1. **Introduction:** This is the weekly homeless provider community call hosted by the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless program. Calls will be **every Wednesday at 10:30am-11:30am on Zoom** (except for the fourth Wednesday of the month when we have our monthly trainings).
   - The purpose of this call is to bring together countywide shelter and outreach providers to share updates, knowledge, practices, build supportive community, and develop effective responses to protect our health and the health of the persons living in our sheltered and unsheltered environments.
   - If you have specific issues or challenges with individuals who may be symptomatic, infected, or at-risk of COVID-19, email achch@acgov.org with details so we can follow up.

2. **Situation Report:**
   - Alameda County Public Health reporting requirements for congregate living facilities:
     - Sites are required to report every staff or resident COVID-19 case to Alameda County Public Health Department by emailing COVIDOB@acgov.org **AND**
     - Complete an [Outbreak Tracking (SPOT) Intake Form](https://acph.org/). Please visit the [ACPH outbreak reporting page](https://acph.org/) for more information
   - **Emphasizing the need for close symptom screening of staff and carrying out full symptoms/contacts checks daily.** Please review the [ACHCH Shelter Health Guidance](https://achch.org/shelter-health).
   - **SICK staff need to stay home!** If staff are not feeling well, they need to call out sick or leave immediately.
   - **Recommendation to shelter and outreach staff regarding N95 masks:** If your site is undergoing an outbreak or suspected outbreak ACHCH advises to double-mask with a cloth and surgical mask or wear N95/KN95 masks.
   - “For the safety of staff and shelter guests, we continue to recommend reduced occupancy and physical distancing. Distancing is a recommendation, but not a mandate and providers may, at their discretion, decide on measures appropriate to their specific sites.” —Dr. Moss, ACPHD

   - **What is a Positive Case?**
     A frequent source of confusion is how we know if someone has COVID-19, and when they are safe to return to the site or return to work. The guidance has been very confusing. We suggest people think of it in these simple terms:
     - A positive test OR symptoms should be treated as a positive COVID case.
A positive rapid test is almost certain to be correct. But a negative rapid test may not be. That’s why we consider symptoms to be the same as a positive test.

- 10 days after symptoms start OR 10 days after your first positive test, you are no longer contagious. It does not matter what your test results say after 10 days - you are not contagious anymore.

- The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are: fever, cough, tiredness. Other signs are sore throat, diarrhea, breathing problems, eye problems, headache, loss of taste or smell, rash. If someone newly has any of these symptoms, consider them to have COVID-19. You do not need to administer a rapid test, and it may give you a false sense of safety to do so.

- Well-fitting masks and vaccination are still the best protection we have against this virus. Masks must be worn at all times indoors by residents and staff unless sleeping or eating. During outbreaks and surges, we recommend N95 masks be worn by all residents and staff while indoors. **Masks save lives.** Reach out if we can help with access to good quality masks.

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**Residents**

- **ALL** residents are **recommended** to quarantine for 10 days, regardless of vaccination status. Residents **DO NOT** need to stay away from other places such as work, school, and public settings for >5 days.

  **No quarantine required if:**
  - Negative test on Day 5
  - No symptoms

  Residents do not need to stay away from other places such as work, school, and public settings.

  **TEST OPTION:** Quarantine can end on Day 6
  - Negative test on Day 5
  - No symptoms

  **NO TEST OPTION**
  Quarantine can end after Day 10 if they have no symptoms

  **Work Restrictions:**
  These residents can work through quarantine **IF:**
  - Negative test day 3-5 (watched by employer or video review)
  - No symptoms

**Staff**

- **All staff** have the option to stay away from the facility for 10 days, regardless of vaccination status.

  **TEST OPTION:** Quarantine can end on Day 6
  - Negative test on Day 5
  - No symptoms

  **NO TEST OPTION**
  Quarantine can end after Day 10 if they have no symptoms

  **Work Restrictions:**
  These residents must stay away from work, school, and public settings during quarantine.
| No quarantine required if: | TESTOPTION: | TESTOPTION: |
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| o Negative test on Day 5  | Quarantine can end on Day 6 IF: | Quarantine can end on Day 6 IF: |
| o No symptoms             | o Negative test on Day 5 AND | o Negative test on Day 5 AND |
|                           | o No symptoms                  | o No symptoms                  |

**Work Restrictions:** No work restrictions

**Work Restrictions:** These staff members can work through quarantine IF:
- o Negative test day 3-5 (watched by employer or video review)
- o No symptoms

**Work Restrictions:** These staff members must stay out of work during quarantine

ACHCH & Alameda County COVID-19 Stats:
- Countywide totals as of 03/30/2022: Cases: 257,485; Deaths: 1,826
- ACHCH: Active Outbreaks: 5 shelter sites; 0 street site
- Check [Alameda County Public Health website](#) for testing sites
- MyTurn for COVID-19 vaccination information and to register
- Visit [East Bay Getting to Zero](#) for weekly updates/information on COVID-19
- Vaccinations: call (510) 208-4VAX; No documentation or identification is needed; people can self-verify (self-attest) address and in identifying themselves. Visit our [website](#) for vaccine guidance and resources
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots](#)
- Alameda County Public Health:
  - o [Vaccine Guidance & Resources](#)
  - o [Vaccine FAQs](#)
  - o [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Q&A](#)

Kari Jennings-Parriott, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
- April 6th weekly call is cancelled; next meeting will be April 13th
- ACHCH offers virtual Opioid Overdose Responder and Naloxone trainings twice a month. Please register on our website.
- No change in increased capacity for shelters at this time.
- Frontline Workers Counseling Project; [fwcp.org](#)
- Please contact Kari at kari.jenningsparriot@acgov.org for more information. ACHCH is administering vaccine booster doses at all community care vaccination sites.
- **Monthly provider training:** Managing End of Life Care in Homeless Patients with Substance Use Disorder and Mental Illness on April 27th from 9am-11am and will be presented by Mariel Lougee, MD.
  Information and the Zoom link will be sent via email. Please contact [kathryn.barron@acgov.org](mailto:kathryn.barron@acgov.org) with any questions or if you need additional information.
David Modersbach, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless

- Test-to-Treat: Know Your Treatment Options for COVID-19
- Contact achch@acgov.org if you would like at-home test kits.
- Sign up with State of California to access COVID-19 rapid at-home test kits at labsupport.powerappsportals.us/ihealthorder/

Mini Swift, Alameda Health Systems

- CDC has approved boosters for those over the age of 50; AHS will be administering the vaccine for that group.

Katie Hayes, Cardea Health

- FDA approved a 2nd booster for anyone over the age of 50.
  - People who are immunocompromised are eligible for this 2nd booster even if you are under the age of 50.
- Omicron BA2 variant
  - Another variant of Omicron version; worldwide 85% of cases; USA cases is 50%
  - Have not yet experienced a surge in the U.S.
  - This variant does not make people sicker and is not more dangerous
  - Vaccines are effective for this variant
  - Less likely to experience death or hospitalization if you are fully vaccinated and boosted.
  - Reinfection with variant is possible; but doesn’t appear to be happening very frequently
  - Pay attention to infection control measures, test staff/clients regularly, consider getting vaccinated, and be very vigilant about symptoms (symptoms are a positive test – refer to I&Q)
  - COVID hospitalizations are down but are experiencing 750 deaths a day due to COVID

Thank you all! Be compassionate in your care for yourself and others. We appreciate all of you and your creativity to support the unhoused community. Please continue to wear a mask, wash hands, and practice social distancing.