

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) & Partners Statewide Nursing Home Webinar—Resources and Links January 15, 2026

Partner Resources

- Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) & CDPH
 - CDPH All Facilities Letter (AFL) 25-30: HSAG Invitation to Partner on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Improvement Initiatives.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-25-30.aspx>
 - Newly created nursing home website. <https://www.hsag.com/en/medicare-providers/nursing-homes/>
- California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF)
 - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). New dietary guidelines for Americans.
<https://cdn.realfood.gov/DGA.pdf>
 - CMS Quality and Safety Special Alert Memo (QSSAM) 26-01-NH.
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qssam-26-01-nh.pdf>
- California Association of Long Term Care Medicine (CALTCM) 2026 Webinar Series:
 - January 28, 12 noon: “Get Psyched About Psychotropic Consent: Be Informed About the Form.”
<https://www.caltcm.org/caltcm-2026-webinar-series>
 - CALTCM Medical Director Program.
<https://www.caltcm.org/caltcm-medical-director-program-for-california-medical-directors>

CDPH Immunization Branch Resources

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- CDPH Urges Vaccination and Timely Treatment as Influenza Cases Rise.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR26-003.aspx>
- CDPH Health Advisory—Influenza Update: Vaccinate, Test, and Administer Influenza Antivirals.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/CAHAN/Influenza-Update.aspx>
- CDPH: Populations at Increased Risk Recommended for Vaccination Against COVID-19.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/populations-at-risk-covid.pdf>
- CDPH: Six Tips to Stay Healthy This Cold and Flu Season.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/Communications-Toolkits/Respiratory-Virus-Prevention.aspx>
- West Coast Health Alliance Recommends American Academy of Pediatrics Vaccine Schedule.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR26-001.aspx>
- CDPH: Public Health for All.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/public-health-for-all/publichealthforall.aspx>
- CDPH: Recommendations for Prevention and Control of COVID-19, Influenza, and Other Respiratory Viral Infections in California Skilled Nursing Facilities—2025–26.
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CA_RecsPrevControlRespVirus_SNFs.pdf
- CDPH: Don’t Let Sick Days Steal Party Days Poster.
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/PublishingImages/Toolkits/MyTurnFlu/party_days.png

- CDPH: Protect Yourself from Respiratory Viruses Flyer for Older Adults.
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Toolkits/respiratory_virus_prevention_65.pdf
- EZIZ: A One-Stop Shop for Immunization Training and Resources.
<https://eziz.org/resources-for-longterm-care-facilities/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Immunization Resources

- CDC: Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report. <https://www.cdc.gov/fluview/surveillance/2025-week-48.html>
- CDC: Expanded Recommendations for Use of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines Among Adults Aged ≥50 Years. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/74/wr/mm7401a1.htm>
- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Nursing Home Data Dashboard.
<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/ltc-report-overview.html>
- CDC: Acts on Presidential Memorandum to Update Childhood Immunization Schedule.
<https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/cdc-acts-presidential-memorandum-update-childhood-immunization-schedule.html>

Other Immunization Resources

- Early influenza virus characterisation and vaccine effectiveness in England in autumn 2025, a period dominated by influenza A(H3N2) subclade K. <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12639273/>
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger. <https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf>
- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Adults 19 and Older Immunization Schedule.
<https://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules/adult-immunization-schedule.html>
- Joint Statement from California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Leaders on Vaccine Access and Availability. <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/blog/2026/01/09/joint-statement-from-california-health-and-human-services-leaders-on-vaccine-access-and-availability/>

CDPH Test and Treat for Influenza in Long-Term Care Facility Residents

- CDPH: Recommendations for Prevention and Control of COVID-19, Influenza, and Other Respiratory Viral Infections in California Skilled Nursing Facilities—2025–26.
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CA_RecsPrevControlRespVirus_SNFs.pdf
- CDPH: Respiratory Virus Dashboard.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/RespiratoryVirusReport.aspx>
- Local California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) Administrators.
<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736722952/faq>
- Journal of the Post-Acute and Long Term Care Medical Association: Rapid Detection of Influenza Outbreaks in Long Term Care Facilities Reduces Emergency Room Visits and Hospitalization: A Randomized Trial.
[https://www.jamda.com/article/S1525-8610\(23\)00546-7/abstract](https://www.jamda.com/article/S1525-8610(23)00546-7/abstract)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America: 2018 Update on Diagnosis, Treatment, Chemoprophylaxis, and Institutional Outbreak Management of Seasonal Influenza.
<https://academic.oup.com/cid/article/68/6/e1/5251935?login=false>
- CDC: Influenza Antiviral Medications, Summary for Clinicians.
https://www.cdc.gov/flu/hcp/antivirals/summary-clinicians.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/summary-clinicians.htm
- CDPH: AFL 23-29. www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-23-29.aspx

Influenza Prevention and Control Resources

- CDPH: Respiratory Virus Dashboard and Resources.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/RespiratoryVirusReport.aspx>
- CDC: Testing and Management Considerations for Nursing Home Residents with Acute Respiratory Illness Symptoms when SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Viruses are Co-circulating.
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/hcp/testing-methods/nursing-homes.html>
- CDC: Influenza Disease Burden Estimates: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu-burden/php/about/index.html>
- CDC: Influenza Testing and Specimen Collection.
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/hcp/testing-methods/index.html>
- CDC: Antiviral Treatment. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/hcp/antivirals/summary-clinicians.html>
- CDC: Infection Prevention and Control Measures.
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/hcp/infection-control/healthcare-settings.html>

CDPH Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Program Updates

- CDPH: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Resources.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNFIPResources.aspx>
- CDPH: Project Firstline. www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ProjectFirstline.aspx
- Sign up for the CDPH HAI Program distribution list for curriculum announcements.
<https://assets-usa.mkt.dynamics.com/24ac4e14-c54e-4da4-af0e-09805e16f9b9/digitalassets/standaloneforms/e5c8aa7b-3f30-f011-8c4e-6045bda9bb0d>
- Certified Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC): Learn more about the Long-Term Care Certification in Infection Control (LTC-CIC®) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC®) exams on the CBIC website. www.cbic.org/
- CMS: See the *State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix PP* for more details on F880 (pages 809–850) and F945 (pages 914–915). https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap_pp_guidelines_ltcf.pdf

Invasive Group A Streptococcus in Long-Term Facilities: Why it Matters

- CDC: Group A Strep. www.cdc.gov/group-a-strep/index.html
- Decision Tool for Investigating Group A Streptococcus Infections in Long-term Care Facilities.
<https://www.cdc.gov/group-a-strep/php/lcf-toolkit/index.html>
- CDC: Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) Tool for General Infection Prevention and Control Across Settings (see module 8). www.cdc.gov/healthcare-associated-infections/php/toolkit/icar.html
- CDPH: AFL 23-08. www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-23-08.aspx
- CDPH: Infectious Diseases Branch Chapter: Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infections.
www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IDBGuidanceforCALHJs-iGAS.pdf
- A Severe Case of Streptococcal pyogenes Empyema Following Influenza A Infection.
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30691434/>
- Demonstrating Wound Care and the Clinician's Role in Preventing Wound Colonization and Infection.
www.train.org/pa/course/1125056/details
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Public Health, Department of Health.
www.pa.gov/agencies/health/healthcare-and-public-health-professionals/haip/public-health
- Red Book: Group A Streptococcal Infections. 2024–2027.
<https://publications.aap.org/redbook/book/755/chapter-abstract/14081903/Group-A-Streptococcal-Infections?redirectedFrom=fulltext>
- New York State Department of Health: Streptococcal Infections (invasive group A strep, GAS).
www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/streptococcal/group_a/fact_sheet.htm

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