

Government Relations

Good morning everyone! Thank you for joining, we'll kick off with updates from Government Relations.

September 1st Redistricting Meetings for Orange County and LAUSD District 5 (Northeast Los Angeles and Southeast LA) Participate Now!

The redistricting public input meetings continue, with multiple state and local commissions hearing the public's input in the new drawing of maps. Unfortunately, there has been a low participation rate by communities of color in these meetings that are so crucial in providing political and fair representation to all.

If you are interested in participating there will be a public input meeting for LAUSD District 5, which encompasses the communities of Northeast Los Angeles and Southeast Los Angeles. This meeting will happen Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30PM and you can find the Zoom link at www.redistricting2021.lacity.org.

If you live in Orange County, there will be another public input meeting to the California State Redistricting Commission. This meeting will also be on Wednesday, Sept. 1 and you can find the link to the online hearing at www.wedrawthelinesca.org/september_1_coi_input_meeting.

If you have any questions about the upcoming redistricting hearings or redistricting, feel free to reach out to Jonathan Flores, Civic Engagement Specialist, at jonaflor@altamed.org

These meetings are where people can share their input on how they want their lines drawn, you and your staff know your neighborhood the best and they need to hear from you!

Recall Election

Also, the CA Gubernatorial Recall Election is well underway. Election Day is on Tuesday, September 14th. All active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the September 14, 2021 recall election. You should have received your ballot by now, so please exercise your right to vote. You can return your vote-by-mail ballot by mail with prepaid postage as long as it's postmarked by September 14, 2021 or in-person to a secure ballot drop box, to a voting location or your county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on September 14, 2021.

You will also soon be receiving more information about the upcoming election from our CE team. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lizette Escobedo on our team.

For our top news items for the day:

Top News Lines

- California legislators were considering legislation that would require Californians to show proof of vaccination to enter many indoor business establishments and workers to get vaccinated or regularly tested. This proposal comes a week ahead of the end of legislative session next Friday, Sept. 10. Late last night, legislators indicated they will not pursue this mandate this year, but will revisit the issue next year.
<https://click.email.latimes.com/?qs=ce420c48c770bb3c66946f7fc7369b16561bdf6000a3622b896cb2077968d500427d9314f0440d239a287560443dac6b52c44c4d3c641a16>
- On Thursday, the U.S Supreme Court blocked the Biden administration's COVID related eviction moratorium, with the argument that if a federally imposed eviction moratorium is to continue, Congress must specifically authorize it. The Supreme Court's decision in blocking the Biden administration's eviction moratorium will not have an effect in California, as the state Legislature has adopted an eviction moratorium that extends through September.
<https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/26/politics/supreme-court-eviction-moratorium/index.html>
<https://click.email.latimes.com/?qs=918646913cfde7a59d6dd69d84ad8d7f9bc1d5566fec7853265f89fd07e2a7803a43b74637ff116527578934c8c1918ac9d875c92daf0e2>

Infection Prevention Medical Director

- As it relates to the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines, currently only those people with moderate to severe immune compromised conditions require a third dose. Patients with HIV can receive an appointment directly. Please schedule a telehealth appointment for patients who do not have HIV to discuss if they need a COVID-19 third dose at this time.
- Please take into account the patients current medical conditions, their immune suppression to determine whether they qualify for the third dose. It will be up to the provider whether the patient meets the categorization.
- Sometimes EPIC may be recommending a third dose when the patient does not have current immune suppression. Providers need to evaluate the patient and situation to see if it will be right for them.
- There are reports that the third dose will be authorized late September for all individuals 6-8 months after their 2nd dose. Please let patients know that we will continue to provide additional information as it comes from the CDC and the FDA.
- Please ensure that you have the latest Emergency Use Authorization to give to patients.
- We do not have a recommendation yet to give to patients regarding the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. At this time patients are fully vaccinated once they obtain the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- The third dose may coincide with the flu vaccine. We are obtaining all the necessary paperwork to give to patients and to staff to start vaccinating people for the flu.
- All individuals need to obtain the flu vaccine by 10/31/21. If you would like to receive the flu vaccine and COVID vaccines together or separately, they will both be options.
- Today will be Steven's last day of doing the COVID-19 huddle. Thank you Steven for being such an amazing colleague and supporter throughout the last 1.5 yrs. – 2 yrs. Steven has been extremely vital in helping us complete the work that has needed to be completed during this timeframe. Good luck in your new ventures!

Human Resources

- Just a reminder that all staff must be fully vaccinated by September 30 as required by state mandate. There is a formal form for a medical exemption, and this needs to be filled out by your healthcare provider and submitted to Employee Health at EmployeeHealth@altamed.org. It will be reviewed by a medical committee and a determination will be made about the exemption. If you need the form, please contact Employee Health.
 - Staff who are not fully vaccinated must be tested twice a week at their site or at Employee Health at 2035 Camfield. To make an appointment at Corporate, contact Jose Rodriguez at josrodriguez@altamed.org or 323-765-6148.
 - We are appreciative of all your efforts to encourage staff to complete the engagement survey and helping us achieve strong participation in both surveys. As of yesterday we reached 75% response rate on the Employee survey and 72% participation on the Provider survey. Please review your latest participation rate on the reports posted on HR Business Services Town Square SharePoint site and continue sharing reminders that the final opportunity to complete the survey is Sept. 7.
 - Q3 Mandatory training is due on September 10. Please make sure your staff completes the module on time.
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- Veronica Gomez, VP, Human Resources provided an acknowledgment for all of Steven's work. During this time communication, feeling safe and the work that the team has provided has been essential in helping individuals feel better.
 - Veronica Gomez provided her appreciation for Steven Satzger, Dr. Brown, and all the leaders who have been at the forefront of the COVID-19 work.
 - A Management 101 training will be rolling out as well which Steven was instrumental in developing.