



## DHCS BH All Provider Call Brief Summary – 2/17/21

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### CDPH Updates (Miren Klein)

- **Vaccine Updates**

1. Potentially will have Johnson & Johnson vaccine if the clinical trial is cleared by FDA and is set for next week, Friday 2/26. If approved, then emergency use will begin. Would start beginning/mid-March.
2. [CDPH recently updated its guidelines](#) to prioritize people with disabilities age 16-64 for vaccines if their clinician deems them at high-risk for morbidity or mortality from COVID-19.

- **Other CDPH updates**

1. Third-party administrators for vaccination:
  - a. CDPH finalized its [contract with Blue Shield](#), effective Friday 03/04.
  - b. Kaiser's contract (to vaccinate both Kaiser Permanente members and high-risk members of the public) has not yet been finalized.
2. Federal efforts:
  - a. Oakland and Los Angeles and a third planned site for Fresno.
  - b. Federal plan to contract with 128 CVS and 324 Rite Aid pharmacies. Vaccinations are by appointment only:  
  
[Rite-Aid website](#)  
[CVS website](#)
  - c. HRSA working directly with FQHCs for vaccine administration: five selected to administer 200-500 per week/site in Los Angeles, Orange, Fresno, Monterey, and San Diego. The focus will be hard-to-reach populations; no start date announced.

- **CDC Updates:**

3. [CDC posted new guidance](#):

**Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to [quarantine](#) if they meet all of the following criteria:**

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e.,  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)

- Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

Persons who do not meet all 3 of the above criteria should continue to follow current [quarantine guidance](#) after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

- DSS updates (Vicki Smith)
  1. DSS hosted a call on Preventing COVID-19 in Adult and Senior Care Facilities: Next Steps After Vaccination – a link to the recording will be posted on the DSS website next week.

## **Questions and Answers**

***Q: If a fully vaccinated staff member (2 weeks past their second dose) is exposed to C19, the staff member should quarantine per CDC guidelines (i.e., not return to work until either 7 days have passed + negative PCR test on day 5 or 6 OR a full 10 day quarantine). Is this correct?***

***A: Yes, work exclusion is still a recommendation for fully vaccinated exposed HCP when staffing shortages are not an issue, and 7 days with a negative test or 10 days are both options.*** Of note, an exposed fully vaccinated HCP would not need to quarantine when outside of work.

***Q: The data shows that overdose deaths are rising dramatically. Will this call discuss California's planned response to this aspect of the pandemic?***

***A: We are very concerned about reports of rising overdose rates, and continue to use federal opioid funding to push to make medication-assisted treatment (MAT) at all touch points in the health care system, and to make harm reduction services widely available (naloxone, needle exchange, etc.)*** As opioid settlement funding comes in, we will also prioritize treatment and other abatement strategies.

***Q: Does a fully vaccinated person need to continue to get tested for COVID?***

***A: CDC recommends those health care providers who are part of surveillance screening as part of work or school should continue to get tested.***

***Q: Any info on TB tests related to vaccination?***

***A: Guidance is pending.*** The best strategy is to do the TB test prior to the vaccine. See [CDC guidance](#) on TB testing and COVID-19 vaccines.

***Q: There continues to be a dramatic shortage of detox facilities in California. It is very difficult to encourage SUD addicted people to pursue treatment. Is DHCS doing anything to incentivize opening of Detox Centers?***

***A: DHCS continues to prioritize applications to open more facilities and make them available;*** DHCS has condensed licensing requirements to ease the application process. Please see [BHIN-20-017](#) for information on the application process.

***Q: Is there any guidance on having Mental Health personnel staff Mega Pods?***

***A: Mutual aid requests for appropriate staff are underway for mass vaccination sites (currently in Oakland and LA and Fresno in March) because these sites are a priority for the state, as well as the new federal administration.*** However, if behavioral health facilities are still in critical conditions, they can communicate this to the MHOAC and mention they cannot provide support at this time due to staff needing to serve their own facilities.