



August 18, 2021
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The New Public Health Orders:
What Do They Mean for Us?



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August 4, 2021 Webtalk Evaluation: 4.6

1. 5 Star Webinar * * * * *
2. Very informative! great job to the presenters and organizers.
3. Very timely presentation on a subject with a rapidly moving target.
4. Very informative, we learn and see what other centers are doing.
5. Would love more guidance on mandatory vaccine for ADP. I see the health programs fall into the required section but not others.
6. Very helpful info for my job.
7. It would also be helpful to discuss how people at remotely serving their clients through TAS, what specifically they are doing from each department etc.
8. A lot of the info presented is just what other centers are doing, it would be great to focus more on what is actually required and any guidelines that have been given.
10. It contained very helpful updates and information. Thank you.
11. Thank you for bringing some clarity and useful information to help as guidance during these challenging times and get some information on how other centers are faring or handling the situation
12. The presenters did the best they could do with regard to the changing nature of the topic. It is difficult for us all to recognize the needs of the community and our inability to address those needs while we remain closed to in-person services.
13. Thank you for the very useful info on the Delta variant! More power to you both!
14. Very grateful for the guidance and with the information learned from this webinar.
15. Always look forward to CAADS/ALE/ CDA Webinars to get most current information and Tips to deal with current situation. Keep up the good work. Very impressed.
16. There should be a delay in reopening! To rushed to soon with the current environment.

Agenda

- 1) CDA Update
- 2) COVID Data and Safety
- 3) CA Public Health Orders & COVID-19 Guidance
- 4) Panel Discussion: Responding to the Orders & Changing Landscape
- 5) Resources & Calendar
- 6) Thought for the Week

Presenters & Panelists

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CA Dept of Aging Update

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CBAS Guidance Review

- CDA is mindful that current COVID conditions continue to vary around the state.
- CDA currently drafting guidance that will establish directives for the continuing transition to CBAS in-center services
- This guidance will:
 - ⊖ Update the timeline in ACL 21-04
 - ⊖ Notify providers about upcoming changes to current Public Health Emergency (PHE) flexibilities beginning January 2022, including changes to allowable remote service delivery
- CDA is working to release new guidance by **mid-August**, ahead of the CDA – CBAS Provider Webinar on **August 19th at 2:00pm**
- If necessary, adjustments to the new timeline will be based on changing conditions with the pandemic and/or new guidance from state partners or other entities (CMS).



CA Department of Public Health Overview & Vaccines

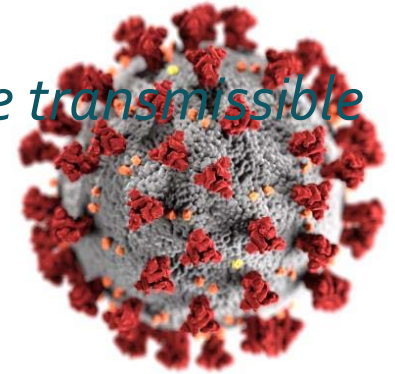
Dr. Jane Siegel

Public Health Medical Officer

Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Unit

Delta Variant Dominates in USA & CA

- Delta is the major variant in CA and the USA (> 90%)
- Compared to Alpha (*Alpha is the UK variant which is 56% more transmissible than original "wild" virus*), **Delta:**
 - Is 50% more transmissible
 - Produces 1,000 times more virus in nose
 - 4 days to infection compared to 6 days for Alpha
 - $R_0 = 5-9$ (ie, 1 person can infect 5-8 others)
 - Leads to 2x more hospitalizations and 4x more ICU admissions compared with all other variants



CDC: “The War Has Changed”

- 99.5% of COVID-19 deaths in the past few months were among people who weren't vaccinated, and 97% of those currently hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated (CDC Director Walensky)
- Vaccines are highly protective. Prevent >90% of severe disease.
 - Breakthrough infections among fully vaccinated are expected and generally mild to moderate or asymptomatic.

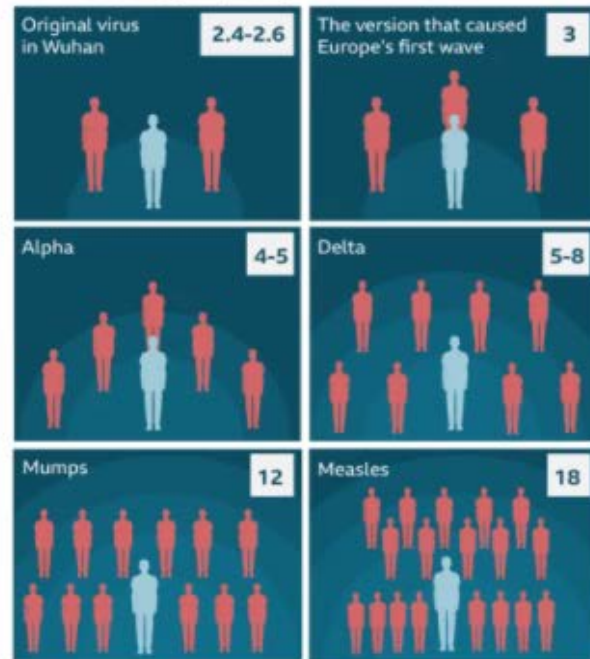


Dr. Rochelle Walensky
CDC Director

Delta Transmission Is Exponential

How the R0 numbers of Covid-19 variants and other diseases compare

The more contagious, the higher the R0 number

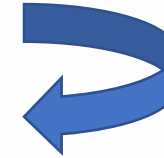


Source: Imperial College, Lancet, Australian government



After 10 cycles of transmission:

- ✓ R0 2.5 leads to 9,536 cases
- ✓ R0 6 leads to 60,466,176 cases



The R0 also determines "herd immunity" ($R_0 - 1 / R_0$):

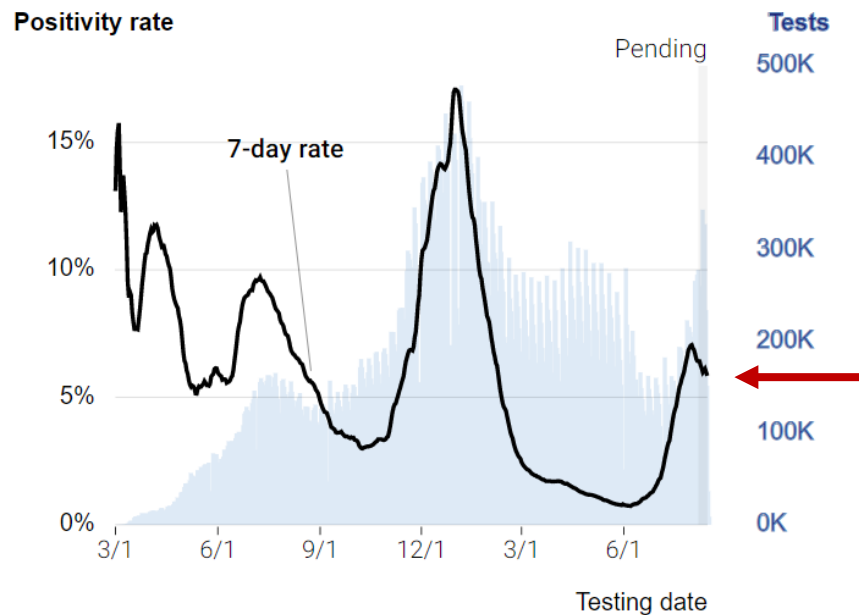
- ✓ R0 2.5 = 60%
- ✓ R0 6 = 84%



CA COVID-19 Numbers as of 8/17/21

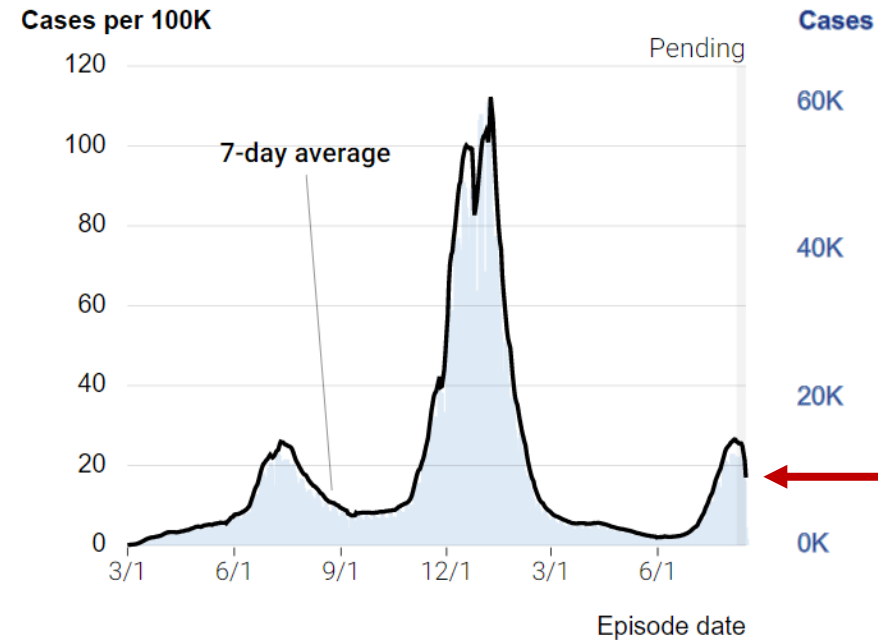
The seven-day test **positivity rate** is **5.8%**, **down .6%** from 7 days prior

5.8% test positivity (7-day rate)
0.6% decrease from 7-days prior



Confirmed new cases ratio is 25.8/100K
(7 day average) a **.2%** increase

4,043,407 total confirmed cases
9,748 new cases (**0.2%** increase)
25.8 cases per 100K (7-day average)



CA Vaccinations as of 8/16

Statewide

21,908,346 (64.6%) People fully vaccinated
3,475,826 (10.2%) People partially vaccinated



45,454,770 (88.1%) Doses administered
78,424 Average doses per day



5,122,050 Doses on hand
(65 days of inventory)



51,598,015 Doses Delivered
15,946,170 CDC Pharmacy Doses Delivered

Doses Administered by County of Residence

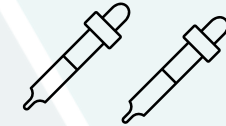
County

(All) ▼



Los Angeles	11,682,729
San Diego	4,096,120
Orange	3,791,806
Santa Clara	2,758,630
Riverside	2,298,524
Alameda	2,202,115
San Bernardino	1,912,904
Sacramento	1,645,897
Contra Costa	1,539,224
San Francisco	1,256,632
San Mateo	1,075,651
Ventura	997,619
Fresno	922,268
San Joaquin	724,055
Kern	695,453
Sonoma	645,591
Stanislaus	506,029
Santa Barbara	504,087
Monterey	492,063
Solano	480,001

64.6% fully vaccinated



10.2% partially vaccinated



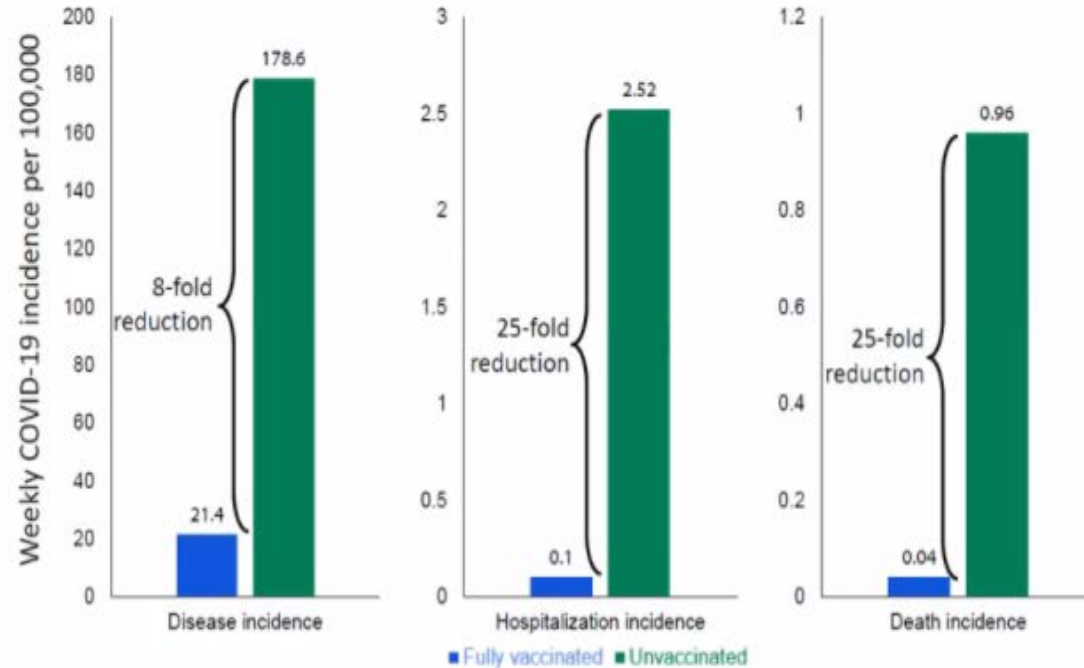
See [Data Dictionary](#) for Details.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccination-progress-data/#overview>

Data: 8/16/2021 11:59pm | Posted: 8/17/2021

Pandemic of the Unvaccinated

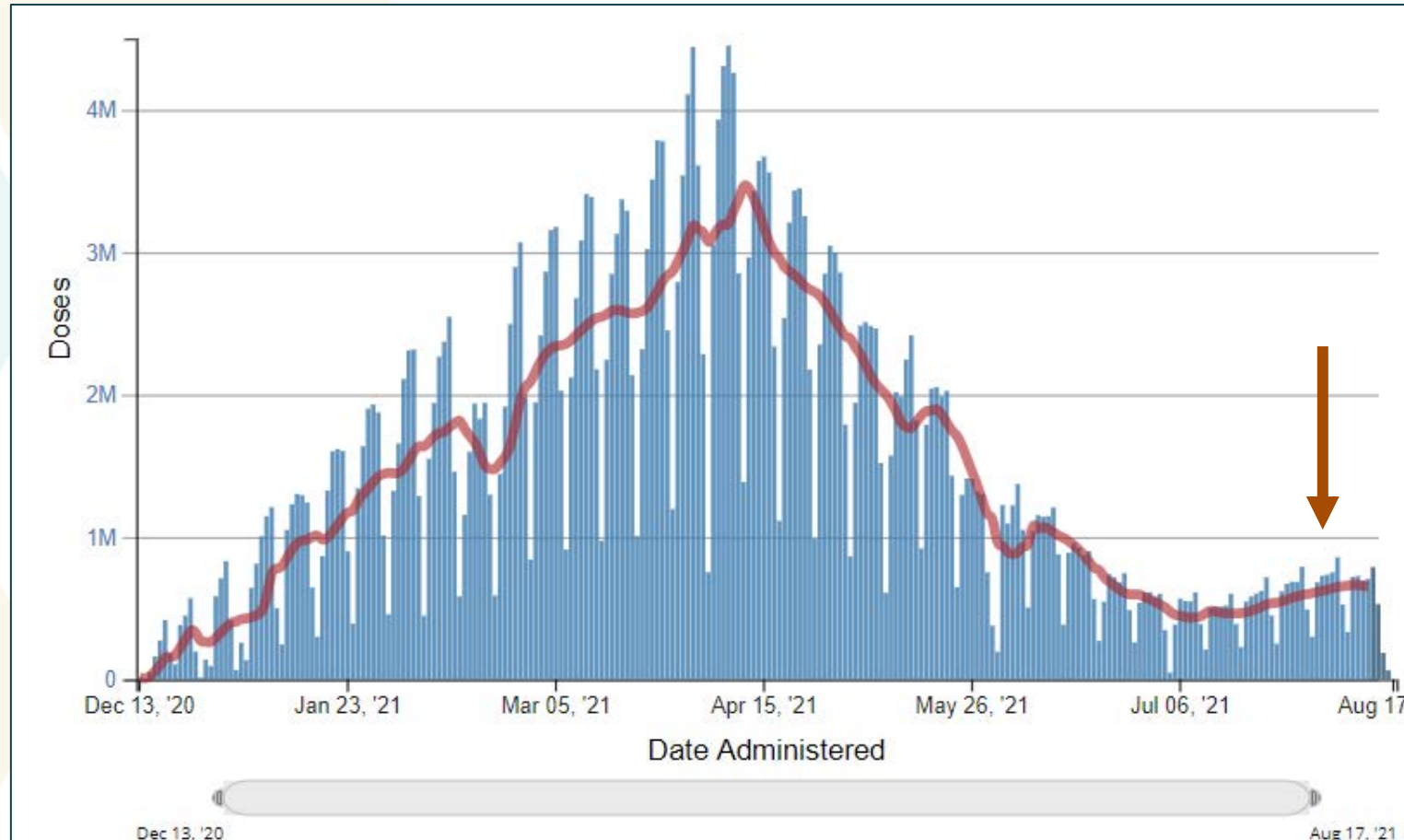
Greater risk of disease, hospitalization and death among unvaccinated vs. vaccinated people: National estimates



At current incidence,
35,000 symptomatic
infections per week
among 162 million
vaccinated Americans

Data from COVID Tracker as of July 24, 2021. Average incidence 100 cases per 100,000 persons per week. Vaccine effectiveness against symptomatic illness = 88% (Lopez Bernal et al. [NEJM 2021](#)), where risk is $[1 - VE]$ or 12%. Vaccine effectiveness hospitalization (or death) = 96% (Stowe et al. [PHE preprint](#)), where risk is $[1 - VE]$ or 4%. Rate in unvaccinated = Community rate/ $[(1 - \text{fully vaccinated coverage}) + (1 - VE) * \text{fully vaccinated coverage}]$. Rate in fully vaccinated = $(1 - VE) * \text{Rate in unvaccinated}$. Fully vaccinated coverage proportions were from COVID Data Tracker as of July 24, 2021 (50% for US.).

Daily Count of Total Vaccine Doses Administered in U.S.



Vaccination after COVID-19 Disease

The [CDC recommends](#):

- If you tested positive, had only mild symptoms, and were not treated for the coronavirus, you should:
 - Wait at least 10 days after the start of COVID-19 symptoms, and
 - Meet [criteria to stop isolation](#) before getting the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Wait **90 days** to get the vaccine if:
 - You recovered from a COVID-19 infection, and
 - Were treated with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/search/?q=vaccination%20after%20covid%20disease#gsc.tab=o&gsc.q=vaccination%20after%20covid%20disease&gsc.page=1>

Pregnant Women & Vaccination Study

- Studies have shown COVID-19 vaccines are effective and safe to protect pregnant people, fetus, and newborn
- Unvaccinated women were at high risk for preterm birth and other complications and outcomes, if infected with COVID-19, including preeclampsia, coagulopathy, and stillbirth.
- [Recent reports](#) have shown that the antibodies developed from mRNA COVID-19 vaccination were present in cord blood and breastmilk samples

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2104983>

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2782047>

Booster Approved for Immunocompromised

- U.S. FDA amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) for both the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to allow for the use of an additional dose (28 days post initial vaccine series) in certain immunocompromised individuals:
 1. solid organ transplant recipients
 2. those who are diagnosed with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromise.
- **This does not apply to people who are not immunocompromised.**
- These patients should be counseled to **maintain physical precautions to help prevent COVID-19**. In addition, **close contacts of immunocompromised persons should get vaccinated**, as appropriate for their health status, to provide increased protection to their loved ones.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes Additional Vaccine Dose for Certain Immunocompromised Individuals | FDA](#)

Examples of Qualifying Conditions for Booster

- Receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and am taking medicine to suppress my immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or am taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, WiskottAldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that suppress my immune response

Masking Requirements

1. Masks are required for ALL individuals when indoors
2. Surgical (medical) masks are required for unvaccinated workers.
3. ADHCs and ADPs must strictly adhere to current [CDPH Masking Guidance dated July 28, 2021](#)
4. Where [Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations](#) does not require the use of respirators, facilities shall provide all unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers with [FDA-cleared surgical masks](#).

Let's Remember Flu Season is Starting!

- CDC projections for 2021-22 flu season
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/vaxsupply.htm>
- Flu shots are becoming available now
- August 23 – CDC 2021-2022 flu recommendations for prevention of influenza available (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html>)
- Differentiating between COVID-19 symptoms and flu
(<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm>)

Vaccines Are the Key to the Future

- “No does not mean “never” – sometimes it’s a slow getting to “yes”
- Listen and ask open ended questions to understand hesitancy
- Provide 1 on 1 time
- Continue to educate about vaccines
- Discuss need for greater protection measures and higher threat of delta transmission and severe illness for unvaccinated people
- Dispel myths by referring to reliable sources of information
- Support access to vaccination clinics or doctor offices for a shot
 - Follow up on 2-dose vaccines to complete full course of shots

Panel Discussion

Responding to the Orders and Changing Landscape of Pandemic

Submit questions or comments in the Question Box

If directed to a specific panelist, please indicate

Public Health Orders

July 26, 2021 Order - Unvaccinated Workers in High-risk Settings

Applies to all high-risk care settings including, but not limited to:

- Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)
- Adult Day Programs (ADPs)
- PACE

»» Full compliance deadline is **August 23, 2021**

August 5, 2021 Order - Healthcare Worker Vaccine Requirement

Applies to healthcare workers only (**does not apply to ADPs**)

- Adult Day Health Care
- PACE

»» Full compliance deadline is **Sept. 30, 2021**

- Exemptions only for medical or religious reasons

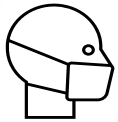
What We Know About Mitigation Measures



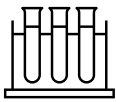
Maintain 6-foot spacing in center and on transportation



Screen everyone for temperature and signs of infection each day



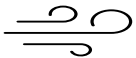
Wear [face coverings or surgical masks](#) when indoors per CDPH guidance for workers (including people not on staff!)



Test unvaccinated workers a minimum of 1x per week using antigen test and report to the state



Use outdoor space to the extent possible



Improve indoor ventilation, as much as feasible

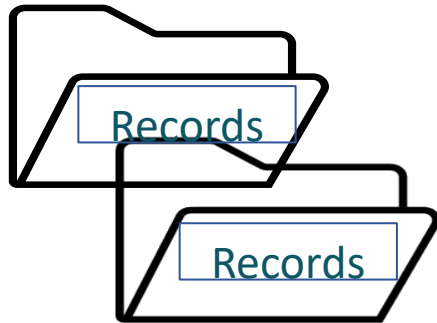


Practice good hand hygiene and infection control measures



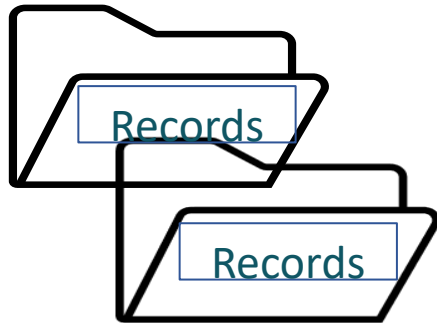
Create group cohorts, to the extent that you can

What We Know About Vaccination Verification



1. Per Public Health Order, ADHC and ADPs must **verify** vaccination status of all workers using acceptable records; **deadline is August 23.**
2. “Worker” is broadly defined, employees, contractors, volunteers, etc.
3. You must maintain a record
4. All unvaccinated or symptomatic workers must undergo testing (either antigen or PCR at least once per week).
5. Records of testing results must be maintained
6. There are NO exemptions to testing

What We Know About Testing Workers



1. All unvaccinated or symptomatic workers must undergo testing (either antigen or PCR at least once per week).
 - Best practice is 2x per week
2. Records of testing results must be maintained
3. There are NO exemptions to testing unvaccinated people

Options for Complying with Orders for Testing

- Testing Options:
 - Statewide BinaxNOW™ Testing Program
 - Purchase retail BinaxNOW kits (\$20-\$25 each)
 - Use “free” county testing sites or walk-up clinics for confirmatory PCR tests
- PPE supply options (good idea to stock up on supplies now)
 - Retail suppliers
 - CalOES (send order to CDA by the 10th of each month)
 - **Adult Day Programs** - check with your Regional Centers and your regional Community Care Licensing Field Office for drive through events

On-site Testing Considerations

- Staffing/Training testing operation.
 - Registration, Supervision, Running Tests, Reading/Logging Results.
- Maintaining safety while testing.
 - Testing prior to entering workspace.
 - Using outdoor spaces when appropriate for collection.
 - Staggering staff arrival to accommodate testing schedule.

July 26 Order - Worker Definition



“Worker” refers to **all paid and unpaid persons** serving in health care, other health care or congregate settings who have the **potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients/clients/residents** or SARS-CoV-2 airborne aerosols.

Workers include, but are not limited to, **nurses, nursing assistants, physicians, technicians, therapists, phlebotomists, pharmacists, students and trainees, contractual staff not employed by the health care facility, and persons not directly involved in patient care**, but who could be **exposed to infectious agents** that can be transmitted in the health care setting (e.g., **clerical, dietary, environmental services, laundry, security, engineering and facilities management, administrative, billing, and volunteer personnel**).”

Q&A

State's BinaxNOW™ Testing Program

California Coronavirus
COVID-19 Testing Task Force

Start Testing

Testing Site Resources

School Testing Resources

FAQs

To apply to partner with the State of California to offer antigen + confirmatory PCR tests, please complete this form

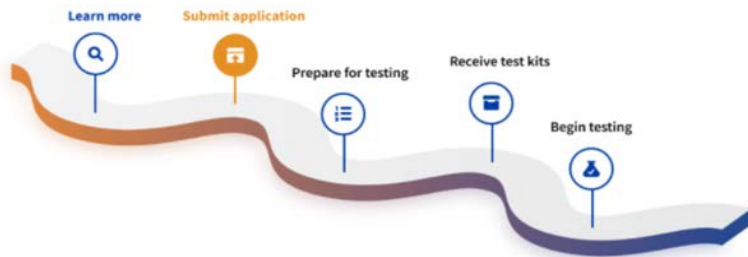
You will be directed to the application here.

Start application



[Overview of resources offered by the State to support testing sites](#)

Your path to becoming a testing partner with the State



[CDSS PIN 21-30-ASC](#) announces availability of the CDPH **BinaxNOW™** Antigen Testing Program for COVID-19 for Adult and Senior Care Facilities

- Free and available to ADPs and ADHCs
- **Free** Antigen Testing kits shipped to your center (rapid test - 15 minutes)
- You must complete on-line training prior to enrollment (allow for 2-3 weeks to complete all steps)

Advantages of CDPH Antigen Testing Program

- Licensed facilities can obtain a free Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waiver, which is necessary for antigen testing
- Ongoing supplies of Abbott BinaxNOW™ tests which provide accurate results in approximately 15 minutes
- Tests are easy to perform involving a simple nasal swab
- Tests can be conducted onsite to support decision-making on follow-up
- Infection prevention and control measures (e.g., isolation/cohorting of persons in care and excluding COVID-19 positive cases from entering facility)
- Any staff member can be trained to perform the test
- Ability to test all staff and persons in care
- Facilities may offer tests to screen visitors before entry
- A free and user-friendly platform called Primary to meet the program's reporting requirements
- Ongoing technical and logistical support
- Simple method of enrolling in the program



How to Enroll in Antigen Testing Program

Facilities may directly apply to the CDPH's BinaxNOW™ Antigen Testing Program through its [application webpage](#).

- **Important!** When filling out your Antigen Testing Application Form select one of these options under “**Type of Organization**” drop-down menu
 - Select “Department of Social Services (DSS) facility, if you are an ADP
 - Then, select the appropriate facility type from the “DSS Facility Type” dropdown menu.
 - Select “Other” if you are an ADHC and enter ADHC in the “Other Organization Type” box)

For questions, support, or more information about enrolling in the CDPH's BinaxNOW™ Antigen Testing Program, please contact the CDPH at RCFEbinax@cdph.ca.gov.

For questions specific to the Primary reporting system please contact:
carapidtest@primary.health

Antigen Testing Resources & Training

[California Coronavirus Testing Task Force](#) | California is expanding coronavirus testing capacity

CDPH Adult and Senior Care Antigen Testing Program email: rcfebinax@cdph.ca.gov

CDPH Testing Task Force email: Testing.Taskforce@cdph.ca.gov

Weekly FAQ sessions every Thursday at 1 pm. Please join via this zoom link:

<https://cdph-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/85118149890?pwd=R3c3ZDVzUTZpajBFR3NUZStaeERaZz09>

Meeting ID: 851 1814 9890 Passcode: 631140

Training Links:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 11 am:

<https://cdph-ca-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcuCrrT0oGtFSv5OayM5cm-Pb79y-bSJW>

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 2 pm:

<https://cdph-ca-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpc-qgrDsuHdV37192YSc-H8tWvdx8t7-R>

Spanish Trainings on Wednesday at 2 pm:

<https://cdph-ca-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdGgpjlrG9GIHUAh6CIKC3DGBtnH3mVH>

Wednesday & Thursday at 6 pm:

<https://cdph-ca-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpcuqrrzltE9zmutDMeELGklc6XcHvPFUS>

Recent Public Health Orders Related to COVID-19

- [June 11, 2021](#) Public Health Order Beyond Blueprint
 - [July 26, 2021](#) Healthcare Worker Protections in High-Risk Settings
 - [Aug 5, 2021](#) Healthcare Worker Vaccine Requirement
 - [Aug 7, 2021](#) Q&A Healthcare Worker Vaccine Requirement
 - [Aug 9, 2021](#) Q&A Healthcare Worker Protections in High-Risk Settings
- All Facility Letters (pertaining to ADHC & COVID-19)
- [Aug 3, 2021](#) AFL 21-29 Testing, Vaccination Verification and PPE at Health Care Facilities

CDA Recent Guidance Related to COVID-19

- [ACL 21-04](#) Transition to Congregate Services
- [ACL 21-05](#) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) #7, CBAS Phased Transition to Congregate Services
- [ACL 21-06](#) Temporary Suspension of PCR Submission to CDA for June 2021
- [ACL-21-08](#) Notice of CDPH Public Health Order “Unvaccinated Workers in High-Risk Settings

Department of Social Services Recent Guidance Related to COVID-19

CA Dept of Social Services PINs

- [21-35-ASC](#) Delay of Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement (CARE) Tool
- [21-34-ASC](#) Update to Facility COVID-19 Status Survey sent via Everbridge
- [21-33 ASC](#) ADP Covid-19 Guidelines
- [21-30-ASC](#) CDPH BINAXNOW™ Antigen Testing Program for COVID-19

PPE and Testing Resources

1. PPE Unite <https://www.ppeunite.org/>
2. CalOES PPE Order Form (for CBAS centers apply through CDA)
<https://aging.ca.gov/download.ashx?lE0rcNUV0zYfJu14n9VN1Q%3D%3D>
3. PPE from CDSS CCL (Contact your licensing Field Office)
4. Testing sites searchable on COVID-19 ca.gov website
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/Nearby/index.html?appid=43118dcod5d348d8ab20a81967a15401>

Upcoming ALE webtalks & other trainings

All webinars are held Wednesday 10:30 am to Noon,
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, unless otherwise noted

- Aug 18 Dept of Social Services Information Call 1:00 pm [Pin 21-36 Infection Control](#)
- Aug 19 CDA CBAS Webinar 2:00 to 3:30 pm (registration materials to come)
- Sept 1 **Webtalk:** Topic to be announced
- Sept 8 CAADS Webinar:10:30am | *Developing Activities That Have Meaning for People Living with Dementia*
- Sept 15* **Webtalk: Dr. Tina Sadarangani** - Assistant Professor NYU College of Nursing to discuss early findings from her NIH funded research to examine outcomes for people with dementia served in CA ADHCs

* Note: Sept 15 is the last in the series of Archstone Foundation supported “free” webinars that are open to all CAADS non-members

Thought for the Week



Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

~ Helen Keller