

COVID-19 Update

The background of the slide is a complex digital graphic. It features a central, semi-transparent globe showing the continents of North and South America. Overlaid on the globe and the entire background are numerous red, spherical virus particles with prominent spikes, resembling coronaviruses. A network of blue and white lines, some with small triangles at the nodes, crisscrosses the image, suggesting a global communication or data network. Faint numerical data points are visible, including '884,526' in the upper right, '104,250' on the left, '256,640' at the bottom center, and '2024,236' on the right side.

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Main Points of Discussion

- Screening
- Testing
- Physical Distancing
- Booster Update
- People vaccinated outside of the US.
- Peds Vaccines
- Omicron update
- Questions

Screening

- Screen yourself upon entry.
- If you start feeling sick, contact employee health ASAP.
- They will make arrangements for your testing.
- They will give you instructions on return to work

Testing

- Two options for patients
 1. PCR testing for people with exposures and or symptoms >7 days
 2. Molecular Testing for people with symptoms <7 days, no exposure
- Can do nasal (preferred) or oral COVID testing.
- Soon to come, patients can get at home tests to test prior to gatherings for the holidays. More to come on this...
- How is it going with the molecular testing?
- Questions:
 1. Do our current testing modalities pick up Delta and Omicron?
 - A. PCR for sure is picking up both.
 - B. Abbot ID Now picks up Delta, will verify that it will pick up Omicron.
 - Currently Omicron not detected yet in SoCal.
 2. Do I need to report positive test results to the county?
 - A. PCR positives yes.
 - B. Molecular and rapid tests not at this time.
 3. What about testing prior to travel or for work testing?

Physical Distancing

- Yes, we are still required to do physical distancing of 6 feet.
- Mitigation strategies of wearing a face shield and face mask if less than 6 feet if we cannot maintain the 6 feet distancing for 15 min or more with staff.
- We still need to make every effort to have meetings virtual if we cannot maintain 6 foot distancing.
- Holiday gatherings:
 - HR may be putting out guidance regarding gatherings.
Keep all elements of safety in mind.
 1. Screening
 2. Masking when not eating/drinking
 3. Hand hygiene, have an attendant serving food is preferred
 4. Clean all surfaces before and after use
 5. Physical distancing as much as possible. 6 feet indoors, 3 feet outdoors
 6. Ideally everyone would be vaccinated.

Boosters

Everyone 18+ should get a booster if:

6 months from Moderna/Pfizer

2 months from Janssen

Ok to mix and match boosters but cannot mix and match primary series.

Vaccinated outside of US

What do we do with patients that received their COVID-19 vaccines outside of the US and are needing a booster or 3rd dose?

- **These patients would fall into 1 of 4 categories.**

1. Did not complete a WHO Approved vaccine series. Either they completed a non WHO approved vaccine series or only got a single dose of the series. See list below for WHO approved vaccines and attachment for resource.

- Restart Vaccine Series with 1 of our 3 FDA/EUA approved vaccines.

2. Completed a WHO Approved vaccine series and requesting a booster.

- Provide Pfizer vaccine as booster for those 18 and over if they are 6 months out from completing their vaccine series.

3. Completed a WHO Approved vaccine series and have Moderate to Severe Immune Suppression

- Provide Pfizer vaccine as 3rd dose 28 days or more from their last dose of the vaccine series.
- Offer booster with Pfizer 6 months or more from their 3rd dose.

4. Had mixed series vaccine with 2 doses of a WHO or FDA/EUA vaccine.

- Considered fully vaccinated.

WHO Approved Vaccines

- Pfizer, Moderns, Janssen, Sinovac, Sinopharm, Astrazeneca, Covaxin, Covashield

Document COVID vaccines completed outside of the US by historical immunization and choosing the generic COVID Vaccine and typing in the type and date of the vaccine.

Peds vaccines

Reminder Peds 5-11 Pfizer vaccine is orange.

Adult Pfizer vaccine >12 is Purple.

Recommend vaccinating for the age they are on that day.

Some wiggle room for kids that will turn 12 in between 1st and 2nd dose.

How is it going?

- Questions:

1. What if they recd the wrong dose for their 1st or 2nd vaccine?

Make sure reported to VAERS.

Alert parent that they may have increased reactogenicity.

Ok to get the 2nd dose per routine schedule.

2. What if they recd only partial dosing for their dose?

Immediately give recommended dose ASAP.

Omicron

Discovered in South Africa after testing college students and noticed the S signal drop out in PCR testing.

So far majority of people that have been discovered to have this are in South Africa or related to travel from South Africa.

Majority of people with this have mild infections but too early to tell hospitalizations/deaths as it is so new.

- We will know more in a few weeks.
- Keep doing what we have discussed to remain healthy.