

*Sending on behalf of the County of San Diego, Long-Term Care and Residential Care
Facilities Sector, COVID-19 Response*



Friday, June 11, 2021

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

Please find information below regarding the latest guidance and resources from county, state, and federal organizations, including **new updates**:

- Next Telebriefing for the Long-Term Care Sector will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- Telebriefing PowerPoint Slides and Recording on June 10, 2021
 - Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan, County of San Diego, Medical Consultant, COVID-19 Update
 - Jennifer Wheeler, County of San Diego, LTC Update
 - Denise Powell, CDSS, Community Care Licensing Division, PIN 21-28-ASC Updated Facility Staff Testing Guidance
- [AFL 21-19](#) Annual Notice of Grant Opportunity to Benefit Nursing Facility Residents and Update to Application Requirements
- [AFL 20-53](#) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Mitigation Plan Recommendations for Testing of Health Care Personnel (HCP) and Residents at Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)
- [AFL 20-89](#) Requirements for Application Submission for Online or Distance Learning Nurse Assistant Training Programs (NATPs)
- [PIN 21-29-ASC](#) announces an upcoming informational call with Adult and Senior Care (ASC) licensees and their staff on June 16, 2021, 1:00-3:00

PM, to provide information on regaining what was lost physically, mentally, and socially during the COVID-19 pandemic

- [PIN 21-28-ASC](#) regarding routine diagnostic screening testing guidance for facility staff in Adult and Senior Care (ASC) residential facilities, supersedes response testing guidance for residents and facility staff
- Vaccination Events – Your Shot to Win Padres Tickets

As mentioned in LTC telebriefing, our data indicate an increase in the number of San Diego County residents that are missing their second dose. If you have residents that are immobile, developmentally disabled, or have additional needs, please email us at COVID-HealthcareStatus@sdcounty.ca.gov and we will work to assist you in ensuring your residents receive their first or second vaccination. Thank you for ensuring your staff and residents are fully vaccinated.

As a reminder, if you have a positive COVID-19 case at your facility, please report it by calling the County of San Diego Public Health Epidemiology Unit at (619) 692-8499 or (858) 565-5255 for after-hours or on the weekend. The County as well as your State licensing departments are here to support you. For other questions, please feel free to email us at COVID-LTC@sdcounty.ca.gov or visit our webpage at www.coronavirus-sd.com/LTC.

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

UPCOMING TELEBRIEFINGS



Long-Term Care and Residential Care Facilities Sector

Next telebriefing will be held on **Thursday, June 24, 2:00 - 3:00 PM.**

[Zoom Meeting Link \(click here\)](#)

[Submit Telebriefing Questions \(click here\)](#)



Older Adult and Disability Sector

Next telebriefing will be held on **Friday, June 18, 3:00 - 4:00 PM.**

[Zoom Meeting Link \(click here\)](#)

[Submit Telebriefing Questions \(click here\)](#)



Long-Term Care & Residential Care Facilities Sector June 10, 2021 Telebriefing PowerPoint Slides and Recording

NEW: Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan, County of San Diego, Medical Consultant, [COVID-19 Update](#)

NEW: Jennifer Wheeler, County of San Diego, [LTC Update](#)

NEW: Denise Powell, CDSS, Community Care Licensing Division, [PIN 21-28-ASC Updated Facility Staff Testing Guidance](#)

Recording of the June 10 Telebriefing is available [here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS



California Health Action Network San Diego Health Advisory Updates

[Health Advisory Update #35: Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Update Myocarditis and Pericarditis after Receipt of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#) - June 3, 2021

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is investigating recent reports of myocarditis and pericarditis in young adults and adolescents shortly after receipt of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.
- Cases of myocarditis and pericarditis following COVID-19 vaccination should be promptly reported.
- COVID-19 immunization is still recommended for persons 12 years of age and older.

[To view all CAHANs, click here.](#)



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

New! [AFL 21-19](#) to Skilled Nursing Facilities - June 8, 2021

Annual notice to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and nursing facilities (NFs) regarding the availability of federal civil money penalty (CMP) funds that may be used to support projects that benefit and improve the care of residents.

New! [AFL 20-53](#) to Skilled Nursing Facilities - June 7, 2021

Provides updated recommendations from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for SNFs conducting diagnostic screening testing of SNF health care personnel (HCP), and response-driven testing of SNF residents and HCP to prevent spread of COVID-19 in the facility informed by [CDC recommendations](#) and CMS requirements.

New! [AFL 20-89](#) to Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities, and Educational Institutions - June 7, 2021

Updated to permit SNFs and ICFs to contract with an existing CDPH-approved online NATP for the provision of online NATP theory instruction. The SNF or ICF must either develop or use the contracted online school's clinical training to conduct the clinical portion of the NATP training in their facility using their own staff.

[AFL 21-17](#) to Skilled Nursing Facilities - June 3, 2021

Notifies skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) that the Concentra contract, used to request fit-testing resources, will expire June 30, 2021. All fit-testing services provided by Concentra must be completed by that date.

[AFL 20-22.8](#) to Long-Term Care Facilities - June 2, 2021

Authorizes LTC facilities to temporarily modify their facility's visitation policies in accordance with CMS and CDC COVID-19 guidance when necessary to protect the health and safety of residents, staff, and the public. It provides additional CDPH guidance for group activities and communal dining based upon vaccination status of residents.

[AFL 20-32.3](#) to Skilled Nursing Facilities - June 2, 2021

This AFL provides advance notice that effective July 17, 2021, the temporary waiver of specified regulatory requirements in this AFL will expire and this AFL will be rescinded.

[AFL 20-34.4](#) to Adult Day Health Care Centers - June 2, 2021

Notifies ADHCs that the waiver allowing ADHCs to provide services using alternate methods including remote services contained in this AFL is valid until the end of the public health emergency.

[AFL 21-16](#) to All Facilities - May 28, 2021

Reminds health care facilities to implement recommended precautionary measures to keep individuals safe and comfortable during extremely hot weather.

[CDPH COVID-19 Toolkit](#) serves as a one-stop-shop for partners to access materials available for download and sharing in support of outreach and education. This toolkit has numerous videos, social media messages, infographics, handouts, fact sheets, and more.

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



California Department of Social Services

The Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) publishes [Provider Information Notices \(PINs\)](#) to communicate important license related information to CCLD-licensed providers. The local San Diego Adult and Senior Care Regional Office can be reached at (619) 767-2300 or CCLASCPSanDiegoRO@dss.ca.gov.

New! [PIN 21-29-ASC](#) to All Adult and Senior Care Program Licensees - June 10, 2021

Announces an upcoming informational call with Adult and Senior Care (ASC) licensees and their staff on June 16, 2021 to provide information on "Regaining What Was Lost: Physically, Mentally, and Socially" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

New! [PIN 21-28-ASC](#) to All Adult and Senior Care Program Residential Licensee - June 7, 2021

Supersedes PIN 20-38-ASC, dated October 6, 2020, regarding routine diagnostic screening testing guidance for facility staff in Adult and Senior Care (ASC) residential facilities, supersedes response testing guidance for residents and facility staff in PIN 20-23-ASC, dated June 26, 2020, and reminds licensees about

health insurance coverage for COVID-19 testing.

[PIN 21-27-ASC](#) to All Adult and Senior Care Facility Licensees - June 2, 2021 Reminds Adult and Senior Care (ASC) licensees of mandated reporter requirements under the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act. The PIN includes requirements for abuse reporting, a signed employee acknowledgement of mandated reporter status, and information about required abuse training.

[PIN 21-06-CCLD](#) to all Licensed Providers - June 1, 2021 Announces a new form for communicating with the complainant about complaint intake, and three new forms for communicating the investigation determination, all of which replace the Complaint Response (LIC 856) form. A revised Communication with Complainants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is also released in conjunction with the new forms. This PIN supersedes [PIN 19-01-CCLD](#) in its entirety.

[PIN 21-26-ASC](#) to All Adult and Senior Care Program Licensees - May 14, 2021 Updated Guidance on Return Towards Normal In Adult and Senior Care Facilities – [Power Point Slides](#) from Informational Call on May 21, 2021. This informational call focused on updates to the statewide waiver related to visitation, communal dining, group activities, residents returning from outings, and entertainment.

[PIN 21-17.2-ASC](#) to All Adult and Senior Care Program Residential Licensee - May 14, 2021 This PIN supersedes PIN 21-17.1-ASC, dated April 23, 2021, providing specific updates to the statewide waiver related to visitation, communal dining, group activities, residents returning from outings, and entertainment. PIN 21-17.2-ASC maintains guidance from PIN 21-17.1-ASC related to new admissions.

CDSS announced the [Summer 2021 Quarterly Update](#) has been published and is available on their [website](#).

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



Vaccination Events – Your Shot to Win Padres Tickets

New! The County of San Diego has partnered with the San Diego Padres for your shot to win tickets. Anyone getting vaccinated between June 3 through June 30 at a County mobile site can submit a registration form to enter to win Padres tickets. You can view a list of participating mobile vaccination sites [here](#). The vaccination drawing will award a total of 200 tickets and winners will be chosen weekly at random. Each winner will receive two Padres tickets for one home game in July 2021 or August 2021. The Padres will also be hosting their own vaccination events during the month of June at the Padres stadium:

Saturday, June 12 – Non-Game Day Vaccination Event

Saturday, June 26 – Game Day Vaccination Event

For ticket drawing terms and conditions, see [English](#) version or [Spanish](#) version.



THE LTC FACILITY INFECTION PREVENTIONIST CONFERENCE

Friday, July 30, 2021 – 10:00AM to 1:00PM

In the previous year, the COVID-19 pandemic has magnified the need for infection preventionist in the most vulnerable healthcare settings. This year, federal regulations will have a considerable impact on how long-term care facilities address infection prevention and control. To help prepare these facilities for the change and provide a network of resources, San Diego & Imperial County Association of Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) will provide healthcare professionals working in long-term care facilities with infection prevention and control information that are both elementary and unique to the LTCF practice setting. Please join San Diego & Imperial County APIC at this half-day conference offering. To learn more or to register, [click here](#).

Accreditation Statement: This activity is provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider No. CEP 3947 for a maximum of 2.0 contact hours.



HOST A VACCINE EVENT

The County of San Diego is increasing access to COVID-19 vaccines by working with partners and stakeholders to host vaccination events.

Please submit a completed [form](#) with information about your prospective vaccination event. County staff or a partner organization will review the information and respond within 5 business days. Note, we do our best to accommodate preferences but cannot guarantee all preferences will be met. For questions, email Covidtreatment@sdcounty.ca.gov



Early Treatment for COVID-19 at the Monoclonal Antibody Regional Centers (MARC) at no-cost

The Monoclonal Antibody Regional Centers ([MARC](#)) are providing combination therapy to treat medically eligible COVID-19 positive patients whose COVID-19 symptoms developed within the last 10 days. Treatment is available at no-cost to those who live or work in San Diego County, regardless of health insurance or immigration status.

- **Poway Location: Palomar Health/Pomerado Pavilion**, 15611 Pomerado Rd, Ste 545, Poway, CA 92064; open seven days a week from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- **Chula Vista Location:** at San Ysidro Health, 391 Oxford Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911 (in the former Chula Vista Fire Station #5 building); open seven days a week from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Providers and individuals may refer patients or self-refer to either site by calling 619-685-2500 with questions and/or to schedule an appointment directly

For questions, email COVIDtreatment@sdcounty.ca.gov. For additional information, visit www.sandiegocounty.gov/COVIDHealthProfessionals. Patient flyer links [MARC Patient Flyer \(English\)](#), [MARC Patient Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Visitation Guidance for Skilled Nursing Facilities

On May 11, 2021, CMS published an interim final rule with comment period (IFC). This rule establishes **Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Vaccine Immunization Requirements for Residents and Staff**. This includes new requirements for educating residents or resident representatives and staff regarding the benefits and potential side effects associated with the COVID-19 vaccine, and offering the vaccine. Furthermore, LTC facilities must report COVID-19 vaccine and therapeutics treatment information to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

- Transparency: CMS will post the new information reported to the NHSN for viewing by facilities, stakeholders, or the general public on CMS's COVID-19 Nursing Home Data website.
- Updated Survey Tools: CMS has updated tools used by surveyors to assess compliance with these new requirements. For details, please see [QSO-21-19-NH \(cms.gov\)](#)

Revised: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services revised Skilled Nursing Facilities visitation guidance – April 27, 2021. For details, please see [QSO-20-39-NH Revised \(cms.gov\)](#). It is recommended to **follow the strictest guidance** when there is a discrepancy. Please always consult with your local licensing staff if you have questions.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines for Fully Vaccinated Individuals to Safely Visit with Others

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for fully vaccinated individuals and visitation – May 13, 2021. [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated | CDC](#). Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. These recommendations can help you make decisions about daily activities after you are fully vaccinated. They are not intended for [healthcare settings](#). Please always consult with your local licensing staff if you have questions.



County of San Diego Public Health Orders

[Public Health Order](#) - Updated 5/6/21: Please review the entire document to see all of the updated sections highlighted in yellow. Visitation aligns with and will defer to the most recent guidance by CDPH and CDSS.



California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Update Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Activation

The [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination](#) program includes 21 participating national pharmacy partners that provide COVID-19 vaccinations at retail pharmacy locations. There are also [Long-term Care Pharmacies](#) distributing the COVID-19 vaccine through this program. Target population includes people 65+ and healthcare workers. Appointments will be required. Eligible Californians should NOT contact individual stores for appointments or come to the store seeking a vaccination without an appointment. For questions, please email: COVIDvaccinePharm@cdph.ca.gov Eligible individuals should be directed to the following scheduling links below for an appointment:

CVS: <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>

Rite Aid: <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/covid-qualifier>

Walgreens: <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp>

Albertsons: <https://www.albertsons.com/pharmacy/covid-19.html>

Additionally for CVS only, appointment can also be scheduled via CVS pharmacy app and eligible individuals without internet access can call **CVS at 800-746-7287** for assistance on scheduling.



COVID-19 Vaccine Resources for Long-Term Care Facilities

Stay informed about COVID-19 vaccination information by bookmarking the [County COVID-19 vaccine webpage](#). Please continue to share the

County [COVID-19 Vaccine webpage for appointments](#) with your staff and ambulatory residents.

COVID-19 vaccine presentations are available and delivered by volunteer medical professionals, including doctors and nurses, who are subject matter experts. Fill out an [online interest form](#) to request a presentation. [are available in English and Spanish.](#)

The County's webpage with COVID-19 educational materials are available in different languages. [Click here](#) and scroll down the list of options in Spanish, Tagalog, Arabic, Aramaic, Chinese, Farsi, Japanese, Vietnamese, Korean, and more. The County COVID-19 [webpage is a great resource.](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Community Conversation Toolbox](#) is primarily for healthcare workers (doctors and nurses who have been identified as trusted messengers of COVID-19 vaccine information) to have conversations about the COVID-19 vaccine. Fact sheets, links to important websites, handouts, and Frequently Asked Questions are included. [Click here](#) for some CDC vaccine considerations.

Post Vaccine Considerations for Residents — While [this guidance](#) is intended for long-term care facilities, it could also be applied to patients in other healthcare settings. Considerations are based on the current understanding of signs and symptoms following COVID-19 vaccination, including timing and duration, and might change as experience with the vaccine accumulates.

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination in Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF) — CDC updates [frequently asked questions](#) for Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control and Healthcare Professionals regularly based on feedback from professionals.

ONGOING PROGRAMS, SERVICES, and RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Watch Surveillance Report](#)

[COVID-19 Testing Information & Resources](#)

[CDC Guidance and Resources for Infection Control in Facilities](#)

Triggers Dashboard: Testing Positivity Rate Item #10



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