare-professionals/ under Additional information

• Updated HCW exposure algorithm
• Finalizing discharge criteria
COVID-19 Exposure Guidance Algorithm for Health Care Worker or First Responder Exposure in Health Care Settings

Summary 7-29-20

Asymptomatic health care workers (HCW)/first responders who have had prolonged exposure with a confirmed COVID-19 case (while not wearing recommended PPE) should quarantine for 14 days after last exposure. These individuals may be tested prior to release from 14 day quarantine if resources are available.

Symptomatic health care workers (HCW) or first responders who have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case REQUIRE immediate testing and isolation.

Those who test positive:
- Isolate until 10 days have passed from onset of symptoms, AND 24 hours since last fever without the use of fever reducers, AND other symptoms have improved significantly. Wear a facemask upon return to work.
- Persons with severe to critical illness should isolate until 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Wear a facemask upon return to work.


Those who test negative:
- Quarantine for 14 days and can be retested if resources are available.
- Return to work after 14 days and 24 hours since last fever without use of fever reducers, and other source of illness ruled out.

Wear a facemask upon return to work.

During critical staffing shortages that affect safe patient care, facilities should use contingency strategies, including cancellation of non-essential procedures and visits, as described in CDC guidance:


For isolation of HCW or First Responder due to exposures in community settings see CDC:


HCW or First Responder with prolonged close contact to confirmed COVID-19 case (or suspect case pending results) in a healthcare setting without wearing recommended PPE


HCW or First Responder Symptomatic Exposure Unknown

NO COVID-19 TEST or Negative Test

COVID-19 TEST Positive

Select from following options according to Agency Policy and local circumstances:

- Quarantine until:
  - 14 days have passed from onset of symptoms, AND
  - 24 hours since last fever without the use of fever reducers, AND
  - Other symptoms have improved significantly

Isolate and exclude from work for 10 days post last date if symptoms develop or symptomatic pulse.

COVID-19 TEST Isolate while pending

NEGATIVE

POSITIVE

If symptoms become severe, seek medical care without exposing additional people.

Mild to Moderate Illness:
- Quarantine until:
  - 10 days have passed from onset of symptoms; AND
  - 24 hours since last fever without the use of fever reducers; AND
  - Other symptoms have improved significantly

Return to Work

Must wear facemask at work

Severe to Critical Illness:
- Quarantine until:
  - 10 days have passed from onset of symptoms; AND
  - 24 hours since last fever without the use of fever reducers; AND
  - Other symptoms have improved significantly

Return to Work

Must wear facemask at work

NO COVID-19 TEST

*Close contact: Within 6 ft of COVID case for 15 min or more or having direct contact with secretions (coughing on, touching used tissues bare hand) or any aerosol generating procedure.
*Recommended PPE: N-95 and Eye Protection/Goggles/SHN

Community-Based Testing Sites

• Locations:
  • **Santa Maria:** Fairpark
  • **Santa Barbara:** Earl Warren
  • **Buellton:** AMR Conference Room- 240 CA-246 Buellton, CA
• Can test approx. 144 at each site each day
• PCR test not serology
• Open 5 days a week. Days and times for appointments will be adjusted based on community needs
• To make appointments:
  • To register online: [https://lhi.care/covidtesting](https://lhi.care/covidtesting)
  • To register by phone: 888-634-1123
  • **For help with registration:** 833-688-5551
COVID-19 Swabbing Training

Swabbing Training Interest Form-
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/1a2b16bc39ae4c01918aeb51b5ff645b

• Plan to hold 1 training a week and we hope to move training around county in the future

• Scheduled for Tuesdays 1-4 pm in Santa Barbara

• Looking at online swabbing refresher webinar
Who can perform NP swabs?

The following individuals can perform NP swabs.

- Registered nurses can collect specimens using nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs.
- Nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swab collection is within the scope of practice for a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) and psychiatric technician (PT) as long as the LVN or PT:
  - Receives specialized instruction in the proper procedure from a registered nurse or licensed physician;
  - Demonstrates the requisite knowledge, skills and ability prior to performance of the procedure; and
  - Performs the procedure in accordance with a licensed physician’s order.
- Respiratory care practitioners are authorized under their scope of practice to collect specimens using swabs, including NP and OP swabs.
- EMTs and paramedics are authorized by the Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority to collect nasopharyngeal swabs only for COVID-19 testing and only for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. Additional information about the local option scope of practice allowing them to do this is available on the California Emergency Medical Services Authority webpage.
Assistance with Testing

• PHD has a contract with AMR to assist in transport of positive or suspect patients and testing in the county
• Many SNFs have utilized AMR to assist in testing at their facility during outbreak testing
• Starting June 25, 2020 – facilities that utilize AMR will invoiced by PHD for AMRs time assisting with testing
• Beginning 7/28: Medical Reserve Corps staff will also assist with testing
- Used during an outbreak at facility or for surveillance testing
- Fill this out in advance so you are ready when you have an outbreak
- Different tab for staff and residents
- May be requested to include county of residence (SLO, SB, Vta)
- Completed on computer and submit to: dc@sbcphd.org
Outbreak Line List Reminders

- Complete ahead of time (list staff and residents with DOB)
  - Make sure names and birthdays are correct
- Complete electronically and email to dc@sbcphd.org every time you have changes/updates
  - Highlight additions and updates
  - Highlight positives
- Don’t delete anything from your line list
  - Line list provides a complete picture for our disease control and epi staff
  - Make sure you include first positive test
- Staff: Include if they work at another facility if possible
When to Retest

- Do not retest positive staff or residents during an outbreak.
- Do not retest positive staff or residents for 3 months from the date of their positive test for surveillance testing.
- Home Health, hospice and contractors may need to show documentation of their positive test to facilities.
- A template could be developed to indicate when the employee needs to begin testing again (if acceptable to the facility).
Resources and Supply Chain

Current supply chain issues/shortages
• N95s
• Procedure masks
• Isolation gowns
• Hand sanitizer
• Gloves
• Eye protection
• Healthcare disinfecting wipes

PHD PPE Distribution:
• Requests reviewed on Monday
• Pick or delivery will occur on Tuesday
• Urgent requests can be picked up on other days
• Urgent needs please call 805-681-5253 or email operations.medicalbranch@sbcphd.org
PHD PPE Resources

- PHD received large shipment of isolation gowns and hand sanitizer (small bottles)

To request resources:
http://www.countyofsbc.org/phd/epp/forms.sbc
Requesting N-95 Fit Testing Kits

• PHD has 8 fit testing kits to loan
• Facility/agency can request up to 2 kits
• To request: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/386bce37fa7b4e21a5c11af7948fdb50
Resource Request Process

http://www.countyofsb.org/phd/epp/forms.sbc

• Complete situation report weekly and whenever you do a resource request
• Access resource request form is in sit rep
• Different situation reports based on your facility or agency type
• If you have questions about which one to fill out let us know!

Situation Report Forms for Healthcare Partners

Situation Report Forms
All Updated 3/24/20 for the use during COVID-19 response.
We ask that all facilities/agencies complete a situation report weekly or whenever you need to submit a resource request.

Outpatient Provider Situation Report Forms:
• Urgent Care Situation Report
• Ambulatory Surgery Center Situation Report
• Home Health & Hospice Agency Situation Report
• Other Provider Situation Report

Inpatient Provider Situation Report Forms:
• Hospital Situation Report
• Skilled Nursing Facility/CORIC Assisted Living/CIF Situation Report

Non-Medical Situation Report Form:
• Non-Medical Situation Report

Requests for PPE and other scarce medical resources are going through our Scarce Medical Resource Committee. All organizations wanting to make a resource request will need to complete a situation report. Once the situation report is completed you will be automatically linked to the resource request form. We will not backorder requests or do partial fills for requests. Organizations will need to submit a new request if they do not receive all the supplies that they need.
So Many Conference Calls...

CDPH Weekly Healthcare Facility Call:
- Tuesdays 8 am
- Toll-free: 844-721-7239
  Access Code: 7993227

SNF Infection Prevention Webinar
Wednesdays 3-4 pm
Register: https://www.hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars

SNF Infection Prevention Call
Thursdays 12-1 pm
Toll-free: 877-226-8163
Access Code: 513711
CMS Conference Calls - August

Home Health and Hospice Call (twice a month on Tuesday at 3:00 PM Eastern)
Tuesday, August 11th at 3:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern
Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820 Access Passcode: 5097566

Nursing Homes Call (twice a month on Wednesday at 4:30 PM Eastern)
Wednesday, August 12th at 4:30 – 5:00 PM Eastern
Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 7857618

Dialysis Organizations Call (twice a month on Wednesday at 5:30 PM Eastern)
Wednesday, August 12th at 5:30 – 6:00 PM Eastern
Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 1027088

Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19 (twice a month on Fridays at 12:30 – 2:00 PM Eastern)
Friday, August 7th at 12:30 – 2:00 PM Eastern
Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0620; Access Code: 4695240

National CMS/CDC Nursing Home COVID-19 Training: COVID-19 Knowledge for the Frontline Staff
Thursday, July 30, 2020; 4:00-5:00 PM ET
This call is open to nursing home leaders, clinical and administrative staff members and others interested in nursing home infection prevention in the era of COVID-19.
Advance Registration Required: Register here.

CMS Conference Calls Cont.

CMS COVID-19 Office Hours Call (Tuesdays at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern)

Tuesday, July 28th at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern


Audio Webcast link: https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=b8dea1fd-e8a8b81-b8de90c-2-0cc47ac5fa2-75ab79ed98ac12093&u=https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=c408a7b1-985c99e9a-c408d56e-0cc47a6d17cc-d5428ab37156e652&u=https://engage.vevent.com/r/cms2/index.jsp?eid=2297

Tuesday, August 4th at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern


Audio Webcast link: https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=3444e10-5819673c-34447f7f-0cc47adc5fa2-f29803ef050e8bd7&u=https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=2d58dd05-710d705-2d58e0ea-0cc47a6a52de-a294a2b484144f1&u=https://engage.vevent.com/r/cms2/index.jsp?eid=2352

Tuesday, August 11th at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern


Questions?

Thank you for everything
9:30-10:00 AM
INFECTION CONTROL DISCUSSION
SNF/LTC
Infection Control for COVID-19

Major Components:
• Correct PPE supplies
• Fit Testing for N-95 masks
• Correct Donning and Doffing 24/7
• Set up for Donning and Doffing including Signage
• Ventilation and HVAC
• Zones for positive, suspect, and non-exposed
• Adequate staff and who do not work between zones
• Other?
Using PPE Correctly: Donning and Doffing

**Training:**
- In person – PHD can provide classes
- Video/Utube
- Virtual – Zoom
- ALL staff – not just the staff in Red Zone (maintenance, other zones)

**Assuring correct use 24/7:**
- Coaching on the job daily – “infectious disease safety officer”
- Developing and rewarding PPE team captains on all shifts
- Stations set up and maintained
- Graphic posters with instructions – Large and clear
Donning and Doffing

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COVID-19 PPE: Donning and Doffing

Items Required
- Gown - Standard Isolation
- N95 Respirator
- Eye Protection
  - Face Shield or Goggles
- Gloves

Donning Order
1. Hand Hygiene
2. Gown
3. Respirator
4. Eye Protection
5. Gloves

Doffing Order 1
1. Hand Hygiene
2. Hand Hygiene
3. Hand Hygiene
4. Hand Hygiene
5. Hand Hygiene
6. Hand Hygiene
7. Hand Hygiene

Doffing Order 2
1. Hand Hygiene
2. Gown
3. Gloves
4. Hand Hygiene
5. Eye Protection
6. Hand Hygiene
7. N95
8. Hand Hygiene
Additional Donning/Doffing Videos

• CDC Donning: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4jQUBAIBrl
• CDC Doffing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQxOc13DxvQ
• Ventura County: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyzGIQdxp0&feature=youtu.be
Masks and Face Shields

• N-95 masks should be fit tested
  • Fit testing is not hard – multiple staff should be trained
  • Could be trained using Zoom or in person, even Utube
  • Come to a PHD train-the-trainer course

• Purchase fit testing kits and solution now
• If no fit testing available have staff select the mask that fits best by doing a “seal check”
Zones and Staffing

• Identify your zones in advance, set up your PPE stations
• Zones ideally separated physically but plastic sheeting can be used
  • Red Zone = Positive Patients
  • Yellow Zone = Exposed Patients (Roommates, close contacts)
  • Green Zone = Non-exposed Patients
• Staff in zones should be dedicated to the zone
• Staff in zones should not eat or socialize together
• Break rooms should be separate
• Everyone always 6 foot distance with masks, before, during and after work
Discussion

• How can we improve?
• What resources does your facility need to control disease spread?
• What lessons have you learned that you can share?
• Would you like infection control seminar for your infection control staff/other staff?
Infection Control for COVID - Guidance

• CDPH All Facilities Letters (AFL)

• CA Dept of Social Services (CDSS) Provider Information Notices (PIN)

• CDC
To give nursing homes a more robust strategy to protect residents and staff, CDC has updated its infection prevention guidance for long-term care settings to include tiered recommendations to address nursing homes in different phases of COVID-19 response, as well as new recommendations to designate at least one individual to manage the nursing home’s infection prevention program, and to create a plan for testing residents and healthcare personnel. This guidance also includes information about reporting COVID-19 data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

Additionally, CDC has developed guidance to implement facility-wide testing in nursing homes and updated the interim testing guidance to integrate testing with other core prevention strategies.

CDC has developed many resources specific to help support long-term facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Below you will find a summary of these resources.

- **Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Nursing Homes Preparing for COVID-19** – CDC's COVID-19 Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) tool was developed to help nursing homes prepare for and respond to COVID-19. This ICAR tool should be used as one tool to develop a comprehensive COVID-19 response plan. This tool may also contain content relevant for assisted living facilities.

- **Considerations for Memory Care Units in Long-term Care Facilities** – Infection prevention strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are especially challenging to implement in dedicated memory care units where numerous residents with cognitive impairment reside together. This guidance provides considerations for memory care units, including when residents in a memory care unit are suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19.

- **Preparedness Checklist for Nursing Homes and Other Long-Term Care Settings** – Nursing homes and other long-term care facilities can take steps to assess and improve their preparedness for responding to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). This checklist should be used as one tool to develop a comprehensive COVID-19 response plan.

- **Long-term Care Facility Letter to Residents, Families, Friends and Volunteers** – This letter helps to communicate to residents, families and volunteers the actions your nursing home facility is taking to protect its residents and staff.

- **Preparing Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities to Prepare for COVID-19** – This pre-recorded webinar will provide nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other long-term care facilities with information to prepare for COVID-19.