

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:19 PM

Hello everyone! Thank you for joining the webinar. For anyone calling in, please ensure your phones and computers are on mute and you may post any questions or comments you have in the chat box.

from Robert Brown to everyone: 12:28 PM

Good Morning,

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or afternoon sorry

from Suba Serry to everyone: 12:28 PM

Hi

from Shawna Maraj to everyone: 12:30 PM

Are facilities allowed to allow vendors into the building without a covid test if they are not in resident care areas? Example would be a vending machine vendor to restore the vending machine.

from Robert Brown to everyone: 12:30 PM

I have a question regarding vaccination. An employee received the first vaccine, then tested positive for CoVid. She missed the follow up clinic. and we are curious when she would be able to receive the 2nd dose of the Vaccine?

from CHarrington to everyone: 12:31 PM

There are updated orders for nursing homes -- will assisted living get ones soon

from User to everyone: 12:31 PM

What is regulations on wearing eye protection in facility? Do you wear it only during outbreak or at all times regardless of outbreak status?

from andee to everyone: 12:32 PM

Thank you to everyone that reached out about my request on strike team engagement. Many individuals that contacted me were in reference to TAT team - I am interested in speaking with anyone regarding strike team not the TAT team - but again thank you to everyone that called me either way.

from User to everyone: 12:32 PM

Therapy is seeing residents in their rooms instead of in the therapy room. Is it ok for them to ambulate residents in hallway as long as the resident wears a facemask when there's no outbreak?

from bmartin to everyone: 12:37 PM

Walgreen's will not be providing 1st dose vaccines at our 3rd clinic. Residents and families are upset. Where do we turn to get the residents the vaccines?

from wwadd to everyone: 12:38 PM

I have a staff member that had the first vaccine but was not present for the second one. She went out of the country and is currently on her quarantine. She wants to come for her 2nd vaccine during our 3rd visit. Should we let her come although on quarantine and 20 days late for the vaccine?

from AJAY to everyone: 12:42 PM

CVS will not be providing 1st dose vaccines at our 3rd clinic. Residents and families are upset. Where do we turn to get the residents the vaccines? Also how and where will they get their second dose if CVS does agree to provide first doses ??

from mbuscher to everyone: 12:43 PM

We have 70% staff vaccination rate, some things that really worked were 1:1 conversations, speaking with our medical staff and administration and managers who were very willing to take the vaccine and role model.

from Luis Navas-Migueloa to everyone: 12:43 PM

AJAY typed faster than I. CVS in fact refused to give first doses after the second clinic. Can you explain why this is? And how will we vaccinate new admissions and new staff please?

from Layg to everyone: 12:43 PM

Education in town hall settings with presentations by our medical director with personal story; providing 1:1 education while rounding on units;

from Layg to everyone: 12:44 PM

All of the above helped improve vaccine participation as well as distribution of one pagers with FAQs.

from Layg to everyone: 12:45 PM

Medical director was available to answer questions 1:1 basis as well

from Melissa to everyone: 12:47 PM

How soon can HCP return to work if they test negative (with mild symptoms)?

from Wendy Utz to everyone: 12:49 PM

We are a CCRC. We have a number of employees (both those who have completed the COVID 19 vaccine series as well as those who declined the vaccine) who are preparing for the upcoming months of vacation which will include both out of state and out of country trips. We are following the current CDC guidance along with MDH guidance specific to travel restrictions and quarantine periods but ask for additional insight on quarantine for those who had vaccines for ALL employees not just those in our SNF.

from vkamau to everyone: 12:50 PM

What is the best approach to meet the needs of new hires and new admissions COVID-19 Vaccine needs?

from Ann Patterson to everyone: 12:50 PM

Date of QSO was 9/17/20 FYI

from ruthie to everyone: 12:53 PM

We have 90% staff vaccination rate -- strategy included presenting vaccine as a privilege/benefit, not a mandatory thing they "had to do". I found a clinic one month earlier than our original vaccine clinic--the urgency that created for how important it was and how privileged they were to get it "earlier" than other AL, made them feel lucky rather obligated. Everyone wanted it because our management team showed them how sought after it was and how bad we wanted it and how hard we advocated for them to get it. Having 100% management get it is also critical. 1:1 counseling helped as well.

from pn (privately): 12:53 PM

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from Amie Denayer to everyone: 12:53 PM

Looked at the CDC guidance risk assessment - I didn't see specifically where it addresses work restrictions for symptomatic/exposed HCP who were vaccinated.

from Mo Pruzansky (privately): 12:53 PM

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from Ann Patterson to everyone: 12:54 PM

weekly is PCR or POC - or either?

from Hope Nevins to everyone: 12:54 PM

do we still follow CMS guidance for re-opening?

from jdemoss to everyone: 12:54 PM

How do I go about vaccinating residents and staff after completion of CVS clinics? I have a resident who is discharging and her husband called the local health department and they told him it was the facilities responsibility to get her a 2nd dose. How do I do that when I have no access to the vaccine?

from CHarrington to everyone: 12:55 PM

if the testing is recommended for weekly testing when positivity is below 5% -- will state assist in payment for assisted livings who can not get POC because of no medical director

from amanda to everyone: 12:55 PM

here are the cms testing faqs - <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-nh-testing-faqs.pdf>

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 12:55 PM

if doing outdoor visitation is it mandated to do indoor? isn't outdoor still preferred by ? any direction on full vaccinated residents and families and staff and what the plan is

from Melissa to everyone: 12:55 PM

If we have over 80% of staff fully vaccinated, do we still need to test them weekly, or should we have different testing frequency based on vaccination status?

from Khofmann to everyone: 12:55 PM

Is there any change in guidance for residents who have had both doses of vaccinations and if they will need to come in on 14 day quarantine still? We are getting this question from several facilities.

from Michelle Neblett to everyone: 12:56 PM

what county positivity rate should we go with if our building is in one county but a majority of staff live in a county with a higher positivity rate?

from lisa stone to everyone: 12:56 PM

there was a requirement that indicated a nursing home could have 5% of the current census in total number of visitors per day - is this still in effect

from Karyna Balbuena to everyone: 12:57 PM

Can assisted living also perform POC testing?

from Jen to everyone: 12:57 PM

I received an email from a DHS Contractor wanting to know the date of our third clinic and wanted to know how many second doses that they would need to provide. Our pharmacy had said they were not giving first doses on the third clinic either so I am confused. I asked for more clarification but I have not heard back.

from Amie Denayer to everyone: 12:57 PM

Actually, I may have answered my own question... It's here at the end of the page
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

from TLJohnson to everyone: 12:59 PM

once out of outbreak for assisted living, can you confirm Can you confirm-resident testing is not needed unless we have a positive from vendor, associate, etc?

from Hope Nevins to everyone: 12:59 PM

where do barbers and cosmetologists fall in the phases for re-opening? is this phase 2 or phase 1 per CMS?

from Daniel Howard to everyone: 1:00 PM

Point of care testing, in my experience, is completely useless unless the testee is completely useless. Why does MDH continue to recommend this testing for screening purposes?

from ruthie to everyone: 1:00 PM

For "recommendation" to test visitors vs. previous requirement of negative Covid test within 72 hours....what about requiring visitors to have a negative test within a week (more do-able than 72 hours) and since it will be more in line with staff weekly testing? Curious what other communities are doing now that it will be recommended rather than required?

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 1:01 PM

we did all our assisted living residents in their rooms ...it worked perfectly and then we had nurses monitor for the observation

from Dr. Gil to everyone: 1:02 PM

What time period would you advise to wait between vaccines for different infections for our elderly resident? I.e how long should one wait after receiving covid vaccine before receiving influenza vaccine or pneumonia vaccine? Thank you

from kim_kaisner to everyone: 1:02 PM

Is universal eye protection (goggles or face shield) required during outbreak? Is it required otherwise?

from bmartin to everyone: 1:03 PM

The pharmacies will not go room to room unless absolutely necessary.

from Maureen Roecker to everyone: 1:03 PM

We did our complete facility as a travelling vaccine clinic. It was much easier to monitor the pharmacy team for PPE and Hand Hygiene than it would have been to watch all the residents. Staff did come into a clinic setting. We had no increase in positivity after our first or second clinic. Hopefully will see the same after our third.

from Rachelle Ayers to everyone: 1:03 PM

why is vaccine information in immunet not updated or accurate from Vaccine clinic?

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:04 PM

Health Care Matters Order - <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/2021.2.11.01%20-%20MDH%20Order%20-%20Amended%20Various%20Health%20Care%20Matters%20Order%20%28Hospital%20Visitation%20and%20Other%20Changes.pdf>

from Michelle Neblett to everyone: 1:04 PM

We separated the residents and staff during our clinics. We completed the forms before hand and then they went room to room with our nurse and the CVS tech. It went really well and was very quick. It

worked really well to mitigate the risks. CVS had to adhere to our PPE policy even to leave the vaccination area use the bathroom :)

from CAD to everyone: 1:05 PM

Do you need to enter in the vaccine questions every time for CRISP or just on the days of your clinics.

from Gleiser to everyone: 1:06 PM

family members that got exposed to a COVID+ how long must they quarantine at home?

from John M Mangione to everyone: 1:06 PM

We are starting to see that people have the golden tickets to get the vaccine at hospital systems. However they are now at the facilities. It is a logistical nightmare. Is there guidance on doing this or not doing this?

from enrh34 to everyone: 1:06 PM

If allowing someone to visit daily in compassionate care/end of life situations, do we need to test daily?

from Mary to everyone: 1:06 PM

Has anyone else been having issues with previously positive residents (past 90 days) who have received BOTH vaccines- testing positive?

from Karin Lakin to everyone: 1:07 PM

Can we require OHCQ surveyors to rapid test when they come on-site? Everyone else must do so at our facility. We believe everyone should be treated the same.

from Ann Patterson to everyone: 1:07 PM

Is there hope of refraining from all of the reporting when we do not have positive cases - drop to weekly reporting when no positive cases exists past 14 days. The reporting is difficult for single sights - 7 days a week when we have not had a positive resident since 8/27/20? Just a suggestion to help with workload. Thank you!!

from Peace Oke to everyone: 1:09 PM

Please clarify guidance for Readmission due to ER transfer to long term: can they returned to their previous room if a private room and quarantine there rather than going to an observation unit.

from TLJohnson to everyone: 1:09 PM

Can assisted living open therapy gym when out of outbreak?

from Robert Brown to everyone: 1:10 PM

More was wondering for the staff member who received the first vaccine and became covid positive Should She receive and when Should she receive the 2nd vaccine?

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 1:10 PM

will 14 day observation/quarantine for new move ins to assisted living change if someone is vaccinated and asymptomatic?

from Heather Wahl to everyone: 1:10 PM

We are still seeing ambulance transport staff without recent or sometimes ANY COVID testing. These are frequently the staff that are bringing in new admissions into our SNFs from the hospital. Are there plans from MDH to include these types of personnel for testing?

from Daniel Prero to everyone: 1:10 PM

Is testing dropping down to once a week starting March 1st?

from Michelle Neblett to everyone: 1:11 PM

We had some staff members receive their first vaccine at the 3rd clinic even though CVS did not truly want to do it. We found a sister building that had a clinic scheduled within the 6 week time frame to make sure our staff received the second dose. Since the last clinic, we have been contacted by the health department and CVS to set up a 4th clinic to provide the second dose if we needed it.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:11 PM

Outbreak Guidance page - <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/guidelines.aspx>

from Daniel Prero to everyone: 1:11 PM

Hi!

from davlord to everyone: 1:11 PM

Does the 14 day isolation/quarantine still apply to new admissions? and then allow visitation?

from davlord to everyone: 1:12 PM

Do residents still need tested weekly?

from Laura Palmer to everyone: 1:12 PM

Love your comments Rebecca

from pn (privately): 1:13 PM

Great remarks and statement in reference to Travel

from Benita Rudd to everyone: 1:14 PM

Please clarify death reporting as some facilities do not report the facility acquired positive resident is who is transferred to the hospital and later dies. Is the death to be reported on their daily report form even though the resident did not die in the facility?

from S.Wesley to everyone: 1:14 PM

Michelle Neblett, call me, NPE over at Hammonds Lane (Genesis)

from enrh34 to everyone: 1:16 PM

Do TAT teams visit ALs?

from Shari Solomon to everyone: 1:17 PM

You mentioned ventilation concerns during last week's webinar. What are LTC facilities doing to address these concerns?

from Charilyn to everyone: 1:17 PM

What does not help in getting staff to take vaccines is guilt tripping and misinformation about the consequences. We have a staff member who might have taken it but tactics used at the other job really turned the staff member off. Our staff vaccine rate was about 80% using the good things already mentioned

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 1:18 PM

for ventilation we have used HEPA air filters in areas that aren't well ventilated and/or smaller areas / also cracking windows throughout

from Jamie Rubin to everyone: 1:18 PM

@Dr. Gil- vaccine coadministration recommendations from CDC can be found here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 1:18 PM

Walgreens states no first doses on 3rd clinic

from Janet to everyone: 1:19 PM

If a staff test positive for Covid- 19 after completion of two dose, vaccine and they are asymptomatic are they required to quarantine

from William Bill Hokemeyer to everyone: 1:22 PM

@Benita Rudd, It is recognized that there may be a lag in facilities receiving notice of deaths outside the facility. Please report on the next day's submission.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:22 PM

Clinical Care Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/index.html>

from Hope Nevins to everyone: 1:23 PM

just for clarity purposes, if we have an outbreak indoor visitation need to be on hold. until we come off of outbreak/outbreak testing

from jports to everyone: 1:25 PM

We are starting to see that people have the golden tickets to get the vaccine at hospital systems. However they are now at the facilities. It is a logistical nightmare. Is there guidance on doing this or not doing this?

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 1:26 PM

hearing some communities doing tours in the community for potential residents. this isn't allowed correct

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 1:27 PM

we have done therapy gyms... one person in at a time and disinfected in between

from Layg to everyone: 1:27 PM

How will you know the viral load or level on the individuals who are not being tested for the 90 days? What is their potential to spread the virus?

from jwatson to everyone: 1:27 PM

Hospitals are starting to give the first dose of the vaccine while residents are there, but it's creating a logistical nightmare to figure out how to coordinate the 2nd vaccine. Any guidance on how to handle this?

from jack (privately): 1:30 PM

Im not traveling either in support of your position on being responsible.

from andee to everyone: 1:31 PM

Indoor air quality options would be much appreciated.

from amanda to everyone: 1:32 PM

thank you! :)