Road to Recovery

Alameda County Child Care Check-In

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October 14th, 2021
Tonight’s Featured Discussion

- Public Health – COVID-19 & CC Guidance
- Vaccine Mandates for Staff
- Provider Stipends Update
- Announcements
  - Alameda County Local Planning Council
  - Next Check-In
- Q&A and Close
WELCOME

Tonight’s Guest Presenters

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COVID-19 & CC Guidance
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Today’s Topics

• Vaccines for children ages 5-11
• Booster vaccines
• COVID-19 and Poor Air Quality Conditions
Vaccines for children ages 5–11

• Timeline of FDA authorization and CDC recommendation
  • FDA will meet on October 26 to review Emergency Use Authorization request
  • CDC to meet November 2-3
  • CDC needs to provide their recommendation before providers can begin administration; expected no earlier than November 3

• There will be a different dosage between Pfizer vaccine for ages 12+ and ages 5-11

• Reminder: vaccinated people/children do not need to quarantine after a COVID exposure. It will be important to consider this change should there be positive case(s) within a vaccinated child population.
According to the CDC, the following groups of people who received two doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months ago **should** receive a booster shot:

- Individuals 65 years of age and older; OR
- Residents ages 18+ who live in long-term care settings; OR
- Individuals ages 50-64 with underlying medical conditions, OR at increased risk due to social inequity

Other groups who **may** receive a booster shot based on individual risks and benefits are:

- Are 18-49 and have an underlying medical condition, OR are at increased risk due to social inequity, OR work or live in a high-risk setting
The CDC defines **high-risk jobs** as:

- First responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff)
- Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
- Food and agriculture workers
- Manufacturing workers
- Corrections workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers

**Talk with your healthcare provider if you are unsure whether you need a booster shot.**
Pfizer Vaccine Booster: Where Can I Get a Booster?

• In alignment with the CDC and the CDPH, visit MYTurn.ca.gov to find a location near you. You can also check with your healthcare provider or local pharmacy to see if vaccination walk-ins or appointments are available.

• Please note that you do not need a note from your healthcare provider to receive a Pfizer COVID-19 booster. If you are part of any of the groups eligible for a Pfizer booster, you may self-attest and receive the Pfizer COVID-19 booster.

• Boosters for those who received the Moderna and J & J vaccines will be considered by the FDA and CDC at their next meetings (FDA: Oct. 14-15; CDC: Oct.20-21)
COVID-19 and Poor Air Quality Conditions

- Managing Child Care Programs and Closure During Poor Air Quality Conditions
- Addressing Indoor Air Quality
- Prepare parents on COVID-19 and unhealthy air quality protocols
## Addressing Outdoor Air Quality

### Air Quality Index vs. Outdoor Activity Guidance

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<td>Great day to be active outside!</td>
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<td>Good: AQI 0-50</td>
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<td>yellow</td>
<td>Good day to be active outside!</td>
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<td>Moderate: AQI 51-100</td>
<td>Children who are unusually sensitive to air pollution could have symptoms.*</td>
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<td>It’s OK to be active outside, especially for short activities such as recess.</td>
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<td>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups: AQI 101-150</td>
<td>For longer activities, take more breaks and do less intense activities. Watch for symptoms and take action as needed.*</td>
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<td>red</td>
<td>For all outdoor activities, take more breaks and do less intense activities.</td>
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<td>Unhealthy: AQI 151-200</td>
<td>Consider moving longer or more intense activities indoors or rescheduling them to another day or time.</td>
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<td>Move all activities indoors or reschedule them to another day.</td>
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<td>Very Unhealthy: AQI 201 or higher</td>
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*Watch for Symptoms*

Air pollution can make asthma symptoms worse and trigger attacks. Symptoms include coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing, and chest tightness. Even children who do not have asthma could experience these symptoms.

If symptoms occur:

The child might need to take a break, do a less intense activity, stop all activity, go indoors, or use quick-relief medicine as prescribed. If symptoms don’t improve, get medical help.
Addressing Indoor Air Quality

Building Air Management, Ventilation and Filtration:

• COVID-19 protections can be enhanced with proper ventilation. During poor air quality conditions, indoor air quality can be improved by filtering out particulate matter. For buildings with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

Creating a “Clean Room”:

• For facilities without central HVAC, consider a room air cleaner or portable filtration. Room air cleaners should be sized appropriately for the space to create a room or rooms with cleaner air.
Arrange a notification procedure with parents/caregivers when:

- Program must move fully indoors due to poor air quality so parents/caregivers can determine if they wish to make alternative arrangements for their children.

- The facility must close during unhealthy outdoor air days.
Additional Resources

For more information about boosters please visit:

• CDC Statement on ACIP Booster Recommendations | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC
• https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Pfizer-COVID-19-Vaccine-Boosters.aspx

For more information about COVID and air quality conditions please visit:

• https://drive.google.com/file/d/1anGNQgwjIz3DRG09MXrfh5hnbfzDGIs/view
• https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n8r4-QYmkH4mf8z6ZO1vsc1sFF4j9v2n/view
Additional Resources

For more general information visit ACPHD's Child Care & Schools Page:

• Schools | COVID-19 | Alameda County Public Health (acgov.org)

CDPH's latest guidance for child care providers and programs can be found here:

• Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs

For more information on youth vaccines:

• Youth Vax Facts | COVID-19 | Alameda County Public Health (acgov.org)
Vaccine Mandates for Staff
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Mandated Vaccinations
Alameda County Emergency Child Care Response Team
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Legal Disclaimer

It is important that the information provided does not and is not intended to create an attorney-client relationship between you and the Child Care Law Center or in rendering legal or other professional advice. If you need legal advice or assistance, please contact an attorney directly.

You can find help through contacting the State Bar of California to use their Lawyer Referral Services 866-442-2529 (toll-free in California). The State Bar also has a directory of the lawyer referral service for each county bar association.
Mandating Vaccinations for Employees

Employers can mandate getting vaccinated, but can’t discriminate!

**Two Potential Reasons for Exemption:**
- Disability/Medical Conditions (includes pregnancy-related)
- Sincerely Held Religious Beliefs

**Accommodations**
If exemption requested for these reasons, employers must try to find a reasonable accommodation before excluding employee from the workplace or taking adverse action. Can’t retaliate or harass after request.

**Medical Information Privacy**
Employers must not disclose medical information (like an employee’s vaccination status) to the public without written authorization.

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Vaccination Policies

Vaccination Policies

- Contact an employment attorney for specific help because every workplace is different.
- Helpful things to include:
  - Reasons why you are mandating the vaccine
  - Explanations of the different types of exemptions to a vaccine mandate and clear steps about how to ask for an accommodation
  - Date by which employees need to be vaccinated
  - Vaccination status will **not be disclosed** to the public
  - Clear rules if employees are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms

If you mandate the vaccine, you must pay your employees for time it takes to get the vaccine (including travel time).
Additional Resources

Child Care Law Center
- COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions for Providers
- Intake and Referral Form

Public Counsel
- COVID-19 Workplace Vaccination Policy FAQ for California Employers

State Resources
- Dept. of Fair Employment & Housing: Employment on Information on COVID-19
- Dept. of Industrial Relations: COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine FAQs
SB 234
● Office of the State Fire Marshal guidance has been released, visit our website for more information.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
● If you or someone you know is at risk of eviction due to unpaid rent, The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program can help. Visit HousingIsKey.com to check your eligibility and apply to receive free financial assistance to cover 100% your rent and utilities. Both renters and their landlords are encouraged to apply.
● If you don’t have access to the internet and have questions, need help determining if you are eligible, or to apply, you can also call the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Call Center, at 1-833-430-2122.
Q&A

Vaccine Mandates for Staff
Provider Stipends Update

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# 2021 Child Care Stipends

The following stipends have been issued to child care businesses in 2021. If you received any of the following supports, you are asked to fill out a survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ARPA_](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ARPA_)

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Q&A
Provider Stipends Update
Eligibility – Anyone who either lives and/or works in Alameda County with an interest in improving child care is welcome and encouraged to become a Member.

https://www.acgov.org/ece/

Are you passionate about supporting and advocating for Alameda County families and child care professionals?

The Alameda County Early Care & Education Planning Council is seeking individuals who are interested in applying for appointment to the Planning Council Steering Committee.

Apply by October 31, 2021

Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD)
WEBINARS | PIN 21-27-CCP

• Virtual Call/Webinar in English
  • October 18TH at 6:00 p.m.
  • October 19TH at 6:00 p.m.
  • October 20TH at 2:00 p.m.

• Virtual Call/Webinar in Spanish
  • October 20TH at 6:00 p.m.

• Virtual Call/Webinar in Chinese (Mandarin)
  • October 21, at 6:00 p.m.
Provider Resources

R&R Agencies

**BANANAS**
Referral Phone Number
(510) 658-0381
bananasbunch.org

**4Cs of Alameda County**
Referral Phone Number
(510) 244-0506
info@4c-alameda.org

**Hively**
Referral Phone Number
(925) 417-8733
hello@behively.org
behively.org

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Emeryville
Oakland
Piedmont

**4Cs of Alameda County**
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Fremont
Hayward
Newark
San Leandro
San Lorenzo
Union City

**Hively**
Dublin
Livermore
Pleasanton
Sunol
Thank you

FINAL Check-In
Thursday, December 2nd at 630p