

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:15 PM

Good afternoon, 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, comments, or concerns you have in the chat box.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:21 PM

Can you please explain why each county health department gives us a different directions on situations. Ex. Baltimore county has us doing twice a week team member testing for 14 days based on an outside provider testing positive? Others do not.

from Autumn Bozzo to everyone: 12:23 PM

Can you please clarify if ALFs need to do fit testing for N95s?

from CHarrington to everyone: 12:26 PM

If a resident is being transferred from nursing home back to assisted living do they still need 14 day -- if vaccinated fully and test negative

from Jackie Nave to everyone: 12:33 PM

If a COVID + patient is admitting to a SNF and has already completed their 10 day isolation at the hospital from the date they were found to be +, can they admit to the SNF in general population? They would not need to be on 14 day quarantine, correct?

to Christine Herbert (privately): 12:34 PM

Please ensure your phone and computer remains on mute

from Matt Maurano to everyone: 12:36 PM

If J&J is released and determined to have only a chance of negative effects for Females between the ages of 18-48 why don't they release the J&J to Nursing homes and assisted living paharmacies to protect our seniors. We do not have many females under 48 years old.

from susand to everyone: 12:37 PM

WHO IS ON THE CALL FROM A KITCHEN? i CAN'T HEAR THE SPEAKER AT ALL.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:37 PM

If you can't hear, you may need to log our and log back in

from kokennonlotridge to everyone: 12:37 PM

I hear just fine.

from susand to everyone: 12:39 PM

Thank you for whoever advised me to log out- it's perfect now!!

from User to everyone: 12:39 PM

Our facility is not in outbreak and a resident has a fan in her room. Is this okay or do we need to take it until this pandemic is over (if it does)?

from wes street to everyone: 12:39 PM

What is the time frame that you believe the Governor will allow residents to begin sitting together for meals. Residents are fully vaccinated and they need to have this socialization in their life.

from mcurtis@edenwald.org to everyone: 12:40 PM

I have a resident that received first pfizer shot Feb 4th. Got COVID on Feb 19th. Do I now try to get her the second pfizer shot?

from Alexis to everyone: 12:42 PM

If residents choose to leave the facility for under 24 hours, do they need to be quarantined upon return?

from cnoll to everyone: 12:42 PM

Yes we have a few residents with lingering symptoms

from VMctague to everyone: 12:43 PM

We have some staff and several residents who fit the "post COVID" criteria. each in different ways, it has been really tough.

from jsmart to everyone: 12:43 PM

when are you required to do PCR testing vs POC testing.

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 12:44 PM

Wow, scary!

from User to everyone: 12:45 PM

Is it ok for residents to open their windows to get fresh air?

from malam to everyone: 12:45 PM

probably the vaccine is less effective in the older more immunocompromised population

from VMctague to everyone: 12:46 PM

Is there any data on severity of illness among the vaccinated individuals?

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 12:47 PM

It doesn't give you a bullet proof immune system.

from B to everyone: 12:48 PM

Here's a good post on the Kentucky study with a helpful infographic.

<https://yourlocalepidemiologist.substack.com/p/outbreak-after-a-vaccination-campaign?token=eyJ1c2VyX2IkIjoyNzUzMDY0NCwicG9zdF9pZCI6MzU0NzU2NTcsI8iOjLVC92aCIsImIhd>

CI6MTYxOTExMDExOCwiZXhwIjoxNjE5MTEzNzE4LCJpc3MiOiJwdWItMjgxMjE5Iiwiic3ViljoicG9zdC1yZWFj dGlvbiJ9.fv27eKE1vu39W3uionH0GZRg4VdUiJ2H34Fv685S-nl

from Maria Darby to everyone: 12:49 PM

Is the health department tracking the itatus of mental health issues in nursing home residents due to the residents being in quarantine for much of the past year compared to prior non-pnademic years?

from susjohns to everyone: 12:50 PM

are there studies regarding immunity post covid infection? how does that compare to fully vaccinated in outbreaks? any data supporting immunity of covid recovered beyond 90 days. NIH put out a study Jan 26 suggesting covid recovered persons have a longer immunity than the initial 90 days first presented.

from Martha Gurzick to everyone: 12:51 PM

Please share links to studies in email that goes out with slides! Thanks!!

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

for communal dining are we still keeping separate and 6 ft apart if no outbreak?

from Diana Wiggins to everyone: 12:52 PM

Our second and third Walgreens clinic have not been loaded in ImmuNet. Not sure how to get them in? My Walgreens rep has not responded to email and phone d/c.

from Hope Nevins to everyone: 12:53 PM

how do you define one round of testing is that week one or week 2

from Ed Walter to everyone: 12:54 PM

Do we have any update on the vaccine clinics that were being set up by MDT/TAT, but then cancelled due to the pause on J&J? We have residents and staff who wish to be vaccinated but we have no option available to them at this time.

from Debbie Learmont to everyone: 12:54 PM

For staff members who have traveled ouside of the US and has been fully vaccinated when are they able to return to work?

from susand to everyone: 12:54 PM

When is an N95 respirator required to be used? not recommended, but required. this impacts the respiratory program.

from mmell@kensingtonsl.com to everyone: 12:54 PM

in my infection control survey by MDH they said the medical evaluation questionairre had to be completed by physician

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 12:54 PM

we just got our date today from the TAT team for the final clinic which is next week, I just received the Wm. Tregor email a few days ago.

from Angie Keebaugh to everyone: 12:56 PM

Is there any guidance from MDOH on international travel for staff? Or are we to follow CDC guidance? Are HCW to quarantine after return?

from Jake to everyone: 12:56 PM

If a patient has a seven day wellness period post covid. at the hospital, does the patient complete the ten days observation period on the nursing home observation unit or does the 10 days start again ?

from Autumn Bozzo to everyone: 12:57 PM

Can you please help clarify if ALFs need to do fit testing for N95s? I remember a call saying to do "just in time" testing but the TAT is insisting that is not sufficient and we must do fit testing

from Melissa to everyone: 12:58 PM

Are you still recommending weekly staff testing if our county positivity is less than 3%? We haven't had a positive staff in over 3 months and 82% of our staff are fully vaccinated. If not weekly, should we go to monthly or every other week?

from Melissa Welch to everyone: 12:58 PM

OSHA's Licences provider eval for FIT testing needs to be completed by an individual that can Dx and Tx. (Dr., DO, PA, and NP). Does not include RN because they can not DX and Tx.

from Nancy to everyone: 1:03 PM

Medical eval for fit testing can be completed by physician or LHCP, which is licensed nurse, RT, etc.

from Alexis to everyone: 1:03 PM

If someone goes out for under 24 hours, is there an assessment that should be completed regarding the risk?

from Evette to everyone: 1:03 PM

Is there an official website to track our new admits/residents if they were vaccinated?

from Amanda Frushour to everyone: 1:04 PM

What do we need to have in place for free assistance with fit testing offered by the state?

from Michele Hauer to everyone: 1:05 PM

You mentioned activities and outdoor visits can resume after first round of negative testing during OB. How are communal dining?

from Shari Solomon to everyone: 1:05 PM

FYI, here is the definition of a Licensed Healthcare Professional, per OSHA. A Physician or Other Licensed Health Care Professional. A physician or other licensed health care professional is an individual whose legally permitted scope of practice (i.e., license, registration, or certification) allows him or her to independently perform, or be delegated the responsibility to perform, the activities described by this regulation.

from susjohns to everyone: 1:06 PM

Fully vaccinated, exposed to a confirmed positive does this person need to quarantine?

from jhastings to everyone: 1:06 PM

can you please clarify the use of eye protection/face mask use in general non-covid unit for LTC facilities

from Benita Rudd to everyone: 1:08 PM

I think the first round testing question is to determine if index case tested positive on 4-1 can week 1 begin 4-2

from AFrazee to everyone: 1:08 PM

Does tester need to wear N95 mask when doing PCR and POC tests?

from Nancy to everyone: 1:13 PM

Has MDH put out new guidance on the use of N95s?

from Jean Heveron to everyone: 1:14 PM

What is the guidance for wearing a mask when in an office?

from Kimberly Drake to everyone: 1:15 PM

Can you please clarify outdoor visitation during a facility outbreak?

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:15 PM

But the horse is vaccinated! Sorry, a little humor!

from jhastings to everyone: 1:15 PM

TAT team survey reports that all staff should wear face shields at all times

from Janine Norris to everyone: 1:16 PM

how can i get a copy of the slides

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:16 PM

Thanks as always!

from Jake to everyone: 1:16 PM

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from rking to everyone: 1:16 PM

TAT team is asking us to wipe all high touch surfaces throughout the building every 2 hrs.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:16 PM

send an email to mdh.ipcovid@maryland.gov

from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:16 PM

The nursing home studies were truly eye opening

from VMctague to everyone: 1:17 PM

and discouraging!

from William Bill Hokemeyer to everyone: 1:17 PM

Thank you Becky!

from Jake to everyone: 1:17 PM

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It shows how important staff can be to prevent outbreaks