

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:26 PM

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

from Phyllis Eiring to everyone: 12:27 PM

Can you please clarify the MDH, CDC, CMS guidelines for quarantine after travel both internationally and out of State but in the US?

from tiffanybrown to everyone: 12:36 PM

Two questions: 1. New admission who has medically necessary treatment outside of the facility and has recovered from Covid in the last 90 days, Can family take them to their treatments? 2. Facility is full and cannot move their rehab patients off the observation unit. Can those residents have open doors and go to the gym for therapy?

from Robin King to everyone: 12:36 PM

If we are not in an outbreak and under 5%, doing monthly testing, what do we do about a monthly visiting vendor? Do they even need to be tested?

from Robin Street to everyone: 12:38 PM

I have a question regarding mandating the vaccines for healthcare worker, will the State require this in the future and if not are companies allowed to mandate

this in Maryland?

from Stephanie Bowers to everyone: 12:39 PM

With no outbreak and under 5%, can we have activities such as live music, trips to Walmart?

from asstdir to everyone: 12:40 PM

if a resident has only had one pfizer and we are unable to find a second pfizer. can the resident get the j&j vaccine?

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 12:41 PM

were residents in snf vaccinated?

from DBlythe to everyone: 12:41 PM

No, at this time there is not approval to use the different vaccines interchangeably

from Stephanie Bowers to everyone: 12:45 PM

If you received the first dose of Phfizer and did not get the second. Can you now get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine?

from Juliet Fountain to everyone: 12:47 PM

With the amount of residents coming out of the hospital is there any consideration for allowing 2 in a room for obs?

from Maria Darby to everyone: 12:47 PM

When you say monitor for 21 days after a trip to Guinea, does that mean they must stay out of work?

from DBlythe to everyone: 12:48 PM

The recommendation is that if a person started vaccination with Pfizer or Moderna, they finish with the vaccine they started with. There is not a recommendation to switch to J&J

from Jennie to everyone: 12:49 PM

once residents have both shots if they are sent to hospital do they need to stay in rooms for 14 days?

from cbernstein to everyone: 12:52 PM

what does 'just-in-time fit-testing mean?

from Jamie Rubin to everyone: 12:52 PM

Travel requirements (related to COVID-19) can be found in the Directive and Order here:
[https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/2021.2.11.01%20-%20MDH%20Order%20-%20Amended%20Various%20Health%20Care%20Matters%20Order%20\(Hospital%20Visitation%20and%20Other%20Changes.pdf](https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/2021.2.11.01%20-%20MDH%20Order%20-%20Amended%20Various%20Health%20Care%20Matters%20Order%20(Hospital%20Visitation%20and%20Other%20Changes.pdf)

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 12:52 PM

for new move ins do you feel they should all be in quarantine/observation still or just if they have had exposure

from Farah Siddiqui to everyone: 12:53 PM

With no outbreak, and under 5%, we still have to do weekly testing for all associates?

from lisa stone to everyone: 12:54 PM

confirming MDH is recommending family members produce a negative test within 72 hours of the visit -

from Akiva Slepoy- Sterling Care so to everyone: 12:55 PM

CDC says for suspected COVID and COVID patients- N95s are recommended. Why does Admission observation fall in that category? I understand PUI....what's the logic behind treating admission observation with negative result and no symptoms as presumptive positive?

from ROben to everyone: 12:56 PM

For the weekly testing, what test is required POC or PCR?

from Melissa Woodward to everyone: 12:57 PM

Is routine testing required testing required for vaccinated residents and staff?

from TINA LAROSE to everyone: 12:57 PM

Are we still required to have one therapist to one resident or did this change

from Michelle Neblett to everyone: 12:58 PM

if you have observation rooms mixed in with general population, should the other residents on the staff members assignment be placed on enhanced barrier precautions?

from Benita Rudd to everyone: 12:59 PM

Becky,

from Barbara McGrath (privately): 12:59 PM

Why can't residents leave the community if vaccinated but yet associates leave and go out everyday and we don't know where they have been.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:59 PM

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from Tammy McGlone to everyone: 1:01 PM

I do not believe single patient rooms is from CMS- In other states they are ok with cohorting on observation.

from Angie Keebaugh to everyone: 1:02 PM

What is the guidance for facilities in current outbreak related to testing frequency?

from Jamie Rubin to everyone: 1:02 PM

Here is a user seal check video, but note that seal checks are intended to be used as an adjunct to fit-testing each time a respirator is donned: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPa1nIU9Vfg>

from Temppest Casey to everyone: 1:02 PM

Do the residents still need weekly testing if your not in outbreak status?

from Dr. Gil to everyone: 1:03 PM

Hi Becky, where does MDH stand with saliva tests? Are these acceptable for the visitor testing recommendation? Thanks

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 1:03 PM

why did they lift quarantine if someone has gone to ER and not been there over 24 hours if hospital high risk environment

from Benita Rudd to everyone: 1:04 PM

Becky, is the Johnson & Johnson virus a weakened "live virus", and if so, will the people who get it be more prone to cold symptom like side effects or the same expected side effects as the Pfizer and Moderna? May be important to know for staff who are vaccine hesitant.....

from rgravenor to everyone: 1:05 PM

Please see updated CDC guidelines dated March 3, 2021 about interchangeability of COVID-19 vaccine products.

from wes street to everyone: 1:05 PM

Is there a time frame for communal dining to allow more than one resident at a table?

from Charilyn to everyone: 1:05 PM

Is there any difference in the quarantine guidelines if a resident is admitted from another SNF or ALF where they have been tested weekly and there is no outbreak?

from CHarrington to everyone: 1:08 PM

If resident goes to ER and return within hours do they need to be quarantined for 14 days

from wes street to everyone: 1:09 PM

How often do residents need testing if off outbreak status?

from Jennie to everyone: 1:10 PM

if they have both vaccines and go out do they need to isolate?

from Stephanie Bowers to everyone: 1:10 PM

If a resident goes out with their family do they have to quarantine if they are only gone less than 24 hours?

from Gleiser to everyone: 1:10 PM

are KN95 masks allowed to used on the COVID/observation unit?

from Valerie Nozea to everyone: 1:11 PM

What is the recommendation for a potential admission, when they are tested at the hospital multiple times but their results are inconsistent. Are they still considered recovered if their initial test was positive, following tests are negative and then retested with a positive result.

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:12 PM

Is there guidance on length of duration for indoor visitations?

from asstdir to everyone: 1:12 PM

what about if you have sneeze guards at a table-why can't there be 2 at a table

from Jamie Rubin to everyone: 1:12 PM

CDC states, "COVID-19 vaccines are not interchangeable." <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

from Robin King to everyone: 1:12 PM

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from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:12 PM

Interchangeability of COVID-19 vaccine products - The safety and efficacy of mixed-product series have not been evaluated - [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html#:~:text=System%20\(VAERS\)%20,-,Interchangeability%20of%20COVID%2D19%20vaccine%20products,19%20vaccines%20are%20not%20in%20terchangeable.&text=The%20safety%20and%20efficacy%20of,series%20have%20not%20been%20evaluated.](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html#:~:text=System%20(VAERS)%20,-,Interchangeability%20of%20COVID%2D19%20vaccine%20products,19%20vaccines%20are%20not%20in%20terchangeable.&text=The%20safety%20and%20efficacy%20of,series%20have%20not%20been%20evaluated.)

from Robert Brown to everyone: 1:13 PM

We cant hear you

from John M Mangione to everyone: 1:13 PM

Can residents who live in the same room eat at the sme table together?

from Jamie Rubin to everyone: 1:13 PM

I can hear you ok!

from User to everyone: 1:15 PM

During outbreak should we be doing twice weekly testing or is weekly testing enough of staff and residents?

from DBlythe to everyone: 1:15 PM

The March 3 CDC guidance about use of J&J is for consideration in people who cannot complete one of the mRNA vaccines. It is not intended just for convenience

from Gleiser to everyone: 1:15 PM

what is better? aN95 not fit tested---KN95 or surginal masks?

from malam to everyone: 1:16 PM

sneeze guards are useless

from malam to everyone: 1:17 PM

you can't block air with sneeze guards

from Gleiser to everyone: 1:19 PM

it depends on the county positivy rate

from Natasha Blanch to everyone: 1:19 PM

Testing is every 3-7 days when in outbreak

from lisa stone to everyone: 1:19 PM

my understanding for testing regardless of outbreak reverts to the CDC guidance based on County positivity rate -

from kim_kaisner to everyone: 1:20 PM

Outbreak status doesn't change staff testing frequency. Still go by county positivity

from lisa stone to everyone: 1:20 PM

Outbreak test residents with PCR and test staff with POC or PCR

from Jamie Rubin to everyone: 1:20 PM

Outbreak testing is outlined in CMS QSO-20-38, "**For outbreak testing, all staff and residents should be tested, and all staff and residents that

tested negative should be retested every 3 days to 7 days until testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 infection among staff or residents for a period of at least 14 days since the most

recent positive result. " -<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh.pdf>

from Laura Palmer to everyone: 1:22 PM

The key phrase is at least

from Robin King to everyone: 1:22 PM

I don't see any recommendations about co-administration with Covid vaccines and our TB skin tests in the March update. Are we ok to do these together or do we still have to wait 4 weeks after the vaccine.

from Michelle Neblett to everyone: 1:22 PM

Based off the last MDH guidance 2-11, are we no longer designating rooms or designated staff for observation and covid. I saw this expired 2-28

from Akiva Slepoy- Sterling Care so to everyone: 1:24 PM

Per CMS guidelines, are POC tests sufficient for residents even during an outbreak. If so, why is MDH requiring PCR tests

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:25 PM

That is why we always follow up with a PCR for symptomatic negative POC

from Akiva Slepoy- Sterling Care so to everyone: 1:25 PM

Do you know why CMS is confident with POC

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:25 PM

Thanks Becky, I know you are tired of repeating yourself. Thank you for your patience!

from Laura Palmer to everyone: 1:26 PM

Seconded

from Jamie Rubin to everyone: 1:26 PM

We can include some more testing FAQs next week! Thank you for the great questions.

from Maria Darby to everyone: 1:26 PM

As always, Thank you!

from Stephanie Bowers to everyone: 1:26 PM

Agree, Thank you Becky for being so patient.

from Akiva Slepoy- Sterling Care so to everyone: 1:26 PM

Thanks, Becky

from malam to everyone: 1:26 PM

Is there any pattern as to what's driving new cases?

from Erica McCoy to everyone: 1:26 PM

Team member traveling to PA can they test in PA to return to work

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

when will we see the impact of getting vaccinated

from wmacie to everyone: 1:27 PM

Thanks Becky

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:27 PM

The vaccine is so new and people don't understand this is not like the flu shot, that has years of studies to back it up for the efficiency.

from Vicki Maroulis to everyone: 1:28 PM

Is another spike expected soon?

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:29 PM

Thanks! Have a great week!

from Jessie Link to everyone: 1:29 PM

Thank you! Informative as always