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DHCS BH All Provider Call

Brief Summary – 04/21/21

[Link](#) 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](#).

DSS Updates

- Reviewed updated guidance for [adult day health](#) and [adult and senior care facilities](#) related to visitation, outings and social activities
- In process of updating surveillance testing guidelines for fully vaccinated staff
- Are creating a plan to initiate inspections, focusing on infection control, health and safety issues.

CDPH Updates

- Vaccine Updates
 1. Nationally 200 million doses have been administered, 26 million doses have been administered in California, 10.4 million people in California are fully vaccinated, and 6.5 million people are partially vaccinated in California.
 2. [Vaccine dashboard](#)
 - Updated with state and county specific data
 3. Eligibility expanded on April 15 to everyone over age 16
 - Can find appointments through My Turn, your health care provider, pharmacy, or local health department.
 4. Johnson and Johnson was paused last week
 - Almost 7 million doses have been administered nationally.
 - 6 reported cases of a blood clots; symptoms 6-13 days after vaccine date.
 - During the pause, informing providers how to identify and treat the blood clots.
 - If you received this vaccine over a month ago, your risk is extremely low.

- Guidance: If you are experiencing leg pain, severe headache, abdominal pain, or shortness of breath, follow up with your primary care provider.

5. [Blue Shield](#)

- Over 400 providers are a part of vaccine network.
- 2500 vaccination sites.

DHCS Updates

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Agency Updates

- Income Supports
 1. [Rental relief program](#)
 - Californians who have experienced a financial hardship because of the pandemic and who are most at risk of eviction can now apply for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program to help pay past due rent. Renters and landlords can check eligibility and apply by visiting [Housing Is Key \(ca.gov\)](#) or by calling 833-430-2122 toll-free, seven days a week.
 2. [GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM FOR CALWORKS FAMILIES](#)
 - Information about the \$600 cash payments to SSI/SSP recipients is not yet posted but monitor this [website](#) for future information

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Questions and Answers

Q: What is the current guidance for fully vaccinated patients and admission quarantine? Also, in congregate settings are groups of patients that are fully vaccinated required to continue the use of masks?

A: Fully vaccinated new admissions do not need to quarantine upon admission. Fully vaccinated means 2 weeks after vaccine series or single dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson). We are still recommending that group activities are done with masks and physical distancing.

Q: Must fully vaccinated clients test when entering? Should they still participate in the every 2 week surveillance testing?

A: In general the routine screening is applied only to the staff. The residents are not usually tested unless there is an exposure. Residents who are fully vaccinated

should still be tested if exposed. We are looking into potential modifications for this screening requirement for staff.

Q: *In our county, there have been reported cases of fully vaccinated staff contracting COVID, and also getting it twice. How would this be detected without surveillance?*

A: *There are cases of vaccine breakthrough but it is very rare.* Based on the literature, these cases typically have a low viral load and are less likely to infect others. Any fully vaccinated person who has symptoms should be tested and isolate until results of those tests come back.

Q: *Any updates on booster shots for variants or when/if we need to get vaccinated again? (e.g. annual)?*

A: *No guidance regarding booster shots at this time.* Pfizer is looking into this right now, but has not filed any data with FDA yet.

Q: *Any updates on visitation?*

A: *Visitation is allowed if the visitor is vaccinated with minimal touching.* We will still be following social distancing and masking in facilities.