



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Infection Prevention Webinar

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Agenda



- Welcome and Announcements
- Immunization Branch Updates
- NHSN and Vaccine Clinic Updates
- Therapeutic Treatment Updates
- Testing Updates
- HAI Updates
- Q&A

Upcoming Calls



- HSAG—Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., NHSN & HAI Updates & Office Hours:
 - 3rd Tuesday of each month—October 15
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/NHSNandHAIOfficeHoursASO2024>
- 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
 - Next webinar: November 13
- CALTCM/HSAG Vaccine Office Hours with the Experts
 - Thursdays at Noon: October 10 and 24
 - <https://www.caltcm.org/vaccine-office-hours-with-the-experts>

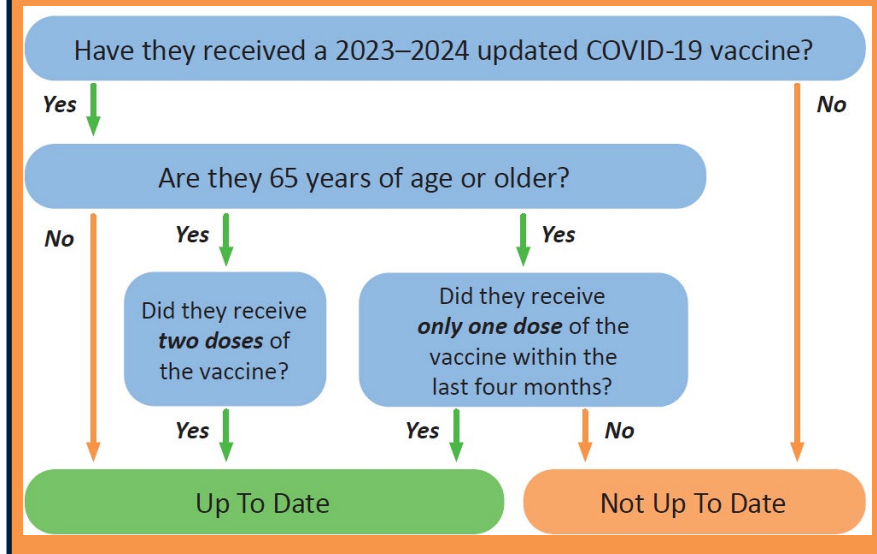


NHSN Updates

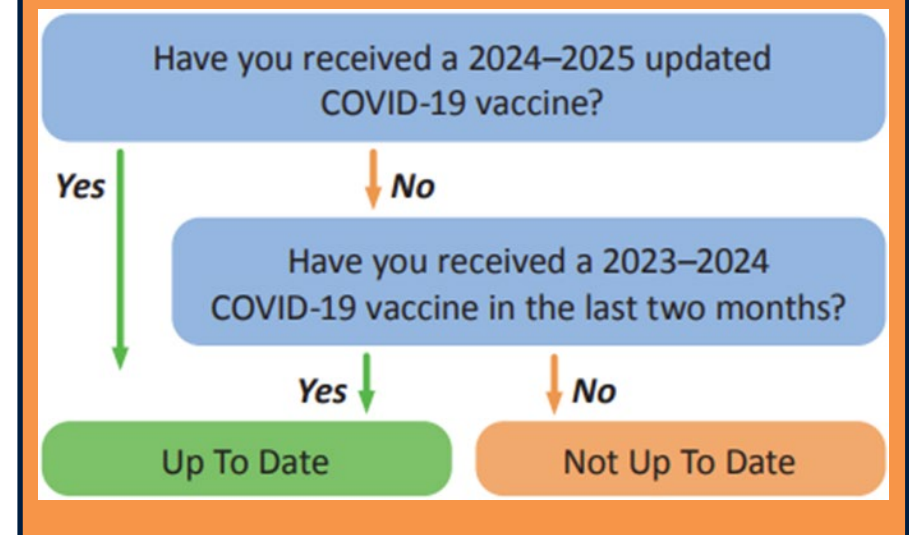
NHSN COVID-19 Up-to-Date Definition



Until September 29:



Starting September 30:

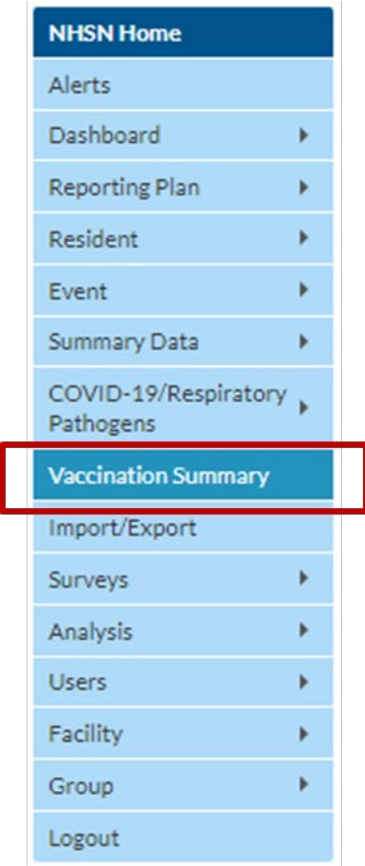




Simplification of Long-Term Care (LTC) Reporting Beginning Sept. 30, 2024

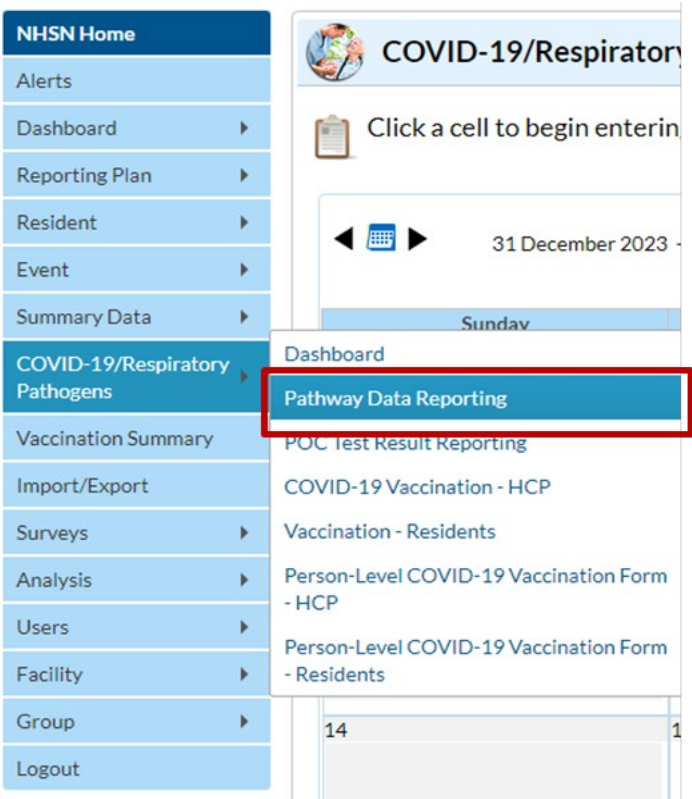
Current COVID-19 Reporting until 9/29/24

1. Weekly Vaccine Reporting



A screenshot of the NHSN Home navigation menu. The menu items are: NHSN Home, Alerts, Dashboard, Reporting Plan, Resident, Event, Summary Data, COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogens, Vaccination Summary (highlighted with a red box), Import/Export, Surveys, Analysis, Users, Facility, Group, and Logout.

2. Weekly Pathway Reporting



A screenshot of the NHSN COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogens reporting interface. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with 'COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogens' selected. The main content area shows a date selector for '31 December 2023' and a list of reporting options: Dashboard, Pathway Data Reporting (highlighted with a red box), POC Test Result Reporting, COVID-19 Vaccination - HCP, Vaccination - Residents, Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - HCP, and Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - Residents.

Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination (RPV) Summary Form Beginning 9/30/24

The RPV form can be accessed in two ways:

1. Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination tab
 - RPV – Residents
2. RPV Summary tab

The screenshot shows the NHSN Long Term Care I navigation menu. The main menu items are: NHSN Home, Reporting Plan, Resident, Staff, Event, Summary Data, Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination, RPV Summary, Surveys, Analysis, Users, Group, Tools, Cheat Sheets, and Logout. The 'Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination' item is highlighted with a red box and a red circle with the number 1. The 'RPV Summary' item is highlighted with a yellow box and a yellow circle with the number 2. The 'RPV - Residents' sub-menu is also visible, containing: POC Test Result Reporting, Pathway Data Reporting (Archive), COVID-19 Event, Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - HCP, and Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form - Residents.

Weekly RPV Summary Form: Residents Beginning 9/30/24

COVID-19 Vaccine: HCP		RPV: Residents	
Number of Residents	1. *Number of residents staying in this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection		<input type="text"/>
	Cumulative Vaccination Coverage		
Vaccination Coverage	2. Resident Vaccination: Among residents in Question #1:		
	2a. *Number of residents who are <u>up to date</u> with <u>COVID-19 vaccines</u>		<input type="text"/>
	2b. Number of residents who have received this season's <u>annual influenza vaccine (2024-2025)</u>		<input type="text"/>
	2c. Number of residents who have received <u>RSV vaccine</u>		<input type="text"/>
New Resident Cases (Positive Tests) and Hospitalizations During the Week of Data Collection			
New Cases	3. Resident Cases (Positive Tests):		
	3a. * <u>COVID-19</u> : Residents with a Positive Test		<input type="text"/>
	3ai. **Number of residents in Question #3a who received the <u>up to date</u> COVID-19 vaccine 14 days or more before the positive test		<input type="text"/>
	3b. <u>Influenza</u> : Residents with a Positive Test		<input type="text"/>
	3bi. **Number of residents in Question #3b who received this season's <u>annual influenza vaccine (2024-2025)</u> 14 days or more before the positive test		<input type="text"/>
	3c. <u>RSV</u> : Residents with a Positive Test		<input type="text"/>
3ci. **Number of residents in Question #3c who received <u>RSV vaccine</u> 14 days or more before the positive test		<input type="text"/>	
New Hospitalizations	4. Residents Hospitalized with a Positive Test:		
	4a. * <u>COVID-19</u> : Residents hospitalized this week, and had a positive test in the last 10 days		<input type="text"/>
	4ai. **Number of residents in Question #4a who received the <u>up to date</u> COVID-19 vaccine 14 days or more before the positive test		<input type="text"/>
	4b. <u>Influenza</u> : Residents hospitalized this week, and had a positive test in the last 10 days		<input type="text"/>
4bi. **Number of residents in Question #4b who received this season's <u>annual influenza vaccine (2024-2025)</u> 14 days or more before the positive test		<input type="text"/>	
4c. <u>RSV</u> : Residents hospitalized this week, and had a positive test in the last 10 days		<input type="text"/>	
4ci. **Number of residents in Question #4c who received <u>RSV vaccine</u> 14 days or more before the positive test		<input type="text"/>	

Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination: Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Form

- The HCP COVID-19 Vaccination form is unchanged.
- Continue to report as usual, noting the new up to date definition (question #2)
- Facilities should report zero (0) up to date until HCP receive the 2024-2025 updated COVID-19 vaccine

COVID-19 Vaccine: HCP RPV: Residents

Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Cumulative Vaccination Summary for Long-Term Care Facilities

Date Created (UTC): • Vaccination type: COVID19 Facility CCN #:
 • Facility ID: • Week of Data Collection: 08/26/2024 - 09/01/2024 • Date Last Modified (UTC):

Cumulative Vaccination Coverage

Note: Facilities submit Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary data by completing the questions on this form. As of March 28th, 2022 facilities also have the option to use the Person-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Form and select the "view reporting summary and submit" to submit these data. Using the person-level forms is recommended to ensure that individuals who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccination are categorized appropriately according to their vaccination dates.

	Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Categories					
	• All Core HCP ^a	• All HCP ^b	Employee HCP		Non-Employee HCP	
• Employees (staff on facility payroll) ^c			• Licensed independent practitioners: Physicians, advanced practice nurses, & physician assistants ^d	• Adult students/trainees & volunteers ^e	• Other Contract Personnel ^f	
1. • Number of HCP that were eligible to have worked at this healthcare facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. • Cumulative number of HCP in Question #1 who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccine(s). Please review the current definition of up to date: Key Terms and Up to Date Vaccination .	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. • Cumulative number of HCP in Question #1 with other conditions:						
3.1 • Medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccine	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3.2 • Offered but declined COVID-19 vaccine	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3.3 • Unknown/Other COVID-19 vaccination status	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Upcoming NHSN Training Opportunities

CDC NHSN LTCF Respiratory Pathogens Module: Updates to Resident Data Collection Form and Up to Date Definition for Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting of HCP and Residents

- October 1, 2024, 10 a.m. PT (Webinar Replay)
 - Register in advance for this webinar: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_QU63La9WRb2D1OqZmimYtA
- October 9, 2024, 10 a.m. PT (Webinar Replay)
 - Register in advance for this webinar: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Ed-FwlvxSYCawvm5qGxL_Q

CDC NHSN Person-Level Vaccination Forms: Quarter 4 2024 Updates for Long-Term Care Facilities

- October 2, 2024, 10 a.m. PT (Initial Webinar)
 - Register in advance for this webinar: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_0WN7oGo7T1W55nycjDwx1Q
- October 16, 2024, 10 a.m. PT (Webinar Replay)
 - Register in advance for this webinar: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_zDL7rE6gSb2ESacv2bxvYA

HSAG NHSN and HAI Nursing Home Office hours

- Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 11:30 a.m. PT
 - Register in advance for this webinar: <https://bit.ly/NHSNandHAIOfficeHoursASO2024>
 - Submit Questions or Request NHSN Assistance: www.hsag.com/nhsn-help



HSAG Vaccine Ambassador Program Updates

HSAG Is Committed to Improving Vaccination Rates in California

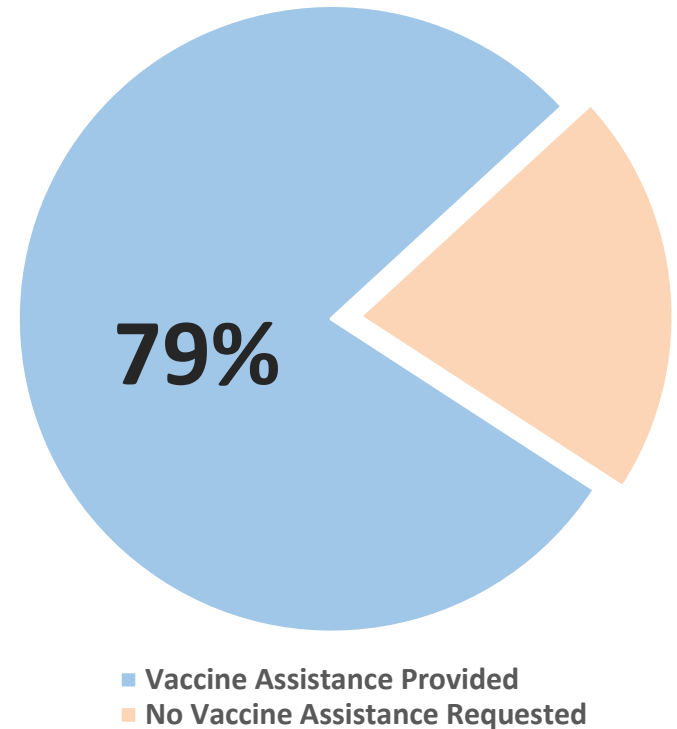
HSAG efforts:

- Targeted, data-driven outreach
- On-site and virtual education
- Coordination of on-site vaccine clinics with pharmacy partners
 - Clinic assistance is officially at capacity and HSAG is no longer accepting **new** requests for assistance.
 - Clinic assistance requests made through 9/24 will be processed and scheduled.



California Vaccine Assistance Progress

- HSAG's Vaccine Ambassador Program has assisted 918 (79%) of California SNFs with vaccine education and/or clinic coordination to date.
- 650 (56.0%) SNFs are currently scheduled for a fall 2024 vaccine clinic.



Vaccination Rate Improvement Is Possible!

HSAG Vaccine Ambassador Program achievements*

- **408** education sessions
- **1,344** vaccination clinics
- **37,135** vaccinations administered
 - **25,226** COVID-19 vaccinations



Vaccine Office Hours

Vaccine Office Hours With the Experts

Every other Thursday. Next Session:
October 10 • 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.
- Manage difficult conversations.
- Address vaccine misinformation.

Register here:





HAI Updates

Q: Do COVID-19 positive residents still need to isolate for 10 days?

- Yes, per CDC guidance, residents still need to isolate for 10 days.
- Residents who test positive and are **asymptomatic** should be isolated until at least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive test.
- Residents who test positive and are **symptomatic** with mild to moderate illness and are NOT moderately to severely immunocompromised should be isolated until the following conditions are met:
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; and
 - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
 - Other symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved.
- Residents who are with severe to critical illness and who are NOT moderately or severely immunocompromised, may require isolation for up to 20 days after the onset of symptoms.
- Vaccination and treatment status does not influence duration of isolation.

AFL 21-08.9: Guidance on Quarantine and Isolation for HCP Exposed to SARS-CoV-2 and Return to Work for HCP with COVID-19

- Quarantine and work restriction are not required for exposed asymptomatic HCP.
- Following an exposure, HCP must be tested immediately (but not earlier than 24 hours after the exposure) and, if negative, again at 3 days and, if negative again, at 5 days after the exposure. To provide an additional layer of safety, exposed HCP should wear a fit-tested N95 for source control for 10 days.

Management of Asymptomatic HCP with Exposures

Vaccination Status	Routine	Critical Staffing Shortage
All HCP, regardless of vaccination status	No work restriction with negative diagnostic test [†] upon identification (but not earlier than 24 hours after exposure) and if negative, test at days 3 and 5	No work restriction with diagnostic test [†] upon identification (but not earlier than 24 hours after exposure) and at days 3 and 5

AFL 21-08.9 <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-08.aspx>

CDC [Interim Guidance for Managing Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure to SARS-CoV-2: Return to Work Criteria for HCP with SARS-CoV-2 Infection](#)

AFL 21-08.9 (cont.)

- Recognizing that staffing shortages continue to persist, under **routine staffing conditions**, COVID-19 positive HCP may return to work after 5 days with proof of a negative antigen, or after 10 days without a negative test (and afebrile x 24 hours and symptoms improving). To provide an additional layer of safety, these HCP should wear a fit-tested N95 for source control through day 10.
- If there is a **critical staffing shortage**, no additional testing is required to return beyond the initial positive test. Positive asymptomatic HCP, regardless of vaccination status, may return to work immediately with a fit-tested N95 for source control. When returning to work early, use the results of the most recent test result to determine work placement. If the most recent test result is positive, HCP can only provide direct care to residents with confirmed COVID-19.

Work Restrictions for HCP with SARS-CoV-2 Infection (Isolation)		
Vaccination Status	Routine	Critical Staffing Shortage
All HCP, regardless of vaccination status	5 days* with at least one negative diagnostic test [†] same day or within 24 hours prior to return OR 10 days without a viral test	<5 days with most recent diagnostic test [†] result to prioritize staff placement [‡]

Updated CDPH Recommendations Coming Soon

- CDPH's [Recommendations for Prevention and Control of COVID-19, Influenza, and Other Respiratory Viral Infections in California Skilled Nursing Facilities](#) is being updated for the 2024 –2025 winter respiratory virus season and will be posted when approved.
- The link will remain the same when updated for this year.
- The core infection prevention and control principles are unchanged; will include updated links and minor clarifications.

Partnership & Stipend Opportunity for CNA Training Programs

- 1.5-year partnership & stipend supporting HCP learning
- Stipends administered to programs committed to establishing or enhancing IPC skills labs and curriculum
- Partners receive:
 - \$20,000
 - Recognition on CDPH HAI Program webpage
 - 1:1 consultations & support from CDPH HAI Program
 - Access to IPC training materials & resources
- Applications accepted from 10/1–11/15: [Apply Online](#)
- Learn more at our Informational Webinar on 10/17, 12 noon–1 p.m. [Register](#)



For questions or additional information, email ProjectFirstline@cdph.ca.gov.

Virtual IPC Train-the-Trainer Workshops for SNF Educators

- Provides SNF educators an orientation to IPC training resources for frontline staff
- Earn 1.0 continuing education credits per workshop
- Register: <https://tinyurl.com/TTTWorkshops>
- Questions: HAIProgram@cdph.ca.gov



Register for
workshops here!



Questions?





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