

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:16 PM

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from Bret Stine, Keswick MultiCare to everyone: 12:32 PM

When the positivity rate is above 5% we are required to test unvaccinated staff weekly. Are we also required to test the unvaccinated residents?

from Mark Beggs Edenwald to everyone: 12:32 PM

Is it appropriate or recommended to POC any staff member who remains unvaccinated at the start of their shift every day?

from Amanda W to everyone: 12:32 PM

Can LTC/SNFs accept volunteers to assist w/ resident activities?

from Skip Margot to everyone: 12:32 PM

when timing is appropriate please clarify the distinction between the 'Third shot' and the booster. The Governor and Baltimore Sun conflated the terms yesterday creating a lot of consternation among residents

from BALenehan to everyone: 12:33 PM

Given the overwhelming staffing shortages we're all facing, will MD reinstate the waiver to allow CNA's to work in SNF's? If not, what is the rationale? It was okay last year.

from Leslie Taylor to everyone: 12:33 PM

Does anyone know which hospitals are offering COVID vaccines to patients prior to discharge?

from Amanda W to everyone: 12:34 PM

The Covid + rate is much different between Balt Co HD and CMS websites. Unsure why. Can you please explain what warrants the difference?

from ruthie to everyone: 12:34 PM

Regarding Covid vaccination -- thoughts on requiring residents to receive it? New residents coming in, as well as current residents being able to stay? For employee vaccination, confirming the mandate still only applies to SNF/hospitals and not ALF?

from John to everyone: 12:34 PM

Last meeting there was a lot of chat in the chat box about the CRISP reporting. I am not sure if that is going to be on the FAQs but if not, is there any update on the CRISP reporting on weekends, the time of submitting by 11, or some kind of 1-day miss, and why it was increased to an unreasonable 10x the previous fine to 2500\$ per missed day?

from Juliet Fountain to everyone: 12:35 PM

Agreed on the CRISP, the issue needs to be addressed. The nursing homes are doing well but getting further punished.

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 12:35 PM

this missed one day in CRISP is simply brutal and they audited on a holiday, really!

from mmell to everyone: 12:36 PM

what is driving hospital occupancy if not covid

from Main (privately): 12:37 PM

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from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 12:39 PM

its crazy no one really cares and the fines are outlandish, our industry could use some care, not punishment

from Amie Denayer to everyone: 12:39 PM

Regarding the hospital rates, you said 85% staffed beds... so with the staffing shortages at hospitals - does this mean how many patients a hospital can see based on staffing, or is it on total beds regardless of what they are available to staff? Several hospitals have been on Red/Divert - but because they don't have the staff not because of the overwhelming number of patients...

from mmell to everyone: 12:41 PM

we have 100% vaccinated staff and yet we still recently had 3 positive team members that are fully vaccinated.

from Jamie Rubin to everyone: 12:41 PM

@Amie, the red trend line shows 85% of staffed beds in acute care facilities. That number has been decreasing while total hospitalizations are increasing.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:43 PM

@mmell for any cases that you have in fully vaccinated people - either residents or staff please complete this, so that MDH can try and sequence their specimens - <https://redcap-pha.health.maryland.gov/surveys/?s=L8PT9C9RCH>

from M Darby to everyone: 12:43 PM

It is ridiculous that an outbreak is considered one person testing positive rather than a percentage. Is there any consideration of changing this to a percentage?

from rcraig to everyone: 12:43 PM

are the nursing home cases requiring hospitalization? critical care? deaths?

from andee to everyone: 12:43 PM

Ok we are asking about current outbreaks the MD DOH website informs NOTHING- are the breakthrough cases - we have had four cases all four breakthrough- we are 100 staff 98 residents- how many are breakthrough- by number

from John to everyone: 12:43 PM

Amazing, very good!

from Christine Wong to everyone: 12:44 PM

What information was obtained to indicate that most of the recent outbreaks were related to Delta?

from andee to everyone: 12:44 PM

Do we know the continued efficacy of POC post vaccines

from Juliet Fountain to everyone: 12:44 PM

Basically nursing homes account for less than 1/2 % in residents. Way to go!

from ruthie to everyone: 12:44 PM

Do you have data on if these outbreaks produced hospitalizations/deaths?

from Erin Wheeler, LNHA to everyone: 12:45 PM

For nursing homes in outbreak, how many are seeing it spread in their community?

from lthor876355 to everyone: 12:45 PM

Of the NH that have outbreak cases, how many are using the Monoclonal Antibody Treatment (mAb)?

from Jenice Price to everyone: 12:46 PM

Any deaths among the fully vaccinated?

from mmell to everyone: 12:46 PM

we are 100% vaccinated team and 99.5% residents and have not yet seen spreadall cases were unrelated and outside of our community

from Amie Denayer (privately): 12:49 PM

So... I had my COVID vax back in March and got a quantiferon essay within 2 week the quantiferon was positive. My chest xray was negative. I waited another 2 weeks and had quantiferon test again it was negative... So I am negative, but fully believe the COVID vax triggered the positive result. I had to convince my PCP to NOT TREAT until I got a second test.

from Donna Wilhelm to everyone: 12:49 PM

Our facility had a recent outbreak of 3 residents; we did use the monoclonal antibody infusion- resident tolerated well.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:50 PM

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/Pages/guidelines.aspx>

from andee to everyone: 12:50 PM

Are we discussing vaccines mandate from Governor today? And CDC conflict guidance?

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from Patricia Anderson to everyone: 12:50 PM

We had an outbreak in August with 1 staff person and there was no transmission.

from Amie Denayer (privately): 12:51 PM

I share this more for qualitative info rather than quantitative

from John to everyone: 12:51 PM

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from Epiphany to everyone: 12:51 PM

What if you don't have an outbreak on any unit because none of the residents are positive and it was 2 employees who tested positive at their out buildings?

from andee to everyone: 12:52 PM

Are we talking about Crisp today not the vaccines reporting

from Jill Brooks to everyone: 12:52 PM

Regarding the Covid vaccine and the Influenza vaccine. Should they be spaced 2 weeks apart?

from Ashley, RN to everyone: 12:52 PM

We are recommending that, if it is a positive staff that goes through the whole facility, like activities, in an abundance of caution, the whole facility is considered the unit.

from andee to everyone: 12:52 PM

The daily report in Crisp is the problem

from Ashley, RN to everyone: 12:52 PM

So the whole facility goes on TBP and no visits

from Bill Dickey, NHA to everyone: 12:53 PM

That is ridiculous that we have to report multiple times throughout the week and the document that we reported?!? When do we provide patient care?

from Emily Logan (privately): 12:53 PM

Can you please repost the link for the new Line list. Also my email has changed and I have not been receiving copeis of the slides each week. My new email is elogan@chs-corp.com

from Joe Rose to everyone: 12:53 PM

While my facility was on an outbreak, the state ombudsman called and told us we had to allow compassionate care visits beyond end of life situations. She argued that any visit can be considered a compassionate care visit. Are the state ombudsmen keyed into what is and isn't allowed visitation wise during an outbreak?

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:53 PM

@Jill Brooks There is a COCA call today about flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccines it is today at 2 - https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2021/callinfo_090921.asp

from Wes Street to everyone: 12:54 PM

Can you post the link again for the new line list

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:54 PM

Guidelines link and Line List <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/Pages/guidelines.aspx>

from Fayette H&R to everyone: 12:54 PM

What is the recommendation for visitation during an outbreak when the outbreak is due from positive staff and not positive residents?

from andee to everyone: 12:54 PM

Schools got it - HEPA - we believe it kept us without patients infection for 17 months

from pn to everyone: 12:54 PM

Do staff require to quarantine and or test negative prior to resuming work after traveling internationally???

from CMercanti to everyone: 12:55 PM

I am sorry I am late getting on. Do we still have to report to CRSIP on weekends or are we able to complete on Mondays?

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

will these webinars be NAB approved for CEU?

from lisa stone to everyone: 12:57 PM

When will we have some relief in daily /weekly reporting -

from nsgbaltimore to everyone: 12:57 PM

If we are unable to eliminate and/or reduce the daily CRISP reporting, can the time deadline please be extended to the end of the day? It is extremely difficult to coordinate ensuring this is done every single day by 11:00 am. Staff are working on their scheduled days off and vacations in order to ensure we are in compliance.

from andee to everyone: 12:58 PM

Yes Crisp informs nothing, it notoriously being refused to be used by MD DOH staff because they say it is never correct

from mlavin to everyone: 12:58 PM

What is behind the recent CMPs for facilities who missed a day or two of CRISP reporting? A day is missed every now and then. Your CMPs are a slap in the face to those of us who do our best to report 7-days-a-week for 450+ days now.

from Katharine Taylor to everyone: 12:58 PM

Is there a way to do a bulk upload of daily POC COVID testing into CRISP?

from Donna Pusey to everyone: 12:59 PM

I believe we are - TidalHealth Peninsula Regional

from andee to everyone: 12:59 PM

Yes these are excessive fines without notification, without rationale -

from John to everyone: 12:59 PM

Howard County General is offering vaccines for in patients

from Epiphany to everyone: 1:00 PM

Where can I find the new Govenor's order form yesterday?

from Marsha Hickey to everyone: 1:00 PM

Meritus Medical Center is.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:00 PM

New Govenor's Order for Nursing Homes -

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/Documents/2021.09.08.02%20MDH%20Order%20-%20Amended%20Nursing%20Home%20Matters%20Order.pdf>

from mmell to everyone: 1:00 PM

we do require it for new residents

from andee to everyone: 1:00 PM

What will this industry do when one of gets a 7500.00 fine for reporting at 11:15 will we ban together and finally stand up

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:00 PM

New Govenor's Order for Vaccination Matters -

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/Documents/2021.09.08.01%20-%20MDH%20Order%20-%20Amended%20Vaccination%20Matters%20Order.pdf>

from ruthie to everyone: 1:01 PM

You said vaccine mandates for ALF just now but I think you meant SNF only?

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:01 PM

itts a slap to us that they audited on holiday, did they not take a holiday off??????

from Juliet Fountain to everyone: 1:01 PM

Who can we contact regarding our CRISP concerns and feedback?

from ruthie to everyone: 1:01 PM

Employee vaccine mandates taht is

from John to everyone: 1:01 PM

Has anyone received a 2500\$ fine yet?

from Akiva Slepoy- Sterling Care so to everyone: 1:01 PM

@MLavin, thank you for expressing so well how we all feel!

from andee to everyone: 1:01 PM

Look up CMS fines for hospital reporting dramatically different no fines for months just terse reminders

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:01 PM

yes i did those fines are outlandish

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:02 PM

@ruthie ALF need to follow the order for vaccination matters -

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/Documents/2021.09.08.01%20-%20MDH%20Order%20-%20Amended%20Vaccination%20Matters%20Order.pdf>

from andee to everyone: 1:03 PM

We received 2500. Same one miss in 16 months - never miss an opportunity to make us look like bad actors

from Katherine Benkowski to everyone: 1:03 PM

Are the breakthrough cases people who were vaccinated over 8 months ago?

from bates to everyone: 1:03 PM

Harbor and Upper Chesapeake both offer J/J.

from mmell to everyone: 1:04 PM

the breakthrough positive cases we had in fully vaccinated staff one was 6 months / the other two 4 months

from Gina Pervall to everyone: 1:05 PM

Please clarify when cloth masks are allowed to be used by staff in LTCF.

from ruthie to everyone: 1:05 PM

I'm having trouble deciphering the Vaccination Matters, it says facilities in 5B which then says all residential facilities -- which I think would include ALF but this is the same wording as before but it was specific to SNF. I've been trying to decipher these amended orders but maybe I'm missing something....

from mmell to everyone: 1:06 PM

me too on deciphering Vaccination Matters

from Rene Gomez to everyone: 1:07 PM

Are you seeing re-infections on people who were infected prior to being vaccinated and then received the vaccine?

from apellicane1 to everyone: 1:07 PM

Is there a link to the other compassionate care examples?

from Epiphany to everyone: 1:07 PM

Are we at some point going to require that visitors need to be vaccinated to visit because they could potentially bring the virus to the residents?

from Henry Cotsalas to everyone: 1:07 PM

When 1/3 of the facilities report incorrectly, (per transmittal re: fines) I have to believe it's the process, and not bad actors. The process is flawed. As we all know, COVID-19 stops spreading at 11:01 a.m.

from amanda to everyone: 1:07 PM

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

from Donna Mueller (privately): 1:10 PM

Can residents not wear masks when in halls, activities, dining rooms?

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from jsmart to everyone: 1:11 PM

Is there any data on the breakthrough cases on which vaccine they received? Is one working better than others on these variants?

from CMercanti to everyone: 1:11 PM

Who do we contact regarding CRISP reporting?? Daily is becoming way too much. We are already over stressed, over worked and over tired. AND we have patients to care for. Who can we talk to about this daily reporting?

from Michelle Neblett to everyone: 1:11 PM

If the staff member had Pfizer vaccine for doses 1 and 2, can they get the Moderna vaccine for the booster or do they have to stay with original series

from Andee to everyone: 1:11 PM

Is the state of Maryland going to mandate staff take boosters at some future point??

from Andee to everyone: 1:12 PM

Yes can OHCQ get on the next call to discuss Crisp and fines

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:12 PM

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

from John to everyone: 1:12 PM

If we have an employee who got pfizer 1 and moderna for 2, are they vaccinated? He wants to get all three vaccines 1 shot each.

from andee to everyone: 1:13 PM

This is ONLY a state issue not a CMS issue

from John to everyone: 1:13 PM

WE are not giving him each one, he is going out in the community

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:13 PM

I am happy to take part of a group to do legwork for this stuff with CMPs

from andee to everyone: 1:14 PM

Michele I will call you and anyone that wants to discuss OHCQ CMPs for CRISP daily reporting

from CMercanti to everyone: 1:15 PM

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from andee to everyone: 1:15 PM

Think before we get another vaccination maybe we ALL have our vaccination rates on a public website?

from andee to everyone: 1:15 PM

Not concerned- angry

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:16 PM

WE need support

from Bill Dickey, NHA to everyone: 1:16 PM

Very

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:16 PM

very i am licensed for 33 years, this is gonna be it

from CMercanti to everyone: 1:16 PM

I can't understand why people don't understand they are overworking us. We are LEAVING because of it.

from Epiphany to everyone: 1:16 PM

what is a CMP? I don't know.

from CMercanti to everyone: 1:16 PM

I'm with Michelle

from andee to everyone: 1:17 PM

No one requires but OHCQ and MD DOH

from John to everyone: 1:17 PM

ciivil money penalty

from Epiphany to everyone: 1:17 PM

Okay. Thanks.

from Juliet Fountain to everyone: 1:17 PM

Can you just give us who we can address it with? Who is making the decisions.

from John to everyone: 1:17 PM

2500\$ for a day missed

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:17 PM

Who can we petition to, shall i contact my congress reps.???????

from Juliet Fountain to everyone: 1:17 PM

Is there a specific contact?

from Courtney Veneziani to everyone: 1:17 PM

Anyone have Governor Hogan's Number?

from Michele Buscher to everyone: 1:17 PM

OHCQ ignores our concerns, it's driving GOOD people away from our industry. :(

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:18 PM

they have nerve to conduct an audit on Labor day!!!!!!!

from ruthie to everyone: 1:18 PM

Sorry to chime in over the SNF convo (I feel for you guys!) but question on the monoclonal antipbody treatment --- thoughts on making it a policy for any resident who tests positive?

from andee to everyone: 1:18 PM

Good luck legislator won't get involved-

from CMercanti to everyone: 1:18 PM

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from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:18 PM

Why do we celebrate Labor day?????

from Henry Cotsalas to everyone: 1:18 PM

tough being the messenger ... sorry Rita.... for compliance sake, if nothing else, try and have state mirror the reporting parameters, and timelines of CDC / NHSN

from Ashley, RN to everyone: 1:18 PM

what do you think about the home poc testing, on another note?

from lisa stone to everyone: 1:18 PM

contact HFAM and Life Span maybe they can put pressure on OHCQ

from Barry to everyone: 1:18 PM

Tricia Ney issued the OHCQ transmittal

from ruthie to everyone: 1:18 PM

I agree for SNFs to contact Lifespan they are a great support

from John to everyone: 1:19 PM

HFAM said they thought we should just get the reporting done

from ruthie to everyone: 1:19 PM

John - did you try Lifespan too?

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:19 PM

thats crazy we dont work in ivory towers

from andee to everyone: 1:19 PM

So far the agencies like lifespan, etc etc have not been able to move ANY needle

from rking to everyone: 1:19 PM

The home POC kits at Walgreens is the same Abbott Binax Now brand the State provides us.

from andee to everyone: 1:19 PM

Nay is on CMP fine

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:20 PM

i have they bashed CRISP some one from the philly office.

from M Darby to everyone: 1:20 PM

The fines for missed reporting look like a money grab since you get a "discount" if you don't appeal it.
What will be done with the money collected?

from Ashley, RN to everyone: 1:20 PM

Do you have good resources for those that still argue that COVID is no worse than the flu?

from Henry Cotsalas to everyone: 1:21 PM

Depends on County... to end outbreak Mo. Co required 2x PCR