



CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE 2019

(COVID-19)

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### LONG-TERM CARE AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

Thursday, September 10, 2020

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**:

- San Diego County Emergency Site
- Letter to Skilled Nursing Facilities to participate in Health Service Advisory Group's quality improvement initiatives sponsored by CMS to achieve large-scale improvements throughout California (AFL 20-68)
- CDC COVID-19 Partner Call on Monday, September 14, 2020, 12:00 – 1:00 pm: Women, Caregiving, and COVID-19: A Delicate Balancing Act

As a reminder, if you have a positive COVID-19 case at your facility, please report it by calling the County Epidemiology Unit phone line 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.

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](http://www.coronavirus-sd.com/LTC).

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



Announcements and News



## San Diego County Emergency Site

**NEW!** As parts of the county continue to battle wildfires, it is a sobering reminder that disasters can happen at any time and that everyone should be prepared for emergencies. Here are some helpful resources that are available for the public to stay informed about and prepare for fires and other disasters in San Diego County:

- For fire, disaster information updates, and the County of San Diego Emergency Map, visit [www.sdcountyemergency.com](http://www.sdcountyemergency.com)
- To prepare for, plan for, and stay informed on disasters in San Diego County, visit [www.ReadySanDiego.org](http://www.ReadySanDiego.org)
- Download the **SDEmergencyApp**, a no-cost mobile application available to download for iOS and Android devices. To learn more, click [here](#)
- Register [here](#) with **AlertSanDiego** to get emergency notifications, like evacuation orders and warnings, on your cell phone during a disaster in your area. (Listed and unlisted landlines are already included in this system and do not need to be registered)



## 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](mailto:LNCPolicy@cdph.ca.gov). See the newly released advisories below:

**NEW!** Letter to Skilled Nursing Facilities: AFL 20-68 – September 1, 2020

This AFL notifies nursing homes that CDPH encourages nursing homes to participate in Health Services Advisory Group's quality improvement initiatives sponsored by CMS to achieve large-scale improvements throughout California; HSAG provides COVID-19 data reports and resources to nursing homes in COVID-19 hot spot areas; CDPH urges facilities to confer Center for Disease Control and Prevention National Health Safety Network rights to HSAG.

[Click here to read AFL 20-68](#)

Letter to All Facilities: AFL 20-46.2 – August 31, 2020

Requests for Urgent Staffing Resources for COVID-19 (This supersedes AFL 20-46.1)

This AFL clarifies the process for requesting staffing resources for healthcare facilities and alternate care sites during COVID-19; provides a quick reference resource on multi-jurisdictional responses to emergencies and disasters in California; and provides clarification regarding the costs facilities may incur when accessing staffing resources.

[Click here to read AFL 20-46](#)

[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 CDSS San Diego Adult and Senior Care office can be reached at (619) 767-2300 or

[CCLASCPSanDiegoRO@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CCLASCPSanDiegoRO@dss.ca.gov).

### **Emergency Resident Transfers During the COVID-19 Pandemic** – August 20, 2020 (PIN 20-28-ASC)

This PIN provides guidance for evacuation and transferring of residents during emergency situations while also taking precautions for the COVID-19 pandemic. This PIN also includes the following addendums:

**Addendum A:** Checklist. List of what to consider when evacuating residents during infectious disease outbreaks.

**Addendum B:** Decision Tree. Receiving emergency transfer placements decision tree based on COVID-19 screening and/or testing

[Click here to read PIN 20-28-ASC and Addendum](#)

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



## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Partner Update  
Women, Caregiving, and COVID-19:  
A Delicate Balancing Act

**NEW!** Please join our weekly partner call for updates on the COVID-19 response, including new resources for the private sector and the general public.

**Date: Monday, September 14, 2020**

**Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

**CDC Speakers:**

1. **Dr. John Brooks**, Chief Medical Officer for the CDC COVID-19 Emergency Response
2. **Dr. Pattie Tucker**, DrPH, MPH, Director for Office of Women's Health, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, CDC
3. **Dr. Diane Hall**, Deputy for Partnerships and Risk Management, CDC COVID-19 Emergency Response (*Moderator*)

Dr. Brooks will share updates on CDC's COVID-19 response, including the latest scientific information available. This week Dr. Pattie Tucker will discuss CDC's [guidance](#) for Women, Caregiving and COVID-19. Afterwards, our experts will answer questions from the audience.

**We strongly encourage submitting your questions in advance. Please email [eocevent337@cdc.gov](mailto:eocevent337@cdc.gov) with "Partner Call 9/14" in the subject line.**

The call will be recorded and posted on [CDC's website](#).

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_WDkcyio6RW6UPc5h3G4oSQ](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_WDkcyio6RW6UPc5h3G4oSQ)

Previous Partner Update webinars can be accessed [here](#).



## Is Your Hand Sanitizer on the Food and Drug Administration's List of Products You Should Not Use?

FDA testing uncovered toxic ingredients in some hand sanitizers – find out if your product on the list. Before you buy hand sanitizer or use hand sanitizer you have at home, the FDA recommends checking our do-not-use list at [www.fda.gov/handsanitizerlist](http://www.fda.gov/handsanitizerlist). We update the list regularly as new test results are released. Bookmark the list in your web browser so that you can check each hand sanitizer before using it.

Please click [here](#) to check the FDA's Do-Not-Use List



Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency related to Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Testing Requirements and Revised COVID-19 Focused Survey Tool issued August 26, 2020 can be found [here](#).



## Upcoming Telebriefings



**Friday, September 11  
at 4:00pm**

Telebriefing for **Long-Term Care and Residential Care Facilities with Special Guests: The County of San Diego Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and a Discussion on Fire Safety Preparedness.**

**WHEN:** Friday, September 11, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

Please [pre-submit your questions in advance here](#). 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.](#)



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

**Friday, September 18  
at 4:00pm**

**WHEN:** Friday, September 18, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

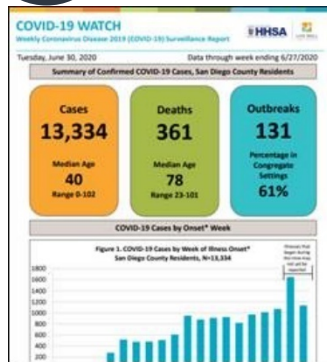
Please [pre-submit your questions at least 24 hours before the telebriefing](#), so that they can be answered on the call.

Participants will 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](https://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.](#)



As COVID-19 continues to spread in our community, we are seeing trends among certain groups disproportionately affected by COVID-19. The County of San Diego is committed to understanding more about the factors that are contributing to this disproportionality so we can ensure better health outcomes for all San Diegans. Race and ethnicity data can be viewed [here](#).



### Latest San Diego County Public Health Order

The latest updates to the local Public Health Order included additional key items for reopening businesses (September 1, 2020). [Read the latest order.](#)



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

- [September 3, 2020 Update](#)
- [August 26, 2020 Update](#)
- [August 19, 2020 Update](#)

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



## 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.



## COVID-19 Downloadable Resources and Materials for Your Facility

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



## Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [COVID-19 in Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities](#)
- [Considerations for Use of SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Testing in Nursing Homes](#)
- [Printable Algorithm](#) for considerations for testing asymptomatic and symptomatic residents or HCP.
- [Guidelines on Masks, How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask](#)
- [Guidelines for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities](#)
- [Guidelines for Direct Service Providers of Individuals with Disabilities](#)
- [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](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).



## General COVID-19 Information from Federal and State Organizations

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



## Stay Connected



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

