

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:20 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 questions or comments you have in the chat box

from Shawna Maraj to everyone: 12:22 PM

If a resident gets their 1st vaccine at our 3rd in facility vaccine clinic, where will they get the second shot at? Most facilities are only have 3 clinics that we are aware of.

from Heather Saunders to everyone: 12:27 PM

@Shawna - Interested in whether other facilities have recent experience with this but would work with your pharmacy partners to determine next steps in the event that the 1st dose of the vaccine is provided during the final clinic.

from mary beth to everyone: 12:28 PM

Who can perform and who can read a POC of care test? Both the Abbot, and Veritor?

from CCRC Nurse to everyone: 12:31 PM

Should we vaccinate a new admission after the second clinic so they will at least receive the first dose?

from mbeggs to everyone: 12:31 PM

Is there any guidance developed around how we may proceed as the residents and staff are being vaccinated. For example if 100% of residents are vaccinated, and 50%+ of staff, can we feel comfortable opening the community to more normalized visitation? (Still screening, masks and social distancing in place).

from GL to everyone: 12:32 PM

Residents that tested positive through a rapid test should they moved to a COVID unit or should it first be confirmed through a PCR?

from E.A. to everyone: 12:32 PM

Is there a guarantee that health care providers who have received the first dose will receive their second dose?

from cmcchesney to everyone: 12:33 PM

NHSN reporting for COVID Vaccinations has been difficult because it doesn't allow for declinations, only medically contraindicated cases. Anyone had luck getting their data submitted?

from Robyn Namendorf to everyone: 12:34 PM

I can't see Heather's slides, anyone else?

from John M Mangione to everyone: 12:34 PM

I heard that WHO is recommending lowering the cycle threshold from 40/41 due to false positives. Are you aware of this?

from John M Mangione to everyone: 12:34 PM

And is it true?

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:34 PM

@Robyn - you might need to log out and log back in

from Deborah Denham to everyone: 12:34 PM

i cannot see the slides

from Kaytlynn Marceaux-Galli to everyone: 12:34 PM

yes

from roger to everyone: 12:35 PM

Yes

from Robyn Namendorf to everyone: 12:35 PM

thank you

from Bridgid Knott to everyone: 12:35 PM

i can see slides

from jsmart to everyone: 12:35 PM

I can see the slides

from ksroka to everyone: 12:35 PM

If some receives 1st dose of vaccine, then test positive and they are stable and considered recovered. should they get the 2nd shot? if yes on the scheduled 3 week or later

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 12:35 PM

yes - can see

from Brenda Evans to everyone: 12:35 PM

I can see them

from Khofmann to everyone: 12:38 PM

@JohnMangione <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/faqs.html#Interpreting-Results-of-Diagnostic-Tests>

from John M Mangione to everyone: 12:39 PM

What is the chance that this will make our flu seasons better in years to come?

from Amie Denayer to everyone: 12:43 PM

is there a site to look at side effects or negative responses to the vaccine? Our staff are looking at poor sources and I want to find valid data of the numbers of people having reactions or not having reactions.

from pgoff to everyone: 12:43 PM

is anyone who was COVID+ within 90 days of the vaccination clinic excluded? If they are, how do we get them vaccinated if they miss the clinics since MDH doesn't want residents going to community clinics?

from Melissa to everyone: 12:44 PM

At what point will fully vaccinated staff not need weekly COVID testing anymore? Entrance screening? Could we at least require less frequent testing for fully vaccinated staff?

from GL to everyone: 12:44 PM

can you please send the vaccine locator site?

from ewheeler to everyone: 12:44 PM

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>

from mbuscher to everyone: 12:45 PM

Is there any way for CRISP to allow us to edit if wrong information is entered?

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 12:45 PM

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from John M Mangione to everyone: 12:46 PM

How about we don't have to submit negatives? And just focus on the positives? Reporting the 1000s of negatives takes a lot of time.

from Lisa Stone to everyone: 12:47 PM

families want to know when there is going to be relaxation based on the vaccination - when can we expect to receive an update?

from Nisha Madhavan to everyone: 12:47 PM

Is there anyone POC testing equipment better than the other in terms of accuracy?
madhavannisha.northoaks.net

from William Bill Hokemeyer to everyone: 12:48 PM

william.hokemeyer@crisphealth.org

from Melissa to everyone: 12:48 PM

If our patients cannot be vaccinated yet and staff continue to refuse vaccine, how should we handle our staff refusers? Should they need additional screening/precautions? Could we prevent them from working on the Observation/Isolation units?

from lisa stone to everyone: 12:49 PM

Once the third vaccination clinic is completed - when will we receive additional information on vaccinating new employees and new residents after the initial vaccination clinics have concluded

from John M Mangione to everyone: 12:52 PM

What type of Vaccine will Giant be getting for the 1/25 pilot program?

from karla baughman (privately): 12:56 PM

what is the guidance on changing/cleaning eye protection on the obs and covid unit? when visibly soiled or between each resident?

from Walter Fanburg, MD to everyone: 12:56 PM

Can the state dept. of health consider mandating that all workers in longterm care facilities must accept vaccination unless there is specific health (pregnancy) or religious belief. If health dept, made a universal mandate it would solve the crisis in resistance. Why is this not being done now?

from Jackie Nave to everyone: 12:58 PM

If a resident is symptomatic and is on isolation, do we shelter in place with the isolation sign on the door and PPE cart outside the door OR do we move them to the observation unit until we can confirm whether they are positive or not. I have been told both.

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 12:58 PM

What about if you have a facility with multiple (+) on different floors? In an abundance of caution, should we not recommend full TBP if we can't identify how it went to multi-floors?

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 12:59 PM

Facility wide, I mean

from ROben to everyone: 1:01 PM

Can a discharged resident return to the facility for a second vaccine dose

from Connie katiku to everyone: 1:01 PM

Is KN95 just as effective as a regular surgical mask or is it slightly more effective?

from Henry to everyone: 1:03 PM

Is your information shared with TAT teams prior to presentations? It appears we are receiving differing information?

from Shenise Dubose to everyone: 1:03 PM

If a resident is moving into an ALF (apartment) and that is considered their home. Would they need to quarantine in a just in case apartment for 14 days first?

from John M Mangione to everyone: 1:04 PM

Can people get their 1st shot on the 3rd clinic? And then have to find a place to get their 2nd shot outside of the facility clinic?

from Allison Decker to everyone: 1:04 PM

If at capacity on COVID unit, can 2 covid+ patients share a room (given no other infections (like flu) for either patient) or a suite if needed? CDC says yes, OHCQ ICP says no.

from pgoff to everyone: 1:04 PM

I have asked all 3 TAT teams to sit on this call at least once because they definitely do give out conflicting information when on site.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:04 PM

Healthcare Matters order - <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/2020.12.17.01%20-%20MDH%20Order%20-%20Amended%20Various%20Health%20Care%20Matters%20Order.pdf>

from DReiss to everyone: 1:05 PM

We are getting conflicting guidance how long after a positive result should one not vaccinate. 14 days. 30 days or 90 days. So which one is it??

from John M Mangione to everyone: 1:05 PM

I have heard 120 days from PCPs of my employees as well

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:06 PM

Nursing Home Matters - <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/MDH%20Order%20-%20Amended%20Nursing%20Home%20Matters%20Order.pdf>

from Bret Stine to everyone: 1:06 PM

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from rperlmutter to everyone: 1:07 PM

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from Kaytlynn Marceaux-Galli to everyone: 1:07 PM

I think this is what you were looking for.

from Tiffany Brown to everyone: 1:07 PM

Here is the flow chart to follow. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/hcp/nursing-home-testing-algorithm-508.pdf>

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:07 PM

SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Testing in Long Term Care Facilities - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-antigen-testing.html>

from Kinnari Darji to everyone: 1:08 PM

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from rperlmutter to everyone: 1:08 PM

I have no insights

from Layg to everyone: 1:10 PM

If a SNF has no COVID+ residents (COVID unit has no residents), must the facility continue testing staff 2X/week? Thanks

from Nancy to everyone: 1:10 PM

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-Algorithm:ncov/downloads/hcp/nursing-home-testing-algorithm-508.pdf>

from susjohns to everyone: 1:10 PM

Are we required to submit vaccination information to NHSN? This is being completed by outside vendor. Are we supposed to enter raw numbers or names of residents and staff.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:10 PM

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

from rperlmutter to everyone: 1:10 PM

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from VMctague to everyone: 1:10 PM

Are there any updates as to when a patient who received the BAM infusion is eligible for vaccination?

from Simara Abbas to everyone: 1:10 PM

Sorry, not sure if this has been asked but what is the efficacy considering the new variant and the current vaccine?

from ksroka to everyone: 1:10 PM

does anyone use an outside vendor to complete testing?

from jhummer to everyone: 1:11 PM

NHSH only allows you to report vaccines for one manufacturer. We will have multiple manufacturers as we admit residents that were vaccinated in the community.

from malam to everyone: 1:11 PM

FDA has a listing of all the data presented at their meeting to approve the EUA

from Connie katiku to everyone: 1:11 PM

How long can these vaccines be out. these clinics are running all day with prefilled syringes.

from malam to everyone: 1:11 PM

There's also a NEJM study that showed the published moderna data

from evette.mathews to everyone: 1:11 PM

Are all labs required to test for the new varriant of the virus?

from Jake to everyone: 1:13 PM

Can a staff member who got a covifd vacicne come back again to the center for a second shot if he is no longer employed at that center ?

from pgoff to everyone: 1:15 PM

the pharmacy partners won't do anything after the third clinic, so these questions are all valid to determine how we proceed in the different situations that have been brought up. If we could actually get the vaccine directly from our in house pharmacies, we would just do that and vaccinate ourselves.

from Chris Grable to everyone: 1:15 PM

How long after recovering from COVID should you wait to be vaccinated?

from Connie katiku to everyone: 1:15 PM

Why are the Hospitals and Clinics requiring previously COVID positive patients to provide a negative test prior to surgeries if its not been 90 days yet.

from Jackie Nave to everyone: 1:18 PM

Im not sure I understand why we would remove the roommate if a resident is symptomatic and waiting for results. At that point, the roommate has potentially been exposed. I thought both were to be isolated and tested?

from DReiss to everyone: 1:24 PM

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from mhacket1 to everyone: 1:24 PM

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from mhacket1 to everyone: 1:25 PM

Did this question get answered?

from Bret Stine to everyone: 1:26 PM

If there is no COVID in the SNF, may small group activities resume?

from Shenise Dubose to everyone: 1:26 PM

How could my facility get POC testing equipment?

from Jackie Nave to everyone: 1:28 PM

thank you!

from malam to everyone: 1:28 PM

only if they got monoclonal antibodies

from malam to everyone: 1:29 PM

Any time after their isolation is over; wait 90 days if they got monoclonal antibodies

from malam to everyone: 1:29 PM

This is the answer

from kelly to everyone: 1:30 PM

Vaccination of persons with known current SARS-CoV-2 infection should be deferred until the person has recovered from the acute illness (if the person had symptoms) and criteria have been met for them to discontinue isolation. This recommendation applies to persons who develop SARS-CoV-2 infection before receiving any vaccine doses as well as those who develop SARS-CoV-2 infection after the first dose but before receipt of the second dose. While there is otherwise no recommended minimum interval between infection and vaccination, current evidence suggests that reinfection is uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection. Thus, persons with documented acute SARS-CoV-2 infection in the preceding 90 days may delay vaccination until near the end of this period, if desired.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:31 PM

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from Cat to everyone: 1:31 PM

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from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:31 PM

No!!!! You'll be missed!

from Cat to everyone: 1:31 PM

Thank you for all you have done!

from kelly to everyone: 1:31 PM

Good luck Heather! We will miss you!

from William Bill Hokemeyer to everyone: 1:31 PM

Best wishes for your future endeavors. Thanks for your guidance

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:31 PM

Good luck and you'll do great!

from mbuscher to everyone: 1:31 PM

Heather you are awesome and we will miss you!!!

from John M Mangione to everyone: 1:31 PM

Thank you heather!

from scoulson to everyone: 1:31 PM

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from Stephanie Nestor to everyone: 1:31 PM

Best of luck Heather! Thank you for all you've done!

from Angie Keebaugh to everyone: 1:31 PM

We will miss you so much!!! Wish you the best of luck!!!

from Leshawn Bailey to everyone: 1:31 PM

Best wishes and thank you for everything!!!

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from Leshawn Bailey to everyone: 1:31 PM

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from mbwaide to everyone: 1:31 PM

Thank you Heather for all you have done for us over the last year.

from Anna Ferrante to everyone: 1:31 PM

Thank u and good luck to you!

from Jackie Nave to everyone: 1:31 PM

You have been wonderful in providing these updates! thank you Heather and best wishes!

from Nike to everyone: 1:31 PM

Good luck in your new endeavours

from kalapj01 to everyone: 1:31 PM

Our loss.

from Tiffany Brown to everyone: 1:31 PM

Thank you so much Heather! Blessings in your new position!

from evette.mathews to everyone: 1:31 PM

Good Luck,...Thank you for all the guidance you have given us

from Ilka Thomas to everyone: 1:31 PM

Good Luck!

from 57943 to everyone: 1:31 PM

So sorry to hear that. Thanks Heather for all that you've done during this time!

from Ann Patterson to everyone: 1:31 PM

Thank you - best wishes

from Kari Smith to everyone: 1:31 PM

You've been great! Good luck with everything

from pn to everyone: 1:31 PM

GOOD LUCK AND TAKE CARE.

from Peace Oke to everyone: 1:31 PM

Will miss you terribly. Good Luck.

from astarn to everyone: 1:31 PM

You have done a wonderful job on these calls each week. Good luck with your new endeavors.

from Kinnari Darji to everyone: 1:31 PM

we will miss you Heather! All the best... Congratulations

from rludlow to everyone: 1:31 PM

Thanks for all your help during this pandemic, Heather!

from ROben to everyone: 1:31 PM

We will miss you Heather!!

from Shenise Dubose to everyone: 1:31 PM

Thank you for your guidance :)

from proml to everyone: 1:31 PM

Thanks Heather! Its ben great having your guidanace

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:32 PM

Bye!

from Connie katiku to everyone: 1:32 PM

Best wishes! stay safe. make good decisions.

from Martine Womack to everyone: 1:32 PM

Best wishes Heather. You are amazing!!!

from Benjamin Kyler to everyone: 1:32 PM

All the best !