

# Ask an IP

## Learning and Communication Series

Week 7 – Regulatory Bodies

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Acute Communicable Disease Control Program  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health





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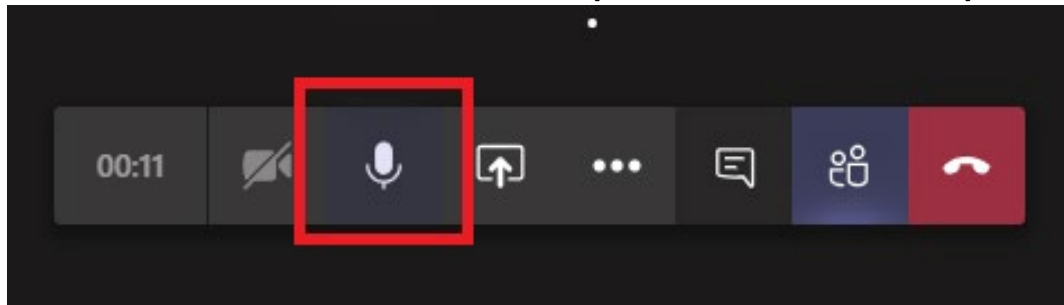
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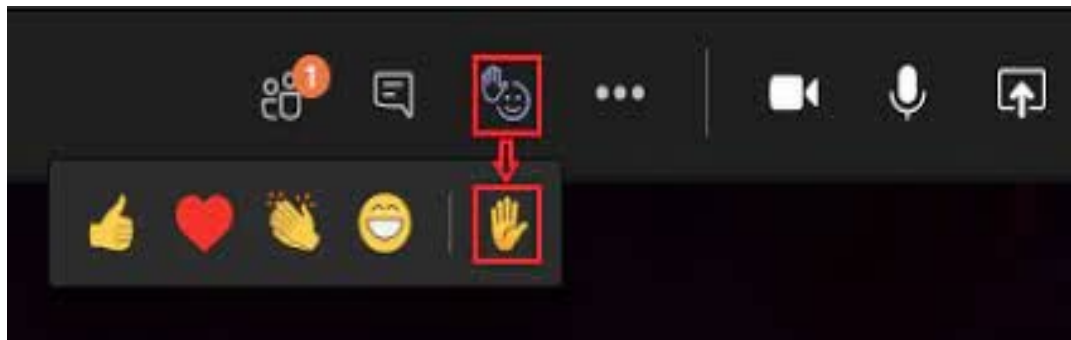
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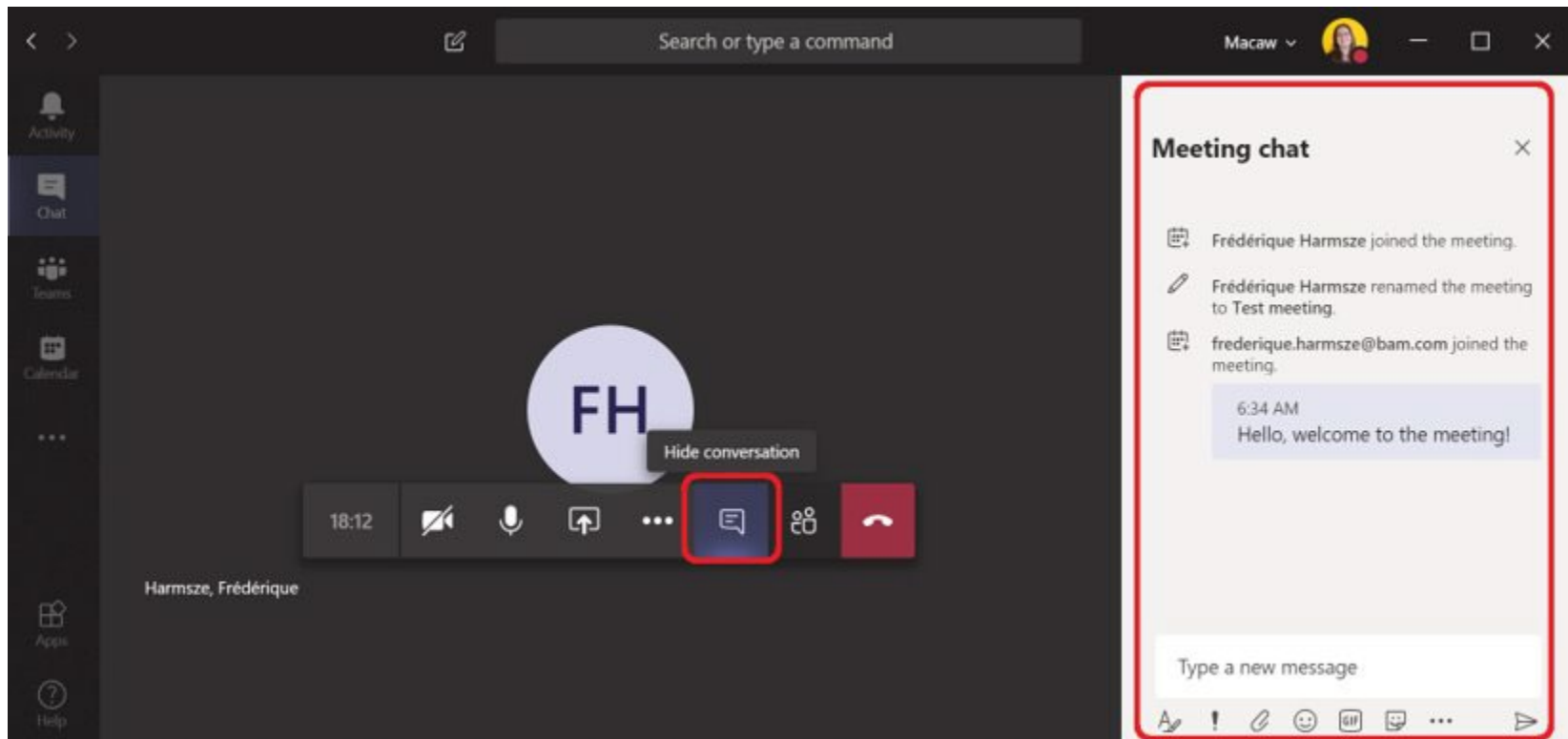


- How to Raise Hand:



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- How to use chat:





# Reminder

We want to thank you all for your wonderful questions these last few weeks, during our Ask the IP Sessions. The focus of these sessions is core infection prevention practices (beyond COVID-19) that must be used in all care settings and to foster discussion among LA County Skilled Nursing Facilities about infection control practices.

We would like to remind everyone that the LACDPH COVID-19 Guidance has been updated as of 10-01-2021, please take time to review the updates and the current guidance from the County. We will not be reviewing guidelines during these sessions.

## **Link to Guidelines:**

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/healthfacilities/snf/prevention/>



## Objectives

- Discuss **national, state and local regulatory bodies** that oversee infection prevention and public reporting
- Describe the **purpose of CDPH All Facilities Letters (AFLs)**
- Review **current** infection prevention and control-related **regulations**
- Foster discussion among LA County Skilled Nursing Facilities about infection prevention and control practices



# Regulatory Agency Overview

## Federal

- **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**
- **Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA)**

## State

- **California Department of Public Health**
  - Licensing & Certification
  - Reportable Diseases and Conditions
  - Medical Waste
- **Cal-OSHA**

## Local

- **Los Angeles County Department of Public Health**
  - Environmental Health
  - Communicable Disease reporting

1. [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/SNF\\_OnlineIPCourse\\_Qs\\_LawsAndRegs\\_012521\\_ADA.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/SNF_OnlineIPCourse_Qs_LawsAndRegs_012521_ADA.pdf)





## Federal Oversight: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- Provision of health insurance through Medicare and Medicaid
- Surveys and certification of health care facilities including nursing homes
- Requirement by Social Security (SSA) to meet what's known as conditions of participation (CoP) by a facility, in order to receive Medicare/Medicaid funds (SSA Section 1861)

1. [https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=7db07035274456a040371c5839d77a1d&mc=true&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title42/42tab\\_02.tpl](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=7db07035274456a040371c5839d77a1d&mc=true&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title42/42tab_02.tpl)

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## **Federal: CMS Conditions of Participation (CoP- Interpretive Guidelines for Infection Prevention/Control)**

- Develop and maintain an infection prevention/control program
- Provide a safe, sanitary environment
- Prevent the transmission of communicable diseases
- Surveillance must be systematic
  - For example, infections must be logged
- Support from leadership:
  - To ensure that problems identified by infection prevention are addressed
  - Takes responsibility for corrective action plans when issues/gaps/problems are identified

1. <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/GuidanceforLawsAndRegulations/Nursing-Homes>

2. [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/SNF\\_OnlineIPCcourse\\_Qs\\_LawsAndRegs\\_012521\\_ADA.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/SNF_OnlineIPCcourse_Qs_LawsAndRegs_012521_ADA.pdf)



## Federal Regulations: CMS Title 42

- Subchapter G Standards and Certification
  - Part 482 Conditions of Participation For Hospitals
  - **Part 483 Requirements For States and LTC**
  - Part 484 Home Health Services
  - Part 493 Laboratory Requirements
  - Part 494 Conditions for Coverage for End-Stage Renal Disease Facilities

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# Federal: CMS Regulatory Requirements

## Infection Control 483.80 Requirements:

- Designated Infection Prevention and Control Officer (IPCO) with specialized training
- Infection Prevention and Control Plan (IPCP)

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Effective November 28, 2016	Effective November 2017	Effective November 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolation should be least restrictive for the resident</li> <li>• Flu vaccination offered each year 10/1–3/31</li> <li>• Annual review of policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement antibiotic stewardship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify designated infection prevention lead</li> <li>• Designated infection prevention lead must participate on Quality Assurance Committee</li> </ul>



## Federal: CMS Value-Based Purchasing Program

- Participating facilities in CMS quality/incentive reporting programs are required to track and report
- Penalties from CMS (facilities who do not show improvement)
  - Significant amount of Medicare claims dollars can be withheld (up to 2 percent)

1. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/snf-vbp-faqs-april-2021.pdf>
2. [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCO/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/SNF\\_OnlineIPCou\\_rse\\_Qs\\_LawsAndRegs\\_012521\\_ADA.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCO/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/SNF_OnlineIPCou_rse_Qs_LawsAndRegs_012521_ADA.pdf)



## State Oversight: CDPH Licensing and Certification (L&C)

- Headquartered in Sacramento
- 18 district offices with >600 health facility evaluator nurses (HFEN) = surveyors
- Licenses SNF facilities to operate in California

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## State: SNF Surveys

- Surveys of SNFS are conducted by CDPH at least every 6–16 months
  - To assess compliance with state and federal standards
  - Focus on facilities with outbreaks
    - Facility will be surveyed out of schedule (sooner than usual)
  - Complaints
    - Facility will be visited immediately
    - Revisits may occur (by other agencies) if high risk findings are reported

1. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/Regulations.aspx>

2. [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/SNF\\_OnlineIPCourse\\_Qs\\_LawsAndRegs\\_012521\\_ADA.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/SNF_OnlineIPCourse_Qs_LawsAndRegs_012521_ADA.pdf)



## State: Part 42 Subpart B: Requirement for LTCF

§483.5 Definitions

§483.10 Resident Rights

§483.12 Freedom from Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

§483.15 Admission Transfer and Discharge Rights

§483.20 Resident Assessment

§483.21 Comprehensive Person-Centered Care Plans

§483.24 Quality of Life

§483.25 Quality of Care

§483.30 Physician Services

§483.35 Nursing Services

§483.40 Behavioral health services

§483.45 Pharmacy Services

§483.50 Laboratory Radiology and Other Diagnostic Services

§483.55 Dental Services

§483.60 Food and Nutrition Services

§483.65 Specialized Rehabilitative Services

§483.70 Administration

§483.75 Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement

**§483.80 Infection Control**  
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§483.85 Compliance and Ethics Program

§483.90 Physical Environment

§483.95 Training Requirements



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# State: California Law and Regulations Terminology

## the difference between:

- **Bills:**
  - Passed by California legislature
  - If signed by governor, bill becomes law (or statute)
  - Laws related to health become part of the California Health and Safety Code (HSC)
- **Regulations:**
  - Written by State Executive Branch, agency or department like CDPH to:
    - Carry out what a bill authorizes or requires a State department to do
    - Clarifies bill requirements (less common)



## State: CDPH All Facilities Letters (AFLs)

- Communicates with healthcare facilities about laws and regulations
- Sent out to inform facilities of:
  - **new** requirement or technologies
  - **change** of requirement in healthcare
  - **clarify** an existing law/regulation
  - Enforcement actions
  - Scope of practice clarifications
  - General information that affects health facility
- The absence of an AFL does not absolve a facility from complying with the law



## State: Antibiotic Stewardship (ABS) for SNF

- [AFL 15-30](#): Requires each SNF to adopt ABS policy
  - SB 361: Failure to comply results in enforcement actions per HSC section 1423
  - Authority by HSC section 1275.4
- Must align ABS with the 7 Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing homes:
  1. Leadership commitment – Support of safe antibiotic use
  2. Accountability – from Physician, Nursing, Pharmacists leads
  3. Drug expertise – pharmacist or consultant pharmacists
  4. Action – at least 1 policy or procedure pertaining to antibiotic use
  5. Tracking – at least 1 process measure of use or outcome from antibiotic use
  6. Reporting – regular feedback on antibiotic use
  7. Education – resources to clinicians, nursing, residents, families

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/prevention/antibiotic-stewardship.html>

2. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-15-30.aspx>

## Example: AFL 20-85 (SNF)

- Notifies SNFs of AB 2644 requiring full time IP
  - FT IP requirement:
    - At present must be LVN or RN (may job share)
    - Hours specified for the IP cannot include hours spent in direct care services
    - Minimum number of hours and content for this training in [AFL-20-84](#).
    - Provide annual training for HCP in the facility
  - Reporting communicable diseases during a declared emergency
    - Disease or suspect disease related death reported within 24 hours
    - Refers to [AFL 20-43.3](#) Daily Reporting which requires data entry into NHSN

1. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-85.aspx>

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# LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

## All Facilities Letters - 2021

It is recommended to use Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox as your web browser when opening the AFL. Internet Explorer may not work correctly.

All Facilities Letters are listed in ascending order by release date, with updated AFLs listed directly after their original version.

Bulletin Number	Facility Type Affected	Subject	Release Date
AFL 21-01	Skilled Nursing Facilities	Annual Announcement: Online Application Period for Patient Needs Waiver (PNW) and Workforce Shortage Waiver (WSW)	01/11/2021
AFL 21-02	General Acute Care Hospitals	Residential Alternate Care Site (R-ACS) Option to Increase Bed Capacity Due to Anticipated Surge in Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)	01/12/2021
AFL 21-03	Primary Care Clinics (PCCs), Adult Day Health Centers (ADHCs), Home Health Agencies (HHAs)	Implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 1128 – Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE): Facility Licensing Exemption	01/12/2021
AFL 21-04	General Acute Care Hospitals, Acute Psychiatric Hospitals	AB 2037 - Updated Notice Timelines for Hospital Closure, Reduction or Elimination of Emergency Medical Service, and Relocation or Elimination of Supplemental Services	01/13/2021
AFL 21-05	Skilled Nursing Facilities	Process for Fit-testing Resource Requests	01/13/2021
AFL 21-06	Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)	Survey on the Use of Interdisciplinary Teams (IDT) for Unrepresented Residents	01/20/2021
AFL 21-07	Skilled Nursing Facilities, General Acute Care Hospitals	Maintain Efforts to Increase Staffing Levels	01/24/2021
AFL 21-08.3 (Supersedes AFL 21-08.2)	General Acute Care Hospitals, Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities	Guidance on Quarantine for Health Care Personnel (HCP) Exposed to SARS-CoV-2	06/28/2021



## State: California Title 22 Regulations

- Division 5 Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities
  - **Chapter 1 General Acute Care Hospital**
    - Article 7 Administration
  - Chapter 2 Acute Psychiatric Hospital
  - **Chapter 3 Skilled Nursing Facilities**
  - Chapter 4 Intermediate Care Facilities
  - Chapter 7 Primary Care Clinics
    - Chapter 7.1 Specialty Clinics
  - Article 6 Hemodialyzer Reuse
  - Chapter 12 Correctional Treatment

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## California Code of Regulations: Title 22\*

- Requires a written infection control program which includes the following:
  - Surveillance,
  - Prevention,
  - And control of infections
- Policies and procedures to include:
  - Management of transmission risks
  - Education
  - Surveillance plan (including outbreak management)
  - Biohazardous equipment and materials identification
- Oversight of the program is part of a multidisciplinary committee
- Care of residents with infectious diseases<sup>+</sup>

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\*Title 22, Div 5, Chap 1, Article 7, Sec 70739

<sup>+</sup>Title 22, Div 5, Chap 3, Article 3, Sec 72321



## State: Reportable Diseases and Conditions – Title 17

- Subchapter G Standards and Certification
  - Part 482 Conditions of Participation For Hospitals
  - **Part 483 Requirements For States and LTC**
  - Part 484 Home Health Services
  - Part 493 Laboratory Requirements
  - Part 494 Conditions for Coverage for End-Stage Renal Disease Facilities

1. [govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I805AD6B0FB1711DEACA9F33E9EE53480?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](http://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I805AD6B0FB1711DEACA9F33E9EE53480?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default))

2. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ControlledForms/cdph110a.pdf>

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## State: California Medical Waste Management Act\*

- Ensures proper handling and disposal of medical waste throughout California
- Biohazardous waste

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## State: Cal-OSHA

- Protection of the worker (guidance to keep workers healthy and safe in the state of California)
- Department of Industrial Relations
  - Division of Occupational Safety and Health
- Develops regulations for workplace safety and health
  - Bloodborne Pathogen Standard
  - Aerosol-Transmissible Diseases Standard
  - Respiratory Protection Standard
- Regulations must be as stringent (or more) than federal regulations

1. <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/>

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## Local Oversight:

# Acute Communicable Disease Control Program (ACDC)

- DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK SECTION

- Food Safety Unit
- **Healthcare Outreach Unit (HOU)**
- Hepatitis, Antimicrobial Resistance & Influenza Unit
- Hospital Outbreak, Response & Control Section
- Vector-borne Disease Unit
- Automated Disease & Syndromic Surveillance (ADSS) Section
- EPI/Data Support Section
- Planning, Policy, Prevention Unit
- Administration



## Local Oversight (cont.) - ACDC Healthcare Outreach Unit (HOU)

- Acute Care Hospital Team
  - Liaison Public Health Nurses- assigned to specific acute care hospitals and long-term care acute care hospitals (LTACs)
- Outpatient Clinics and Dialysis Team
- **Long-Term Care Facilities Team**
  - Skilled Nursing Facilities
  - Community Care Facilities: A Subset of Congregate Care Facilities

# Skilled Nursing Facilities Team

## Skilled Nursing Facilities

- **336 SNFs (315 Free standing SNFs, 21-D/P SNFs in LAC), not including Long Beach and Pasadena: health facility or a distinct part of a hospital**
  - *provides continuous skilled nursing care and supportive care to patients whose primary need is for availability of skilled nursing care on an extended basis.*
  - *24-hour inpatient care includes, as a minimum, physician, skilled nursing, dietary, pharmaceutical services, and an activity program*

## Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) & Congregate Living Health Facilities (CLHFs)

- **272 ICFs** : *provides care and support services to developmentally disabled clients whose primary need is for developmental services and who have a recurring but intermittent need for skilled nursing services.*
- **136 CLHFs** : *skilled nursing care on a recurring, intermittent, extended, or continuous basis*
  - *care is generally less intense than that provided in general acute care hospitals but more intense than that provided in skilled nursing facilities*

# DPH Public Health Centers

## Community and Field Services Division (Outbreak Management Branch)

### I. CFS/OMB

- Conducts surveillance and medical case management of reportable communicable diseases
- Contains the spread of communicable diseases, and
- Provides numerous outreach activities to engage the community as active participants to improve the health of residents.














### II. Clinic Services

- Provides clinical services through **14 public health centers** (plus a satellite site on Skid Row)
  - Clinical services offered immunizations, and screening and treatment of tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases.
- **COVID-19 strike team, contact tracing**


Our Vision: Communities that promote and sustain healthy living

### Department of Public Health PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS

The Department of Public Health operates 14 health centers in LA County that provide free and low-cost services to those with no insurance or regular health care provider. Rather than general medical care, services provided focus on population-health interventions, such as immunizations and communicable disease testing and treatment.

 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Antelope Valley</b> 335-B East Avenue K-6 Lancaster, CA 93535 (661) 471-4860</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>North Hollywood</b> 5300 Tujunga Avenue North Hollywood, CA 91601 (818) 766-3982</p>
 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Central</b> 241 N. Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 288-8204</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Pasadena</b> 13300 Van Nuys Boulevard Pasadena, CA 91131 (818) 896-1903</p>
 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Curtis R. Tucker</b> 123 W. Manchester Boulevard Inglewood, CA 90301 (310) 419-5325</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Pomona</b> 750 S. Park Avenue Pomona, CA 91706 (909) 868-0235</p>
 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Glendale</b> 501 N. Glendale Avenue Glendale, CA 91206 (818) 550-5762</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Ruth Temple</b> 3834 S. Western Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90062 (323) 730-3507</p>
 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Hollywood/Wilshire</b> 5205 Melrose Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90038 (323) 769-7900</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Simms/Mann</b> 2509 Pico Boulevard, Room 325 Santa Monica, CA 90405 (310) 896-3204</p>
 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Public Health</b> 11833 South Wilmington Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90059 (323) 568-8100</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Torrance</b> 711 Del Amo Boulevard Torrance, CA 90502 (310) 354-2300</p>
 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Monrovia</b> 330 W. Maple Avenue Monrovia, CA 91016 (626) 256-1600</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><b>Whittier</b> 7643 S. Painter Avenue Whittier, CA 90602 (562) 464-5350</p>

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## Local: Health Facilities Inspection Division (Licensing & Certification)

- Has the authority and responsibility for the licensing and certification of health facilities and ancillary health services (Total of 1,964 in LAC area), including:
- Acute care hospitals, **Nursing Homes**, Homes for the developmentally disabled, Hospice Programs, Ambulatory surgical centers, Dialysis clinics, Primary care clinics, Home Health Agencies, Congregated Living Facilities (catastrophic and severely disabled, ventilator dependency, terminal illness)
- **Since COVID-19 Pandemic**, conduct the daily counts of cases/suspects/deaths of residents/staff on facilities (**i.e., SNFs**) with COVID-19 OBs and conducts onsite/virtual visits in coordination with ACDC, OMB.

## Resources (Federal Regulations)

### [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#)

([www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov))

### [CMS Regulations & Guidance](#)

([www.cms.gov/home/regsguidance.asp](http://www.cms.gov/home/regsguidance.asp))

### [CMS Conditions of Participations \(CoPs\)](#)

(<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CFCsAndCoPs/LTC>)

### [CMS State Operations Manual \(Guidance to Surveyors for LTC\)](#)

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## Resources (Federal Regulations)

[Quality Improvement Organization \(QIO\)](https://qioprogram.org/)

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[QIO for California = Health Services Advisory Group \(HSAG\)](https://www.hsag.com/en/medicare-providers/)

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## Resources (State)

### [HAI Specific Legislation, Regulations and AFLs](#)

(<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/AFLsLegislation.aspx#>)

[Cal/OSHA Workplace Guide to ATD](#) (which has a nice list with hyperlinks to additional Title 8 topics under “Resources”)

([https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh\\_publications/ATD-Guide.pdf](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh_publications/ATD-Guide.pdf))



## Resources (Local - LACDPH)

[LACDPH-ACDC SNF webpage](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/snf.htm)

([publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/snf.htm](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/snf.htm))

[LACDPH-ACDC SNF COVID-19 Guidance](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/healthfacilities/snf/prevention/)

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[LACDPH-ACDC-COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Information Hub](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/)

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- **Los Angeles County Department of Public Health**
  - Environmental Health
  - Communicable Disease reporting



# Reminder

We want to thank you all for your wonderful questions these last few weeks, during our Ask the IP Sessions. The focus of these sessions is core infection prevention practices (beyond COVID-19) that must be used in all care settings and to foster discussion among LA County Skilled Nursing Facilities about infection control practices.

We would like to remind everyone that the LACDPH COVID-19 Guidance has been updated as of 10-01-2021, please take time to review the updates and the current guidance from the County. We will not be reviewing guidelines during these sessions.

## **Link to Guidelines:**

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/healthfacilities/snf/prevention/>



# Programming

Session	Date (2021)	Covered Topics
Week 1	Wednesday, Sept 22nd	Antimicrobial Stewardship
Week 2	Wednesday, Sept 29th	Office Hours
Week 3	Wednesday, Oct 6th	Disease Surveillance
Week 4	Wednesday, Oct 13th	Office Hours
Week 5	Wednesday, Oct 20th	Outbreak Investigation
Week 6	Wednesday, Oct 27th	Office Hours
Week 7 (Today!)	Wednesday, Nov 3rd	Regulatory Bodies
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Wednesday, Nov 10th</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
Week 9	Wednesday, Nov 17th	Communication, Education and Advocacy
<del>Week 10</del>	<del>Wednesday, Nov 24th</del>	Week of Thanksgiving (off)
Week 11	Wednesday, Dec 1st	Office Hours
Week 12	Wednesday, Dec 8th	Professional Development, Resources and Other IP Settings
Week 13	Wednesday, Dec 15th	Office Hours



# Questions

