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COVID-19 Surge Update for Skilled Nursing Facilities

Dear post-acute and acute care partners,

Thank you for all you are doing to support our community during the current COVID-19 surge! This past Thursday, January 20, San Mateo County Health Officer Scott Morrow joined our monthly Nursing Facility Learning Collaborative call and shared some reflections and guidance on navigating the surge. Please read below for some updates and resources for your staff coming out of that discussion:

During this latest surge, it is critical for post-acute facilities to have red/yellow/green zones operational to enable discharges from hospitals to post-acute. To help your staff with implementing the current admissions and cohorting guidance from AFL 20-87.1, we've published three posters that you can print out for your facility, available online here: www.hpsm.org/provider-covid-resources/content-page-3.

These include:

1. An illustration of the current admissions and cohorting guidance for fully vaccinated patients in your facility during seasonal surges.
2. An illustration of the current admissions and cohorting guidance for partially or un-vaccinated patients in your facility during seasonal surges.
3. A checklist of the criteria for patients to leave isolation (the "red zone"), as well as details and definitions of terms from AFL 20-87.1 and AFL 20-53.6.

Please review the full guidance with your staff and CD contact, it is available online here:

www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-87.aspx

Please stay in close communication with your assigned Communicable Disease Control (CD) contact(s) regarding questions and implementation. Isolation and quarantine guidance has been changing and is complicated – please work directly with your assigned CD contact on how to put this guidance into practice (*see next page for contact information*).

For providers outside of San Mateo County, you will need to contact your county’s Communicable Disease team. For San Mateo County providers only, your CD contacts are:

	Name	Cell Phone	Email	Hours
Facilities from Burlingame to Palo Alto	Iris O’Saw BSN, RN	650-670-6225	iosaw@smcgov.org	Mon-Thu 8:30am-6:30pm (off on Fridays)
From Daly City and Pacifica to Millbrae	Silvie Arabia MPH, PHN, RN	650-454-5325	sarabia@smcgov.org	Tue-Fri 8:30am-6:30pm (off on Monday)

Note that Iris and Silvie cover for one another on their days off.

Centers of Excellence: HPSM and San Mateo County Health are excited to announce that **San Bruno Skilled Nursing** has been approved as a Center of Excellence in San Mateo County for the next four weeks. This designation is based upon high quality of care ratings and a facility’s demonstrated success record with infection prevention practices.

We congratulate the leadership and staff of San Bruno Skilled Nursing and are grateful for the work they are doing to ramp up capacity for yellow zone and red zone admissions during the surge. We anticipate that a second Center of Excellence will be designated this week.

If you have questions about the Center of Excellence approach or are interested in applying to be one, please reach out directly to HPSM’s Network and Strategy Officer, Colleen Murphey, at colleen.murphey@hpsm.org.

For questions, please contact the HPSM Provider Services department at PSInquiries@hpsm.org.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community,
The Health Plan of San Mateo