
COVID-19 Update: Outbreak Reporting, Masking and Testing Requirements July 27, 2021

This health advisory provides:

- 1) Thresholds for reporting outbreaks and health care acquired infections to Sacramento County Public Health per [CDPH AFL 20-75.1](#)
- 2) A summary of the [State Health Officer Order](#) released on June 26, 2021 with updates on masking and testing requirements for unvaccinated workers in high risk settings

Reporting Thresholds

Acute Care Hospitals

- ≥ 2 cases of confirmed COVID-19 for patients at 7 or more days post-admission for non-COVID conditions, with epi-linkage;
- ≥ 3 cases of confirmed COVID-19 in healthcare personnel (HCP) with epi-linkage in counties with ≥ 4 daily new cases per 100k population or $\geq 5\%$ test positivity based on the county positivity rate reported in the past week.

Long-Term Care Facilities and Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals

- ≥ 1 probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident or HCP;
- ≥ 3 cases of acute illness compatible with COVID-19 in residents with onset within a 72-hour period

State Health Officer Order

Applies to acute health care and long-term care settings, high-risk congregate settings, and other health care settings.

Vaccination Status: All facilities identified must verify vaccine status of all workers and have a plan in place for tracking verified worker vaccination status.

Respirator or mask requirements:

- All facilities identified must strictly adhere to the [CDPH Masking Guidance](#) and, if applicable, to Cal/OSHA's standards for Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (use of respirators where COVID-19 cases may be present) and Emergency Temporary Standards (provide unvaccinated workers with a respirator upon request).
- Acute health care and long-term care settings must provide respirators to unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers who work indoors and where 1) care is provided to patients or residents or 2) patients or residents have access for any purpose.
- High-risk congregate settings and other health care settings shall provide unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers with FDA-cleared surgical masks. Workers are required to wear such masks indoors when working with another person.

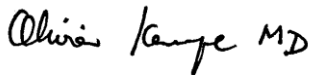
Testing requirements:

- Acute health care and long-term care settings – asymptomatic **unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers are required to undergo diagnostic screening testing** (FDA-approved molecular or antigen test) **at least twice weekly**
- High-risk congregate settings and other health care settings – asymptomatic **unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers are required to undergo diagnostic screening testing** (FDA-approved molecular or antigen test) **at least once weekly**
- All facilities: unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers must also observe all other infection control requirements and are not exempted from testing even if they have a medical contraindication to vaccination

Resources

1. CDPH Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Thresholds (7/22/2021):
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCO/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-75.aspx>
2. CDPH State Public Health Officer Order of July 26, 2021:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Unvaccinated-Workers-In-High-Risk-Settings.aspx>
3. CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

Sincerely,



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