



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Agenda



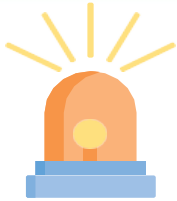
- Welcome & Announcements
- NHSN & Vaccine Updates
- Medical Countermeasures COVID-19 Testing Updates
- HAI Updates
- Q&A

Upcoming Calls



- HSAG—Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., NHSN & HAI Updates & Office Hours:
 - 3rd Tuesday of each month
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/NHSNHAIofficehoursJantoJuly2024>
- CDPH—Wednesday, 3 p.m., SNF Infection Prevention (IP) Webinars
 - Register: hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars
 - Recordings, notes, and slides are posted at registration site
 - Hosted every other month moving forward:
 - July 24
 - September 25
 - November 13

Emergency Preparedness Webinar



Register:

www.hsag.com/epp-series

June 12: Who/What is ASPR TRACIE?

- Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response (ASPR)
- Technical Resources, Assistance Center & Information Exchange (TRACIE)
- Speakers
 - Rachel Lehman, Program Director (Acting), Health and Human Services ASPR TRACIE
 - Caecilia Andrew, CMS Quality, Safety & Oversight Group, Health Insurance Specialist/Program Lead for Emergency Preparedness, Outpatient Physical Therapy Organizations and Religious Non-Medical Healthcare Institutions
 - LT Eric Mangahis, US Public Health Service, CMS Survey Operations Group

CMS F945: Infection Control Training

- Effective October 2022.
- Requires nursing homes to develop, implement, and permanently maintain an effective training program for all staff.
- Includes all facility staff (direct and indirect care functions), contracted staff, and volunteers.
- Facilities must have a process in place to track staff participation in and understanding of the required training.



Infection Prevention Training Resources for All Nursing Home Staff



California Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Training Resources

California Infection Preventionist (IP) Requirements

- California SNFs are required to have a full-time, dedicated IP 40 hours/week.
 - [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) All-Facilities Letter \(AFL\) 20-51](#)
 - [CDPH AFL 21-51](#)
- Role may be filled by either 1 full-time staff member or 2 staff members sharing IP responsibility.
- Total time dedicated to the role is ≥ 1 full-time staff member.
- IP must be qualified by education, training, clinical or healthcare experience, or certification.
- IP must have completed specialized training in IPC.
 - Initial Training—minimum 14-hour program per AFL 20-84
 - Annual Training—at least 10 hours of continuing education in the field of IPC
- Primary professional training:
 - Licensed nurse
 - Medical technologist
 - Microbiologist
 - Epidemiologist
 - Public health professional
 - Other healthcare-related professional

Initial 14-Hour IP Training Options

The initial 14-hour IPC fundamentals training program should be completed by each new IP with 30 days of hire. This training must be completed by each new IP if a SNF has more than one IP sharing the role. If an existing SNF employee is designated as the IP, that person should complete the initial IP training within 30 calendar days of his or her IP role designation. To fulfill the initial 14-hour training requirement, IP access training sources through a nationally recognized IPC association. Ensure IPs receive a certificate of attendance or documentation of the learning objectives for their initial training to prove attendance and completion.



Training Resources for NH Staff (Non-IPs)

[CDPH HAI Program Tips on Establishing an Effective IPC Program](#)

Training Resource	Audience	Content	Accessibility
CMS Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline and Management Staff	All staff	Training modules include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand Hygiene and PPE Screening and Surveillance Cleaning the nursing home (NH) Cohorting Caring for Residents with Dementia in a Pandemic IPC Emergency Preparedness and Surge Capacity Addressing Emotional Health of Residents and Staff Telehealth for NHs Getting Your Vaccine Delivery System Ready 	Training is accessible in QSEP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 hours for frontline staff 4.5 hours for management
CDPH HAI Program & HSAG Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Workshops	All staff	Four, virtual TTT workshops focus on improving IPC practices to reduce HAIs and infection-related hospitalizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced Standard Precautions (ESP) Curriculum UTI Prevention Curriculum Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) IPC Curriculum Environmental Services (EVS) IPC Curriculum for EVS Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSAG TTT webpage TTT recordings Office hour and Q&A session recordings Trainings toolkits, bundles, resources, slides, pre-tests, and post-tests.
CDPH HAI Program Project Firstline CNA & EVS Training Toolkits	CNAs EVS staff	Training toolkits tailored to CNA and EVS NH staff. Includes ready-made trainings, discussion prompts, and other materials that trainers can use to train staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNA Training Toolkit Modules: (1) Standard Precautions; (2) PPE; (3) Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection; (4) Skin, Perineal, and Urinary Catheter Care; (5) Oral Care and Feeding; (6) Positioning and Transferring; (7) Bathing and Dressing; (8) Nail Care and Shaving EVS Training Toolkit Modules: (1) Hand Hygiene, (2) Understanding Disinfectants, (3) Setting Up an EVS Cart, (4) Cleaning and Disinfecting a Resident Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Firstline Toolkit Print Materials Library—tools available in English and Spanish





Medical Countermeasures COVID-19 Testing Updates

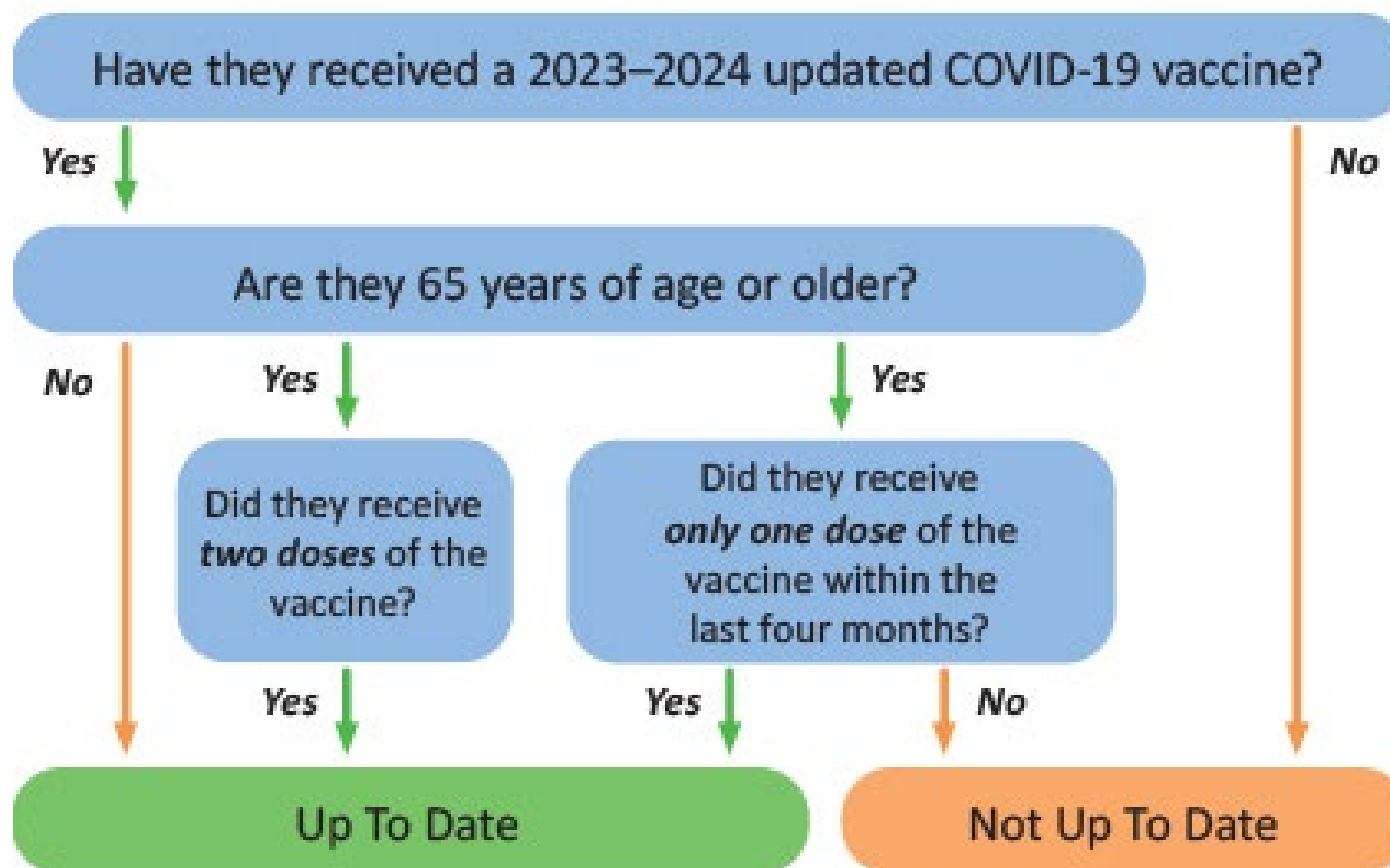


HAI Updates



COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Up to Date NHSN Definition Decision Tree





Vaccine Ambassador Program: On-site Clinic and Education Support

No-Cost Vaccination Clinics

- HSAG is coordinating **no-cost vaccination clinics for all staff members and residents**, regardless of insurance coverage.
- Minimum requirement is 20 vaccinations of any combination of COVID-19/pneumonia.
 - Can include any combination of staff members and resident vaccinations.



HSAG Vaccine Ambassador Support



An assigned vaccine ambassador will reach out to provide customized technical assistance, including:

- Reviewing current vaccination rates.
- Determining challenges/barriers to increased uptake.
- Scheduling on-site or virtual education support based on facilities' needs/requests.
- Coordinating with the vaccination clinic scheduling team to provide on-site vaccination assistance for staff members and residents.

Vaccine Office Hours

Vaccine Office Hours With the Experts

Every other Thursday. Next Session:
June 13 • 12 noon–1 p.m. PT



- Ask questions to address challenges and concerns in a safe, peer-to-peer mentoring environment facilitated by physician leadership.
- Learn how to handle conflicts and difficult conversations regarding anti-vaccination beliefs, opposing views, and misinformation.

Submit your questions in advance here:

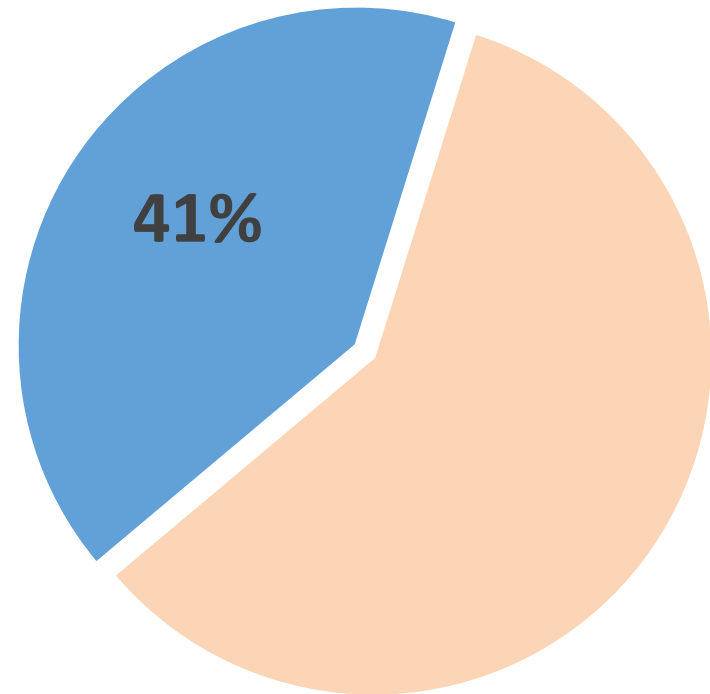
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VAX2024>

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkf-mtrT8jH9JpAKh_qdYOrzRsla10PHZI#/registration

California Vaccine Assistance Progress

- To date, HSAG's Vaccine Ambassador Program has assisted 41% of California SNFs for vaccine education and/or clinics.



■ Vaccine Assistance Provided

■ No Vaccine Assistance Requested

Vaccination Rate Improvement Is Possible!

In California, nursing home support through the HSAG Vaccine Ambassador Program has achieved over:

- **190 education sessions** completed.
- **700 vaccination clinics** scheduled and completed.
- **13,500 total COVID-19 vaccinations** for residents and staff members.



Questions?





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