



***Full-Speed Ahead!***  
**COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Program:**  
**Resources to Support**  
**New Infection Preventionists (IPs)**

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# Today's Quickinar Objectives



Review CMS booster campaign progress.



Review key IP responsibilities and the HSAG IP Orientation Checklist.



Describe additional state specific IP resources.

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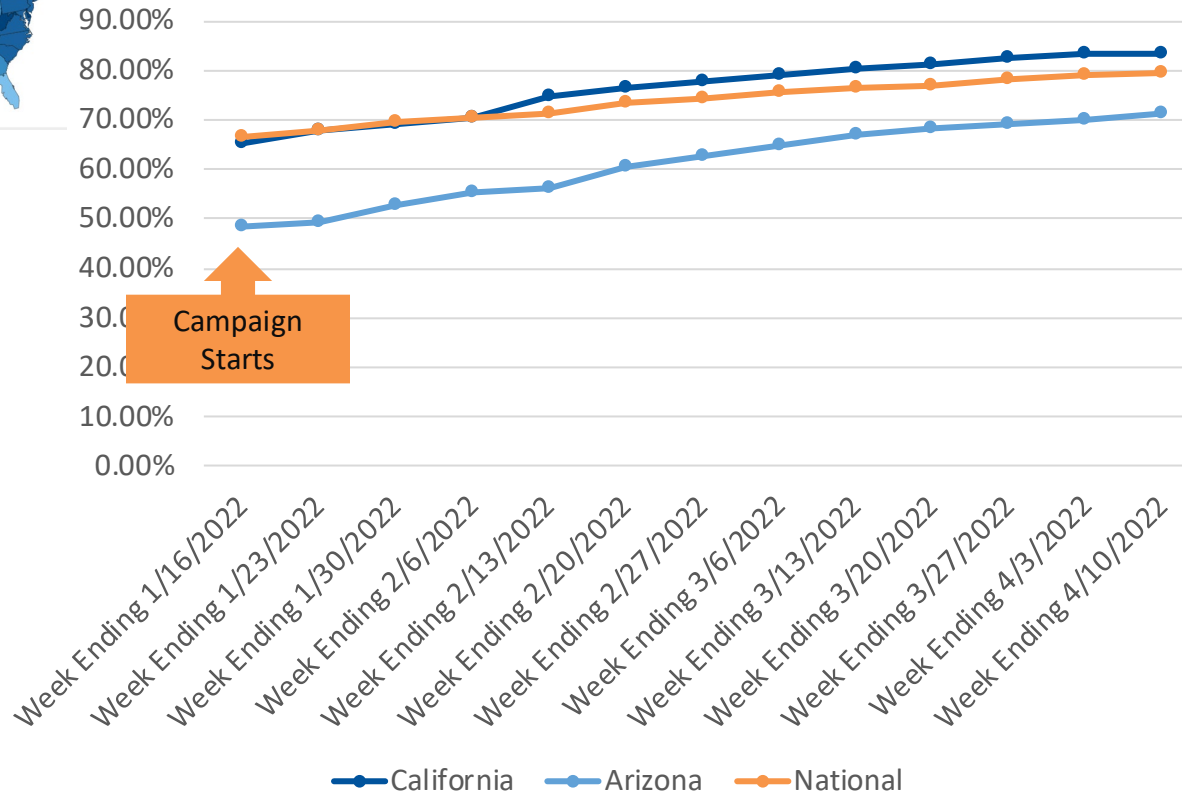
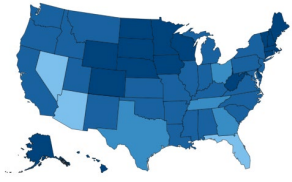
## Past Topics Covered

- Week 1: Campaign Kickoff
- Week 2: The Action Plan
- Week 3: Onsite Clinics
- Week 4: Vaccinators
- Week 5: Messaging
- Week 6: Marketing
- Week 7: Goal Review
- Week 8: NHSN
- Week 9: Monitoring Data
- Week 10: Short-Stay Issues
- Week 11: Success Stories
- Week 12: NHSN Updates
- Week 13: Motivational Interviewing



# The Current State of Boosters in Arizona and California

# Resident Booster Rates—Improvement



## Current

**U.S.: 79.5%**  
**CA: 83.4%**  
**AZ: 71.1%**

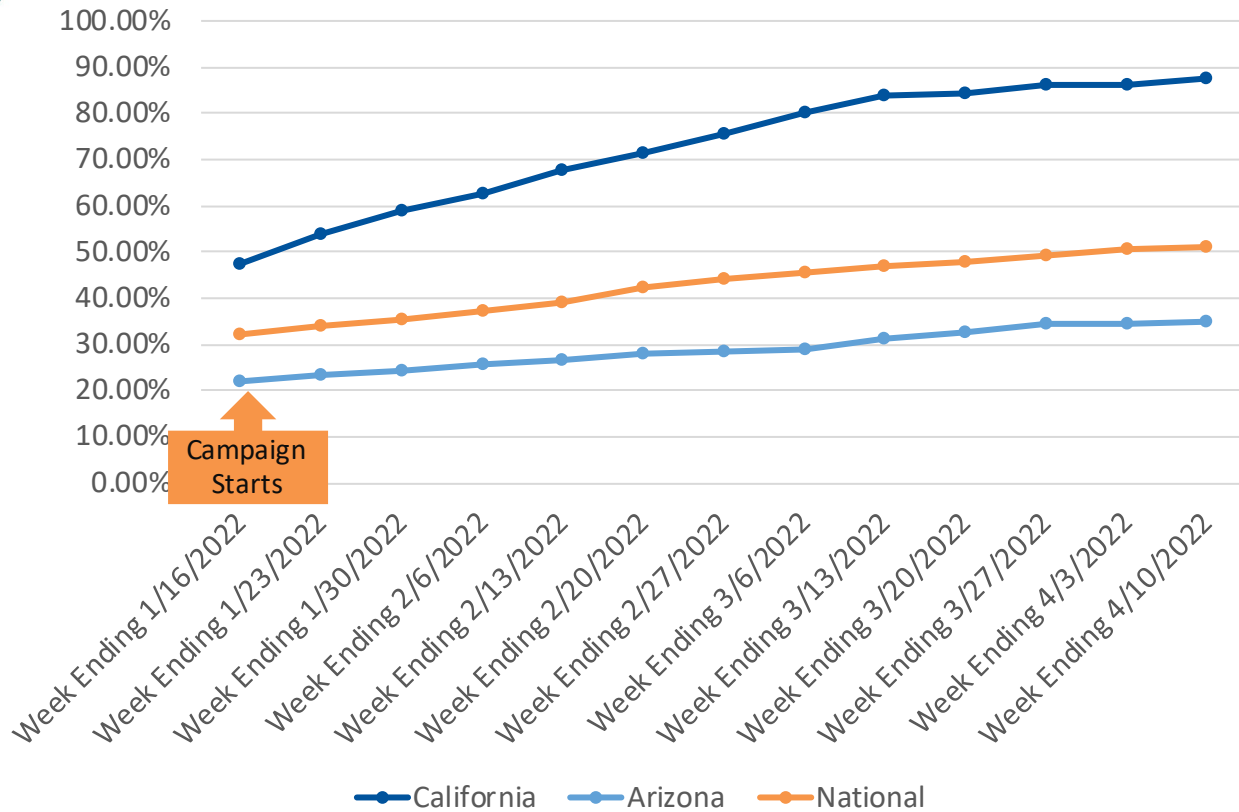
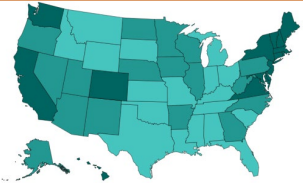
## Relative Improvement

**U.S.: 19.4%**  
**CA: 27.9%**  
**AZ: 46.6%**



<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/covid19/ltc-vaccination-dashboard.html>

# Staff Booster Rates—Improvement



**Current**

**U.S.: 51.2%**  
**CA: 35.1%**  
**AZ: 87.6%**

**Relative Improvement**

**U.S.: 58.5%**  
**CA: 84.4%**  
**AZ: 58.1%**



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# ***Full Speed Ahead!***

## *New IP Resources*

# What It Is Like To Be A New IP





# General Role of the Nursing Home IP

Develop, direct, implement, manage, and operationalize facility IP program.

Identify, investigate, monitor, and report HAIs\* and communicable diseases.

Nursing  
Home IP

Ensure adherence with organizational standards, professional guidelines, and regulations.

Collaborate with teams and individuals to create, educate, and sustain IP strategies.

# Additional IP Responsibilities During Pandemic

- Cohorting Plans

- Outbreak Investigation

- IP Assessments

- CMS Regulations

- Testing

- Vaccine Clinics

- Vaccine Education

- Data Reporting

# IP Orientation Checklist

**Infection Preventionist Orientation Checklist**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicate date completed in the space provided.

**Departmental Organization**  
Provided by Administrator/Director of Nursing


\_\_\_\_\_ Review the Infection Prevention (IP) Scope of Responsibilities document.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Review the IP Program Risk Assessment.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Review the IP Plan and Goals.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Review the Pandemic Event Plan.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Review the Emergency Preparedness Plan (alignment to pandemic event).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Review the annual Tuberculosis Risk Assessment (work with local health department to determine prevalence).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Review the Quality Assurance & Performance Improvement (QAPI) function and metrics as it relates to IP.

**Infection Prevention Education**



\_\_\_\_\_ [California Department of Public Health Infection Prevention \(IP\) Series](#)  
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- Departmental Organization
- IP Education
- Technological Skills
- IP Surveillance
- Exposure/Outbreak Investigations
- Public Health
- In-Service Education
- Microbiology/Laboratory
- Environmental Services
- Policies/Guidelines/Regulatory

# Environmental Services (EVS)

- Questions to drive success?
  - Does your facility's IP understand the competencies and training of the EVS staff who are performing cleaning and disinfection in the facility?
    - Focus areas include daily cleaning (especially of high-touch surfaces), terminal cleaning, and special isolation rooms, etc.
  - How often does the IP meet with the EVS leadership?
  - Is EVS a part of the IP committee?
  - Does EVS track and trend quality assurance metrics?

IP = Trainer and Collaborator

# EVS Items on the IP Orientation Checklist

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- Importance of appropriate cleaning product selection
- Cleaning, disinfection, and dwell times
- Responsibilities (who cleans what)
- Wet pack
- Sterilization failure notification and follow-up

# Technological Skills

- Communication
  - Outlook email
  - Secure message
- Information Organization/Word Processing
  - Microsoft Word
  - Microsoft Excel
  - Microsoft PowerPoint
- COVID-19 reporting
- Immunization registry



# Getting Started with NHSN

## 1. Federal Rules

- [Review CMS Requirements for Reporting in NHSN](#)

## 2. Review NHSN FAQ

- Review the [HSAG NHSN FAQ](#) guidance document

## 3. Enroll into NHSN

- [Register with the SAMS Partner Portal to access facility's NHSN account](#)

# Check Your Local Regulations

## State Requirements

- California: Daily Reporting and Weekly Testing ([AFL 20-43](#)) and Vaccination Reporting ([AFL 20-60](#))
- Arizona <https://www.azdhs.gov/covid19/index.php>

## Local Health Department

- Reach out to the local health department for possible additional reporting requirement



# National Resources to Help You Get Started

- [Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology \(APIC\)](#)
  - Local Chapter: <http://www.apic.org/Member-Services/Chapters>
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
  - HAIs: <http://cdc.gov/hai/>
  - Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

# Arizona IP Support and Resources

- **Arizona State Immunization Information System (ASIIS):** [ASIIS-Web Main Page \(azdhs.gov\)](#)
- The **Disaster Ready Emergency Preparedness Infection Control (EPIC)** program is offering two no-cost infection control training courses.
  - For more detailed information on these trainings [click here](#) or contact Kay Huff at [Khuff@azhca.org](mailto:Khuff@azhca.org).
  - **AHCA Infection Preventionist Zoom Call.**  
Email [Khuff@azhca.org](mailto:Khuff@azhca.org) for Zoom Link
- **Arizona Department of Health Services HAI Program:** [ADHS - HAI & Antibiotic Resistance - Home \(azdhs.gov\)](#)
  - ADHA HAI Long-Term Care Subcommittee: [ADHS - HAI Advisory Committee - Long Term Care Subcommittee \(azdhs.gov\)](#)
- **HSAG IP Support:** Contact <https://www.hsag.com/en/contact-us/>
- **Arizona Post-Acute Care Coordination Calls:**  
<https://www.hsag.com/en/covid-19/covid-19-events/>

# California IP Support and Resources

- **CDPH SNF IP Webinar**
  - Register: <https://www.hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars>
  - Past recordings | PPT | meeting notes: <https://www.hsag.com/en/covid-19/long-term-care-facilities/cdph-ip-webinars-past/>
  - FAQ: [https://www.hsag.com/globalassets/covid-19/cdph\\_faqsipwebinars.pdf](https://www.hsag.com/globalassets/covid-19/cdph_faqsipwebinars.pdf)
- [CDPH HAI IP Training and Office Hours](#)
- **Immunization Registry**
- **CalREIDE**
- **MyCAVax | Vaccine Administrator**
- **LTC Vaccination Toolkit/MyTurn**
- **CDPH Daily and Weekly Surveys**
  - To update facility's account info: Contact **COVID-19SNFSURVEY@cdph.ca.gov**
  - To inquire about submitted data: Contact **covid-19-chcqdata@cdph.ca.gov**
- **CDPH COVID HAI Support:** Contact **CovHAI@cdph.ca.gov**
- **HSAG IP Support:** Contact <https://www.hsag.com/en/contact-us/>

# This Week's Action Item

Share these resources with your new IP!



# Next Week's Topic: Second Booster



**Friday, April 29**

**11:30 a.m. PT**

**Register Here:**

<https://bit.ly/FullSpeedAheadBoosterProgram>



# Thank you!

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