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SAPC All Treatment Provider Meeting

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Executive Updates

- Medi-Cal Changes
- Measure ER Funding and Potential Delay on HealthConnectLA
- Update on Vaccination Requirements, Masking Guidance, And Reporting Responsibilities

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Medi-Cal Changes

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- *SAPC's Information Notice 26-02 Coverage for Clients who are Ineligible for Federally Funded Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services applies to SAPC-covered services for individuals who are not eligible for federally funded services

- 10/28/2026 judged issued injunction in implementation of Medicaid work rules for the medically frail
  - Delays implementing CMS' Medical Frailty Standard that requires documentation that condition "significantly impairs" their ability to comply with work mandates
  - States can still reject medical frailty proofs if diagnoses are older than 12 months
  - Limitations on patient self-attestation remain restricted to once per continuous enrollment period
- CA Guidance Forthcoming
  - Use of administrative data to provide medical frailty proof
  - Use of self-attestation pathways

- Provider Advisory Committee Medi-Eligibility Workgroup
  - Focused on information dissemination and workplan development focused on implementing best practices in SAPC treatment programs
  - LA Care supporting through information dissemination in Keep L.A. Covered events
  - Contact PAC Liaison at **SAPC-SOC@ph.lacounty.gov** to learn more

Measure ER Funding and Potential Delay on HealthConnectLA

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- Measure ER funding – potential delay in launch of HealthConnectLA
  - Measure ER funded would provide medical coverage for individuals who no longer meet Medi-Cal eligibility criteria
  - Current lawsuit delaying implementation

Reminder: Vaccination Requirements, Masking Guidance, And Reporting Responsibilities

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1. Stay home if sick
2. Improve indoor ventilation
3. Consider wearing a high quality mask indoors, especially if you are in crowded areas or sick
4. Cover your cough
5. Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
6. Clean and disinfect surfaces in home to remove/kill germs

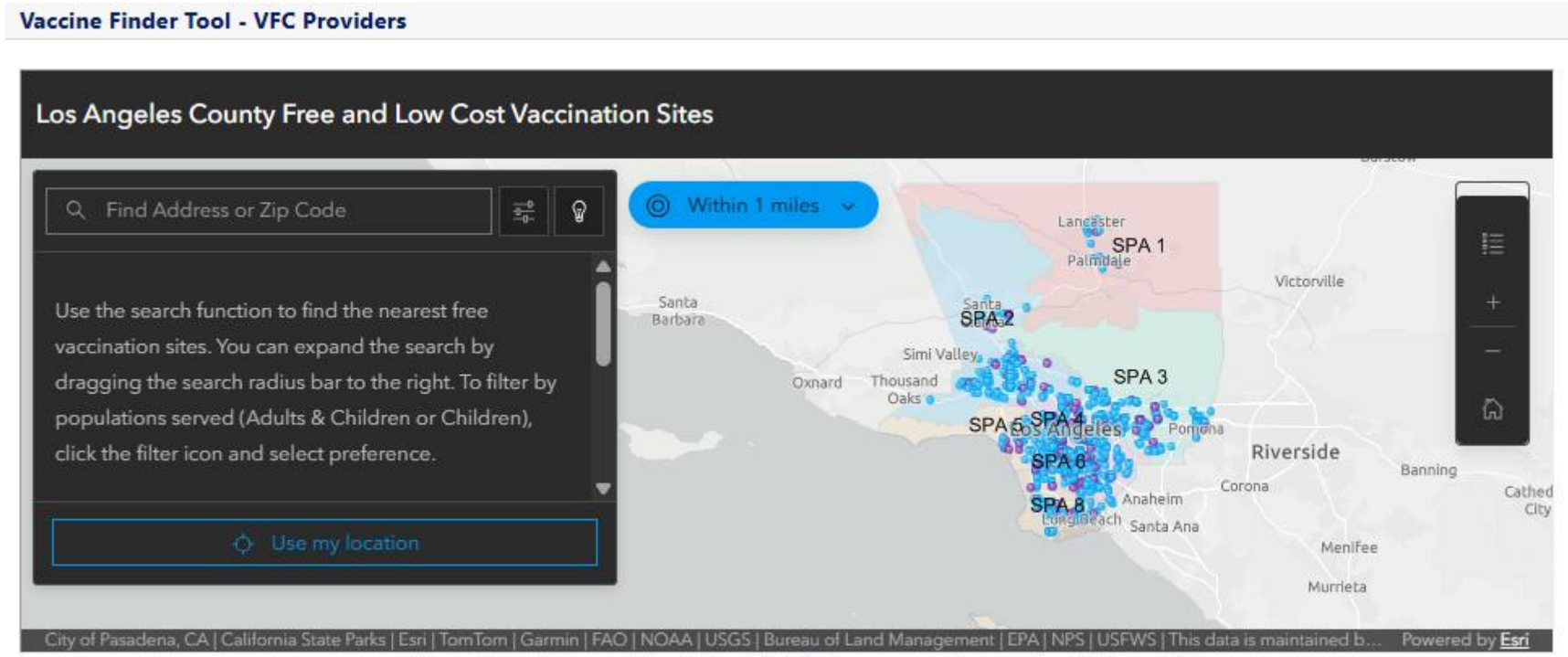
IMMUNIZATIONS:

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent severe illness. For the most current information on vaccination in LA County, visit our program pages for Influenza, RSV, and COVID-19.

http://ph.lacounty.gov/acd/respiratory.htm

Vaccination Options

- Medi-Cal members: Care coordination to client's primary care clinic
- Uninsured individuals:



If you are using a mobile device, click here to access the vaccine finder tool.

http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/clinics/index.htm

Vaccination, Masking, and Outbreak Reporting Requirements

SAPC-IN 24-09

Contract Bulletins

Open All

Bulletins 2024 –

Subject	Date
24-09 - COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination Requirements, Masking Guidance, And Reporting Responsibilities *(New - October 2024)*	10/18/24

All staff working under a Public Health contract or agreement in outpatient, opioid treatment program, residential, recovery bridge housing settings, DUI, prevention, harm reduction and any setting other than the specified licensed healthcare settings described below are strongly encouraged, but not required, to receive the currently recommended influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. Immunizations are the best way to protect against serious illness and death caused by influenza and COVID-19.

All staff who have direct patient contact or work in patient care areas in specified licensed healthcare settings, including Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospitals and Acute Psychiatric Hospitals (ASAM 3.7 and 4.0 Levels of Care), should receive the annual influenza vaccine and the most recent updated COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use in the United States for the current respiratory virus season.

http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/providers/manuals-bulletins-and-forms.htm?tm#bulletins

Reporting Requirements: Respiratory Disease - Outbreaks in Community and Psychiatric Hospital Settings

Report an outbreak of respiratory illness when (any of the following apply):

- An unusually high number of sick individuals linked in the same group (ex. greater than 20% of an entire workplace are absent due to illness over a 3-day period) relative to current level of community transmission.
- Difficulty implementing standard control measures, or measures have been ineffective.
- Severe illness in the group (e.g., hospitalizations or deaths).
- Sick individuals with recent exposure to animals or other risk factors for a novel influenza strain.
- Any other concerning situation noted by site leads

How to Report

- Online (preferred): https://redcap.link/lacreporting
- Phone: (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821 (M-F, 8a-5p) (213) 974-1234 (after hours)
- By email: RPU@ph.lacounty.gov
- Questions about whether an outbreak is present: communityoutbreak@ph.lacounty.gov

http://ph.lacounty.gov/acd/b73/respiratory-community/index.htm

Outbreak Reporting Requirements

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- Licensed hospital settings, such as chemical dependency hospitals and acute psychiatric hospitals, are required to report outbreaks according to the instructions under the category “Healthcare Setting”
- Community congregate settings, including residential and recovery bridge housing settings, are required to report based on the instructions under the category “Non-Healthcare Community Setting”
- Non-congregate settings, including prevention, DUI, outpatient, and OTP settings are required to report based on the instructions under the category “Non-Healthcare Community Setting”
- Submission of an Adverse Event Reporting Form to SAPC is required within (1) business day of being notified that Public Health has determined there is an outbreak requiring further investigation in any SAPC-contracted site or level of care.

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Reporting Requirements: Respiratory Disease - Outbreaks in Community and Psychiatric Hospital Settings

- In Acute Psychiatric Hospitals (Psych units) Influenza and COVID-19 outbreak definitions are based on CORHA guidelines. For clarification or additional assistance, consult with the Hospital Outbreak and Biothreat Response (HOBR) Unit, CoVHospOutbreaks@ph.lacounty.gov

Outbreak Definitions:

- At least **one lab-confirmed influenza case** accompanied by a cluster (≥ 2 cases) of influenza-like illness (ILI) within 72 hours.
- ≥ 2 cases of probable or confirmed COVID-19 among patients/residents with symptom onset ≥ 4 days after admission for a non-COVID condition, **with an epidemiologic linkage** (e.g., same unit, room, or care team).

Healthcare Personnel (HCP) + Resident Outbreak Threshold:

- ≥ 2 cases of suspect, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 among HCP **AND** ≥ 1 case of probable or confirmed COVID-19 among patients/residents with an epidemiologic linkage within a defined time frame (typically a 7-day window)

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Reporting Requirements: Respiratory Disease - Outbreaks in Community Settings and Psychiatric Hospitals

- Report to DHCS and SAPC if an outbreak of respiratory illness
  - SAPC Reporting Requirements: Report within (1) business day of COVID-19 hospitalization by submitting an Adverse Event Reporting Form to SAPCMonitoring@ph.lacounty.gov .
  - DHCS Reporting Requirements: A telephonic report must be made to DHCS within one working day, followed by a written report within seven calendar days.
    - Public Number: (916) 322-2911
    - Toll-Free Number: (877) 685-8333
    - Email: LCDQuestions@dhcs.ca.gov

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