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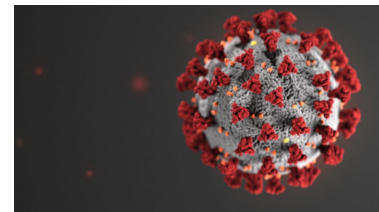
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Communicable Disease Updates

COVID-19

CDC COVID-19 Updates

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides daily updates and guidance, including [a section specific to rural health care](#), a [Toolkit for Tribal Communities](#), and [a vaccine locator by state](#).



And remember, MCHD publishes daily updates to county COVID-19 data [here](#).

Health Advisory-State Health Officer Order Revises Mandatory COVID-19 Reporting Requirements by Health Care Providers and Laboratories

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Current Situation

Both health care providers (HCP) and laboratories are required to report cases of COVID-19 (also referred to as “coronavirus disease 2019”, “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2”, and “coronavirus, novel strains”) pursuant to provisions of the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Sections 2500 and 2505. On February 10, 2022, the State Public Health Officer took steps to optimize COVID-19 reporting by focusing provider reporting on severe COVID-19 and aligning laboratory reporting with daily automated reporting. Because the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and most local health departments already depend primarily on laboratory reporting

for timely identification and monitoring of COVID-19 cases, limiting HCP reporting to severe cases, such as hospitalizations and deaths, reflects the evolving priorities for COVID-19 surveillance.

Recommendations

Monterey County Health Department recommends that all health care providers (HCPs) and laboratories follow the February 10, 2022, COVID-19 reporting requirements summarized below.

- HCPs must report severe cases of COVID-19 (hospitalizations and deaths) within 1 business day to the local health department.
 - Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) forms are no longer required for most outpatient COVID-19 cases.
 - Hospitalized cases and deaths must still be reported on CMR forms either by fax to 831-775-8076 or electronically via the CalREDIE Provider Portal.
- Laboratories must report all COVID-19 results (positive and negative) to the local health department within 24 hours of results being known.
 - All HCPs who conduct Point of Care, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)-waived SARS-CoV-2 testing, both rapid antigen and PCR, are considered laboratories under Title 17 and must continue to report all COVID-19 tests consistent with current laboratory reporting requirements.
 - Laboratories must report results via electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) to the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE). Additional reporting guidance can be found at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/COVID-19FAQ.aspx> under “What are the Reporting Requirements for COVID-19?”.
- HCPs and laboratories must continue to report suspected outbreaks of COVID-19 to local health departments.

For Additional Information

- February 10, 2022, State Health Officer Order:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Revision-of-Mandatory-Reporting-of-Covid-19-Results-by-Health-Care-Providers.aspx>
- Title 17, Section 2500 (Provider Reporting):
<https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I5849DB60A9CD11E0AE80D7A8DD0B623B?transitionType=Default&contextData=%28sc.Default%29>
- Title 17, Section 2505 (Laboratory Reporting):
<https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/IC7766820D60511DE88AEDDE29ED1DC0A?originationContext=document&transitionType=StatuteNavigator&needToInjectTerms=False&viewType=FullText&bhcp=1&contextData=%28sc.Default%29>
- CalREDIE ELR:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/CaIREDE-ELR.aspx>

- Monterey County Health Department COVID-19 website: www.MontereyCountyCOVID19.org
- Printable version of this Health Advisory: <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=109384&t=637807739190799821>

For Providers

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Update

Updates from CDPH Vaccination Program- Recent Updates to Interim Clinical Considerations

The mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at the FDA-approved or FDA-authorized intervals between the first and second dose of 3 (Pfizer) or 4 (Moderna) weeks. However, an interval up to 8 weeks may be preferable for some people ages 12 years and older interval may be optimal for some people ages 12 years and older, especially for males ages 12-to-39-years-old. Please see the following considerations listed on the CDC's [Primary Series COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule](#)

- While the absolute risk of myocarditis remains small, the relative risk is higher for males ages 12-to-39-years old.
- [Some studies](#) in adolescents and adults have shown an interval longer than 4 weeks to be associated with possible decrease in the risk of myocarditis and increase in peak antibody responses and vaccine effectiveness.
- A shorter interval (3 weeks for Pfizer-BioNTech; 4 weeks for Moderna) between the first and second doses remains the recommended interval for: people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised; adults ages 65 years and older; and others who need rapid protection due to increased concern about community transmission or risk of severe disease.

[Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised People:](#)

- Clarification of existing recommendation to receive a 3-dose mRNA vaccine primary series followed by a booster dose for a total of 4 doses.
- New guidance to shorten the interval between completion of the mRNA vaccine primary series and the booster dose to at least 3 months (instead of 5 months).
- New guidance for those who receive the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine primary series to receive an additional dose (of mRNA vaccine) and a booster dose, for a total of 3 doses
- Providers can refer to the new job aid: [COVID-19 Vaccine Timing by Age](#), for a quick review of intervals.

Recipients of Passive Antibody Products:

- People who previously received antibody products (anti-SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma) as part of COVID-19 treatment, post-exposure prophylaxis, or pre-exposure prophylaxis can be vaccinated at any time; COVID-19 vaccination does not need to be delayed following receipt of monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma.
- Although some [reduction in vaccine-induced antibody titers](#) was observed in people who previously received antibody products, the clinical significance of this reduction is unknown, and the balance of benefits vs. risks favors proceeding with vaccination even considering the possibility of diminished vaccine effectiveness in this situation.
- In people who previously received a COVID-19 vaccine, administration of tixagevimab/cilgavimab (EVUSHELD™) for pre-exposure prophylaxis should be deferred for at least two weeks after vaccination, per the product [EUA](#).

Persons who Received COVID-19 Vaccine Outside the United States

- See [Appendix E](#) for comprehensive guidance for persons who received FDA-approved or authorized, WHO-listed, or non-approved or listed vaccines. To view archived messages, click [here](#).

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COVID-19 Learning Opportunities



This issue of the [CDC Learning Connection](#) newsletter highlights new COVID-19 trainings and resources for health professionals. Visit CDC's [COVID-19 website](#) for the latest information.

MIS-C Updates:

- Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a rare but serious condition associated with COVID-19. Learn about MIS-C surveillance, diagnosis, and data related to COVID-19 vaccination in CDC's [webinar](#). **Earn free CE.**

COVID-19 Testing:

- Hear updates from CDC experts on COVID-19 testing in CDC

Foundation's [webinar](#) for community-based organizations. Find the latest information on CDC's [Testing for COVID-19 page](#).

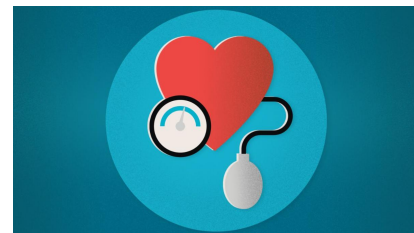
Data Modernization:

- Learn about data challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to improve systems and processes in this CDC Foundation [podcast](#). To learn more, visit CDC's [Data Modernization Initiative](#) and [Implementation Support](#) websites.

Chronic Disease Updates

Hypertension

Genetics, Family History in CVD & Hypertension; CAC as a Risk Stratifier + Support for COVID-Fatigued Health Teams (Recorded Webinar)



On February 14, 2022, the Right Care Initiative Virtual University of Best Practices conducted a webinar on Genetics, Family History in CVD & Hypertension; CAC as a Risk Stratifier + Support for COVID-Fatigued Health Teams. The following topics were discussed during the webinar:

- Family History as a predictor of CVD Events & the Role of Genetics in Hypertension
- Evolution of Coronary Calcium Screening as a Tool for Cardiovascular Risk Assessment
- Operation & Mental Well-being Support for COVID Fatigued Healthcare Teams

To view webinar, click [here](#).

To see slides, click [here](#).

AMA + CDC Initiatives & Resources to Control Blood Pressure, LDL & A1c (Recorded Webinar)

On January 25, 2022, the Right Care Initiative Virtual University of Best

Practices conducted a webinar on AMA + CDC Initiatives & Resources to Control Blood Pressure, LDL & A1c. The following topics were discussed during the webinar:

- American Medical Association's Resources and Technical Assistance for Reaching Blood Pressure Control Targets
- Practical Approaches & A Vision for the Future From the Team Lead of the CDC Hypertension Control Roundtable Partnerships Work Group

To view webinar, click [here](#).

To view slides, click [here](#).

Diabetes

2022 CDC Diabetes Statistics Report



The Division of Diabetes Translation (DTT) released the 2022 National Diabetes Statistics Report. The report includes the latest information on diabetes, prediabetes, risk factors for health complications, deaths, and costs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) releases the National Diabetes Statistics Report to convey these numbers, so decision-makers and communities can continue to prevent type 2 diabetes and diabetes management efforts. To view report, click [here](#).

New National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES)

The National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) provide guidance and evidence-based, quality practice for all DSMES services. Due to the dynamic nature of health care and diabetes research, the National Standards are reviewed and revised approximately every 5 years by key stakeholders and experts within the diabetes care and education community. For each revision, the Task Force is charged with reviewing the current National Standards for appropriateness, relevance, and scientific basis and making updates based on current evidence and expert consensus. In 2021, the group was tasked with reducing administrative burden related to DSMES implementation across diverse care settings.

The standards' changes in 2022 include updated evidence to support and inform quality DSMES services, with a focus on reducing burden and increasing clarity for those who are delivering DSMES. This resulted in a

reduction from ten to six standards and the most significant revision to date! To learn more, read the [top 6 things you should know](#) about these updates in the latest ADCES blog post, or click below to read the full paper in *The Science of Diabetes Self-Management and Care*.

To read the report, click [here](#).

CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)-Risk for Newly Diagnosed Diabetes >30 days after SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Person Age <18 years

On January 17, 2022, the CDC released a new study from March 1, 2020 to June 28, 2021, that found children and adolescents younger than 18 years old with a prior COVID-19 infection were up to 2.5 times more likely to be newly diagnosed with diabetes in the months following COVID-19 infection compared with youth without COVID-19 and those diagnosed with other respiratory infections before the pandemic. At or around the time of diabetes diagnosis, nearly half of the children had diabetic ketoacidosis, a very serious diabetes complication.

To read report, click [here](#).

Diabetes Program with Diabetes Services at Touro University

Touro University of California and Diabetes Research Education and Management (DREAM) offers a free 6-week interactive online program for diabetic patients. During classes patients will learn about diabetes management to prevent future complications, understanding lab values, medication management, how to improve healthier habits, and more. Program starts on **March 9, 2022**. To register and learn more click [here](#).

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In this **FREE** interactive 6-week program you will learn how to live a healthier life with diabetes!

Distance-Learning Program Come join us!

Starting on
March 9, 2022. 5:30 -7:30 p.m.



To register, follow this link:
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Or scan the QR code
with your phone to register!

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Develop skills to take care
of yourself and your Diabetes:

- ✓ Improve your quality of life and prevent complications from diabetes.
- ✓ Understand and make sense of your lab values.
- ✓ Learn about your medications and medication management.
- ✓ Learn a variety of exercises for all skill and age levels.
- ✓ Improve your eating habits.

Classes held throughout
Solano County

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Other

Prevention Forward

Prevention Forward California CDC Grantees (Recorded Webinar)

On January 19, 2022, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) along with collaborating partners such as Inspiring Communities, Touro University, UC Davis Medical Center among others conducted a webinar on the following topics:

- Guidance for becoming a Medi-Cal Diabetes Prevention Program Provider
- Summary of Prevention Forward objectives and partners
- Information about the recorded CDPH/California Medical Association–

Health Equity and Diabetes Prevention Webinar, [Break the Bias: Health Equity and the Importance of Screening and Referring for Diabetes Prevention](#)

- Utilizing Umbrella Entities to Prevent Diabetes
- Touro University's **Pharm2Home Project** for chronic disease management
- Program representatives shared activities/progress/challenges for 1815, 1817, REACH, SPAN, and WISEWOMAN
- A networking breakout session discussing "What are the opportunities for chronic disease prevention grantee collaboration?" and "Looking ahead, is there an innovative idea or program you would like to partner on?"
- UCDCM's **Pharmacist-Led Hypertension Clinic**

To access recorded webinar, click [here](#).

To download slides, click [here](#).

Webinar Opportunities

ACEs Screening: Promoting Resilience for All



Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County is proud to announce the Continuing Medical Education webinar, entitled *ACEs Screening: Promoting Resilience for All*, the webinar is sponsored by the Central Coast Alliance for Health. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, March 3rd, 2022, from 7:30 am- 9:00 am**. Dr. Susan Swick, Executive Director of Ohana Center for Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health will be the keynote speaker. This learning session will include regional sharing of ACEs screening and implementation processes and resources. To register, please click [here](#).

Innovation and Collaboration to Support Community Health: Leveraging Partnerships to Provide Culturally Relevant Care in the Wake of COVID-19

INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH:

*Leveraging Partnerships to Provide Culturally Relevant
Care in the Wake of COVID-19*



March 16 , 2022 | 11:00am - 12:00pm PT

Industry Initiatives invites you to join the Innovation and Collaboration to Support Community Health webinar. The webinar will take place on **March 16, 2022, from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm PT**. The webinar focuses on leveraging partnerships to provide culturally relevant care in the wake of COVID-19.

Many Californians go without needed health and social care, precluding the state from meeting its audacious equity goals. Nearly two million Californians are estimated to lack the mental health care services they need, and others lack regular access to a source of health care—a problem only exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. And an estimated one-third of Americans, including many Californians, report that they are concerned with meeting their families' social needs.

Community and industry partners have been working together to find innovative methods to address health and social disparities and enhance access to care in a culturally competent way. Community health workers and *promotores de salud* have been key to helping assist with access to services, critically during the COVID-19 response. Policy developments are supporting this work as well, with the Department of Health Care Services slated to add community health worker services as a Medi-Cal benefit by January 2023.

A panel of experts will be touching on the following topics:

- The state of Californians' access to health and social needs
- Specific examples of collaborations and how innovative solutions are being implemented by organizations in California
- How to get involved in the movement for community health

To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

Medi-Cal Expansion: Health4All Older Adults

The National Health Law Program (NHeLP) will be having an information webinar on **March 8, 2022, at 11:00 AM Pacific Time/2:00 PM Eastern Time** about the Medi-Cal Expansion: Health4All Older Adults. The NHeLP protects and advances the health rights of low-income and underserved individuals and families. They advocate, educate, and litigate at the federal and state levels to advance health and civil rights in the U.S.

Starting May 1st, 2022, the Older Adult Expansion program will provide full-scope Medi-Cal coverage to all eligible adults 50 years and older, regarding immigration status. The webinar will provide information about the eligibility

and enrollment process, address Medi-Cal benefits and immigrant concerns, and let you know how you can get involved in this momentous implementation effort. Spanish translation will be available during the webinar. To register, click [here](#).

Subscriber's Corner

If you would like to contribute to the next Provider Bulletin, please send in your requests by April 29, 2022.

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