



CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WEEKLY UPDATE

LONG-TERM CARE AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Greetings Long-Term Care and Residential Care Facilities of San Diego County,

Below information is the latest guidance and resources from state and federal organizations, including:

- **new** All Facilities Letter regarding updated resources for decontamination and reuse of N95 filtering facepiece respirator,
- **new** Public Information Notice about updated statewide waivers for licensing requirements for adult and senior care facilities, and a
- **new** California Health Alert Network notice that advises consumers not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by “Eskbiochem SA de CV” in Mexico.

As we continue to give updates from our County public health perspective, please be aware that you should always confer with your licensing entity for approval of any operational changes.

If you missed any recent email updates from this sector, [review them here](#). For additional information and resources, please see our website www.coronavirus-sd.com/LTC.

Thank you for your continued efforts and partnership with the County of San Diego!



Announcements and News



Updates from the California Department of Public Health

CDPH publishes news and All Facilities Letters (AFLs) regularly. If you would like to receive email notifications of AFLs, please submit your request to LNCPolicy@cdph.ca.gov. See the newly released advisories below:

Letter to General Acute Care Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities – July 6, 2020 **NEW!**

Guidance for Decontamination and Reuse of N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirator

AFL 20-36.3 has added an updated resources section with a link to Battelle's Response to Cal/OSHA Guidance on Mask Labeling. No changes have been made to the original AFL, which provided guidance for the handling of used N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators so they can be decontaminated and reused.

[Click here to read AFL 20-36.3](#)

Letter to General Acute Care Hospitals – June 29, 2020

Suspension of Regulatory Enforcement of Hospital Requirements

This AFL extends a temporary waiver of specified regulatory requirements due to the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak until March 1, 2021 and supersedes AFL 20-26.

[Click here to read AFL 20-26.2](#)

Letter to Skilled Nursing Facilities – June 26, 2020

Guidance for Limiting the Transmission of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities

This AFL notifies long-term care (LTC) facilities of guidance for improving their infection control and prevention practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, including revised guidance for visitation, and it authorizes LTC facilities to temporarily modify their facility's visitation policies in accordance with the new guidance when necessary. Additionally, this AFL updates visitation guidance in accordance with revised CMS guidance in order to safely reopen SNFs to visitors.

[Click here to read AFL 20-22.3](#)

Letter to Adult Day Health Care Centers (ADHC) – June 26, 2020

Suspension of Regulatory Enforcement of Specified ADHC Requirements

This AFL notifies ADHCs that the temporary waiver of specified regulatory requirements due to the state of emergency related to COVID-19 outbreak has been extended until March 1, 2021. This AFL supersedes AFL 20-34.

[Click here to read AFL 20-34.1](#)

Letter to Skilled Nursing Facilities – June 26, 2020

Suspension of Regulatory Enforcement of Specified Skilled Nursing Facility Requirements

This AFL extends until March 1, 2021 parts of a temporary waiver of specified regulatory requirements due to the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak and has updated the requirements for temporary COVID staffing waivers. This AFL supersedes AFL 20-32.

[Click here to read AFL 20-32.1](#)

[Click here to see a full list of recent AFLs](#)



Recent Updates from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

The Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) of CDSS publishes Provider Information Notices (PINs) to communicate important license related information to CCLD-licensed providers. The local CDSS San Diego Adult and Senior Care office can be reached at (619) 767-2300, or CCLASCPSanDiegoRO@dss.ca.gov.

Updated Statewide Waivers for Licensing Requirements for Adult and Senior Care Facilities due to COVID-19 – July 6, 2020 **NEW!**

This PIN informs Adult and Senior Care (ASC) licensees of updates to specified statewide waivers for certain licensing statutes and regulations in PIN 20-09-CCLD (April 2, 2020) and PIN 20-12-ASC (April 16, 2020), and updates the specified waivers with a new effective date through September 30, 2020.

[Click here to access PIN 20-24-ASC](#)

Updated Guidance on Testing, Modification of Visitation Guidelines, Infection Prevention and Control, and Face Coverings in Adult and Senior Care Facilities – June 26, 2020

Provides updated guidance to Adult and Senior Care (ASC) licensees related to the critical role of testing for COVID-19, modification of visitor guidelines, guidance for vigilant adherence to infection control and prevention practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in ASC facilities, and mandated use of face coverings.

[Click here to access PIN 20-23-ASC](#)

[Click here to see the full list of recent PINs.](#)



Recent Updates from the California Health Alert Network

Serious Adverse Health Events Associated with Methanol-based Hand Sanitizers – July 5, 2020 **NEW!**

This Center for Disease Control (CDC) Health Alert Network (HAN) advises consumers not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by “Eskbiochem SA de CV” in Mexico, due to the potential presence of methanol, a “toxic alcohol”, as an active ingredient, which can cause blindness and/or death when absorbed through the skin or when swallowed.

[Click here to view the entire Health Advisory](#)

California Calls on Laboratories to Speed Up Test Processing for Most At-Risk Groups – July 4, 2020 **NEW!**

The California Health and Human Services Secretary, Dr. Mark Ghaly, issued a statement today urging laboratories in California to prioritize testing turnaround for individuals who are most at risk of spreading the virus to others.

[Click here to view the full news release.](#)



Upcoming Telebriefings



THIS WEEK!

**Friday, July 10
at 4:00pm**

Telebriefing for **Long-Term Care and Residential Care Facilities**

WHEN: Friday, July 10, 2020 at 4:00pm

We are excited to have a special guest speaker, Icela Estrada with the California Department of Social Services, join us online. Ms. Estrada is the Regional Manager for the San Diego Adult & Senior Care Regional Office with the Community Care Licensing Division. Ms. Estrada will provide an update on the latest Provider Information Notice (PIN) and will be available for questions during the telebriefing.

Please [pre-submit your questions in advance here](#). All participants will be muted during the meeting. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions during the call through the online chat feature on the Zoom platform.

Join the telebriefing at the specified time and date using one of the options below:

- Option 1 | Computer (preferred):
 - Click on the following link <https://zoom.us/j/218631109>
 - Meeting ID: 218 631 109.
 - If you have any difficulties accessing the participant link, please use option 2.
- Option 2 | Phone:
 - Dial-In Number: 1 (669) 900-6833 or 1 (346) 248-7799
 - Meeting ID: 218 631 109.

[Visit the Long-Term Care and Residential Care Facilities Sector Support webpage to learn more.](#)



**Friday, July 17
at 4:00pm**

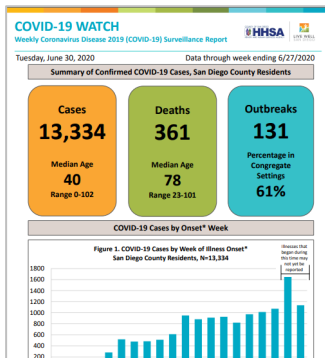
Telebriefing for **Older Adult and Disability Service Providers**

WHEN: Friday, July 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Please [pre-submit your questions at least 24 hours before the telebriefing](#), so that they can be answered on the call. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the call through the online chat feature on the Zoom platform. [Please click here for more information, including access link and call-in option.](#)



Ongoing Programs, Services, and Resources



County of San Diego COVID-19 Dashboard and Weekly “COVID-19 Watch” Report

The County of San Diego publishes a weekly surveillance report on the coronavirus-sd.com website called “COVID-19 Watch”.

[Click here to review the report.](#)



Additionally, visualize and track data real time on the interactive web-based dashboard developed by the County of San Diego Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch.

[See the dashboard here.](#)



Latest San Diego County Public Health Order

The latest updates to the local Public Health Order included additional key items for essential businesses still in operation.

[Read the latest order.](#)

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CORONAVIRUS IN SAN DIEGO HEALTH ORDER REOPENING

Long-Term Care and Residential Facilities

The information on this page is intended for those working with populations in long-term care facilities and residential facilities.

- Announcements and Updates
- County Communications
- California Department of Public Health Communications
- California Department of Social Services Communications
- Resource and Guidance Links
- Additional Resources

Announcements and Updates

[Sign Up for Email Updates](#) [Read Past Email Updates](#)

[Join Us for Long-Term Care and Residential Facilities Telebriefings](#)

[Submit Questions Before Each Telebriefing](#)

[Join Us Every Other Week for Older Adult and Disability Service Provider Telebriefings](#)

Recent Email Updates and Resources from the Long-Term Care and Residential Care Sector

- [July 1, 2020 Update](#)
- [June 24, 2020 Update](#)
- [June 17, 2020 Update](#)
- [June 11, 2020 Update](#)

[Click here to browse all past email updates.](#)

Additionally, check out resources and state guidance the Long-Term Care and Residential Care Facilities homepage:

www.coronavirus-sd.com/LTC.



[211 San Diego](#)

- For health or testing related questions, contact your healthcare provider. For general questions about COVID-19, information about community resources, or if you are uninsured, call **2-1-1 San Diego**.
- [Click here](#) for free COVID-19 testing information.
- [2-1-1 San Diego Flyer](#) (English & Spanish)



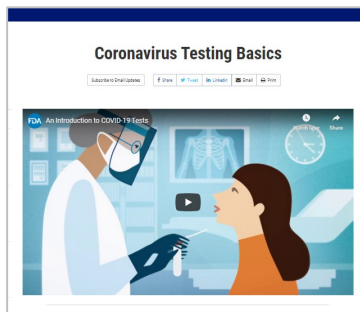
[COVID-19 Downloadable Resources and Materials for Your Facility](#)

- [Find FAQs, posters, videos, and other materials.](#)



[Live Well @ Home](#)

[Live Well @ Home](#) is a free resource to help community residents find tips and strategies to stay healthy in both mind and body while staying at home. Resources are organized by age group and then displayed by category, such as physical activity, mindfulness, and social connection, to help you find the right tools to match your needs.



[Coronavirus Testing Basics from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a resource to help educate about the different types of coronavirus tests, including approximate processing time, what to expect, and whether or not a re-test is generally recommended.

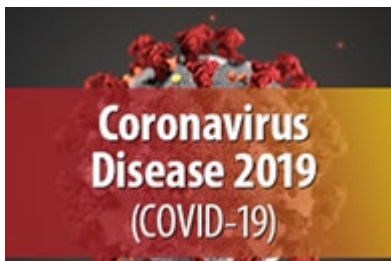
[Click here to view the resource.](#)



Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [Guidelines for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities](#)
- [Guidelines for Direct Service Providers of Individuals with Disabilities](#)
- [Key Strategies to Prepare for COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities \(LTCFs\)](#)
- [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)
- [Considerations When Preparing for COVID-19 in Assisted Living Facilities](#)
- [Considerations for Memory Care Units in Long-term Care Facilities](#)

For general information about COVID-19 from the CDC, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.



General COVID-19 Information from State and Federal Organizations

- [California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch – COVID-19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – COVID-19](#)
- [California Department of Social Services – COVID 19](#)
- [World Health Organization – Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Outbreak](#)



Stay Connected



For questions related to long-term care and residential care facilities, please email: COVID-LTC@sdcounty.ca.gov.



Get the latest information about what's happening across the county with COVID-19.



Text **COSD COVID-19** to **468-311**

to get text alert updates from the County of San Diego.

