

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



DHCS BH All Provider Call Brief Summary – 05/05/21

<u>Link</u> to weekly meeting notes and meeting link on DHCS webpage

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The link for the updated meeting occurrence is above and here.

DHCS Updates

 Due to less frequent updates, this meeting will be moved to monthly, with the next meeting set to occur on June 09, 2021.

DSS Updates

- PIN 21-25-ASC Annual Inspections Utilizing The Infection Control Domain
 - 1. On May 10 inspections will resume using the infection control domain.
- PIN 21-24-ASC (Updated May 3, 2021) Informational Call Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Inspections: The New Infection Control Domain
- PIN 21-17.1-ASC Statewide Waiver Related To Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) And Visitation; Communal Dining; Group Activities; Non-Essential Services; Outing; New Admissions; And Entertainment

CDPH Updates

- Vaccine Updates
 - 1. Vaccine Dashboard
 - 30 million doses administered, 40 million doses have been delivered to state of California.
 - Dashboard is updated with state and county specific data.
 - 2. Johnson and Johnson vaccine is no longer paused
 - Previously paused due to rare blood clot disorder where people get blood clots but platelets are also low.

- After thorough review they decided the benefits of vaccine outweigh any risk.
- Risk for women 18-50 are extremely rare with only 15 cases out of 8 million doses.
- Vaccine factsheet for Johnson and Johnson was updated to reflect the risk and symptoms for women under 50.
- California is still receiving Johnson and Johnson doses but not as much as others.
- 3. Pfizer submitted data for 12-15 age group to FDA and we are expecting to hear news on that soon.
- 4. Locate appointments through <u>My Turn</u>, your health care provider, pharmacy, or local health department.
- Other CDPH Updates
 - 1. CDC guidance
 - Describes circumstances for fully vaccinated people to engage in dining and events without social distancing.
 - If any unvaccinated person is present in the group everyone should still wear there source control and physically distance themselves.
 - CDC is no longer recommending routine screening for asymptomatic fully vaccinated people. They should still be tested if they become symptomatic. Unvaccinated people still need to be screened and tested.

Questions and Answers

Q: Does the department have any guidance on our ability to ask staff and clients their vaccine status?

A: This is a challenge; it speaks to the need to plan ahead for activities where individuals will not be masking. Maintaining privacy is also important, so this might be accomplished through planning far ahead, sign ups, and seating charts.

Q: Can you also speak to whether a facility (SNF-STP, MHRC or Soc Rehab) can refuse to admit a patient that is not vaccinated?

A: Vaccine status alone is not a reason to deny admission.