

Welcome to ECHO COVID-19 Action Network Continuation Phase

Session 17 Leadership Communication: Rounds

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Sessions 4-19 are approved.

ECHO COVID-19 Nursing Home Action Network Compensation Important Dates and Deadlines

*If your nursing home is opting out of receiving the \$6,000 compensation, please complete the **Compensation Opt-Out Form** as soon as possible.*

Need more help? Email questions to:
ECHONursingHome@salud.unm.edu

~~AUGUST
26~~

Submit contract/agreement and W9 to Online Payment Initiation Form

AUGUST
27

Participate in 13 or more sessions with 2 or more participants from your nursing home to be eligible. Ensure to submit any make up recorded attendance to Stanford Training Center through claim attendance links by this date.

AUGUST
30/31

Attend the Wrap Up Celebration sessions
(More information coming soon)

SEPTEMBER
10

Stanford Training Center to provide all eligible nursing homes a certified attendance report and certificate of completion

SEPTEMBER
23

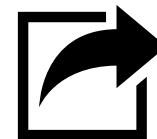
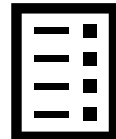
This is the last day to email your nursing home's invoice, certified attendance report, and certificate of completion reports to the ECHO Institute at: acctspay@unm.edu



Continuation Phase

Wrap Up Sessions

August 30th/31st

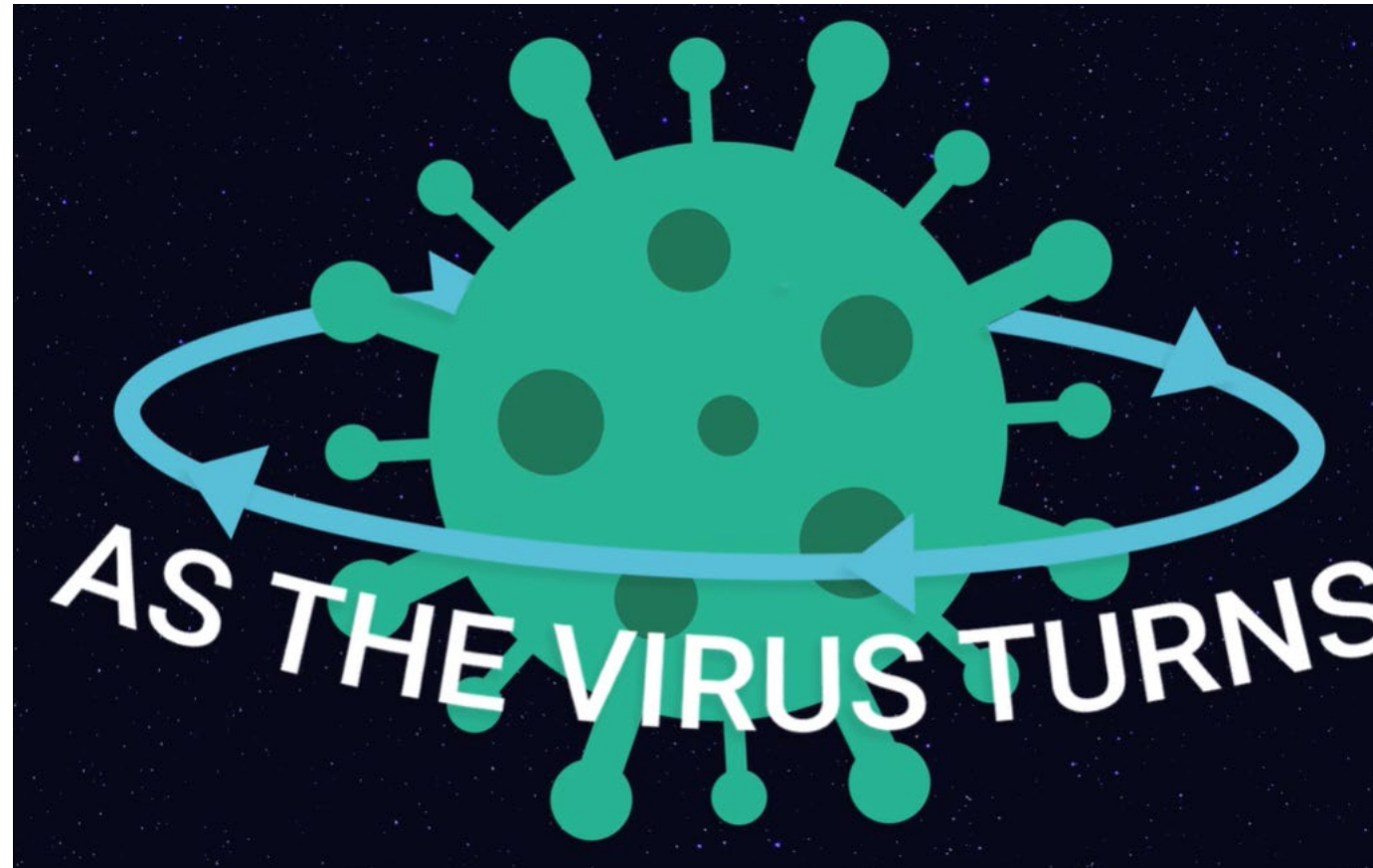




Respect Private Health Information

- To protect patient privacy, please only display or say information that doesn't identify a patient or that cannot be linked to a patient.
 - Names
 - Locations
 - Dates
 - Employment
 - Other Common Identifiers
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- For educational and quality improvement purposes, we will be recording this ECHO Session. By participating in this ECHO session you are consenting to be recorded – we appreciate and value your participation.

As The Virus Turns: The Lambda Variant



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSzgQqD3KgM>

California COVID-19 Weekly Data Update

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COVID-19: California State Profile – 08/06/2021

<https://healthdata.gov/browse?tags=covid-19-spr>

Changes from Previous Week

New Cases per 100K

-14%

Test (NAAT) Positivity Rate per 100K

+1.0%

New Hospital Admissions

+33%

Hospitals with Staffing Shortages

77

	STATE	STATE, % CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	FEMA/HHS REGION	UNITED STATES
NEW COVID-19 CASES (RATE PER 100,000)	46,404 (117)	-14%	71,598 (139)	675,583 (203)
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY RATE	7.0%	+1.0%*	8.5%	9.7%
TOTAL NAAT VOLUME (TESTS PER 100,000)	966,657** (2,446**)	+7%**	1,133,827** (2,199**)	5,820,808** (1,753**)
NEW COVID-19 DEATHS (RATE PER 100,000)	92 (0.2)	-14%	275 (0.5)	2,971 (0.9)
CONFIRMED AND SUSPECTED NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (RATE PER 100 BEDS)	7,345 (12.1)	+19% (+18%)	11,304 (13.2)	89,942 (12.7)
CONFIRMED NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (RATE PER 100 BEDS)	4,561 (7.5)	+33% (+32%)	6,707 (7.8)	56,063 (7.9)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH SUPPLY SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	14 (4%)	+27%	23 (4%)	317 (6%)
NUMBER OF HOSPITALS WITH STAFF SHORTAGES (PERCENT)	77 (21%)	+13%	105 (20%)	638 (12%)

Tracking COVID-19 in California

<https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/>

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/ca.open.data/viz/COVID-19CasesDashboardv2_0/CaseStatistics

Updated Monday, August 9, 2021

Cases

10,425 new today

22.7 new cases per 100K

Deaths

6 new today

0.04 new deaths per 100K

Hospitalizations

264 more COVID-19 hospitalized patients

4.3% increase

Tests

6.3% 7-day test positivity

Vaccines Administered

63.6% Fully vaccinated

9.9% Partially vaccinated

ICU Bed Availability

77 more ICU beds available

4.0% increase

Del Norte	75	
Tuolumne	66	
Nevada	54	
Lake	48	
Yuba	36	
Amador	35	
Sutter	34	
Humboldt	34	
Contra Costa	29	
Sacramento	28	
San Diego	28	
San Francisco	28	

Counties with lowest vaccination

Mendocino	26	
San Joaquin	26	
Alpine	26	
Kings	25	
Riverside	25	
Stanislaus	25	
Los Angeles	25	
Placer	25	
San Bernardino	24	

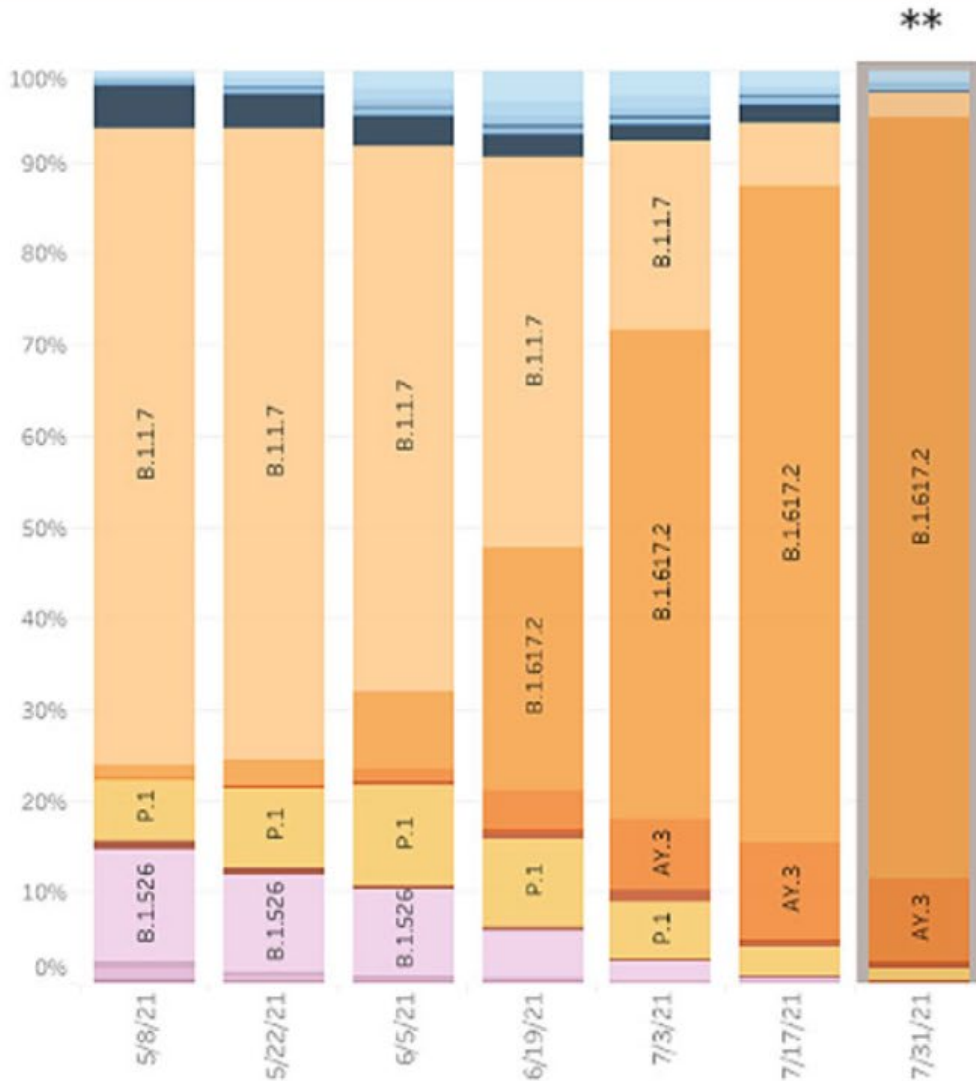
Calaveras	23	
Yolo	23	
Colusa	23	
Mariposa	22	
Solano	22	
El Dorado	22	
Shasta	21	
Ventura	20	
Fresno	20	
Merced	20	
Alameda	20	

Inyo	19	
Sonoma	19	
Orange	18	
Sierra	18	
Madera	18	
Imperial	18	
Butte	17	
Tehama	17	
San Luis Obispo	17	
Plumas	17	
Kern	16	
Lassen	16	
Napa	15	
San Mateo	15	


COVID-19 Variants in the US

United States: 4/25/2021 – 7/31/2021

United States: 7/18/2021 – 7/31/2021 NOWCAST



USA



WHO label	Lineage #	Type	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VOC	2.9%	1.2-4.7%
Beta	B.1.351	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Gamma	P.1	VOC	1.3%	0.2-2.5%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	83.4%	79.6-87.0%
	AY.3	VOC	9.1%	6.2-12.0%
	AY.2	VOC	0.8%	0.0-1.7%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.5%
Epsilon	B.1.427	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.429	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Eta	B.1.525	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Iota	B.1.526	VOI	0.2%	0.0-0.7%
	B.1.621		1.1%	0.2-2.2%
	B.1.621.1		0.6%	0.0-1.5%
	B.1.628		0.3%	0.0-1.0%
	B.1		0.1%	0.0-0.5%
	A.2.5		0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.617.3	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.626		0.0%	0.0-0.2%

← B.1.617.2
83.4%

← AY.1 (Delta Plus)
0.1%

* Enumerated lineages are VOI/VOC or are circulating >1% in at least one HHS region during at least one two week period; remaining lineages are aggregated as "Other".

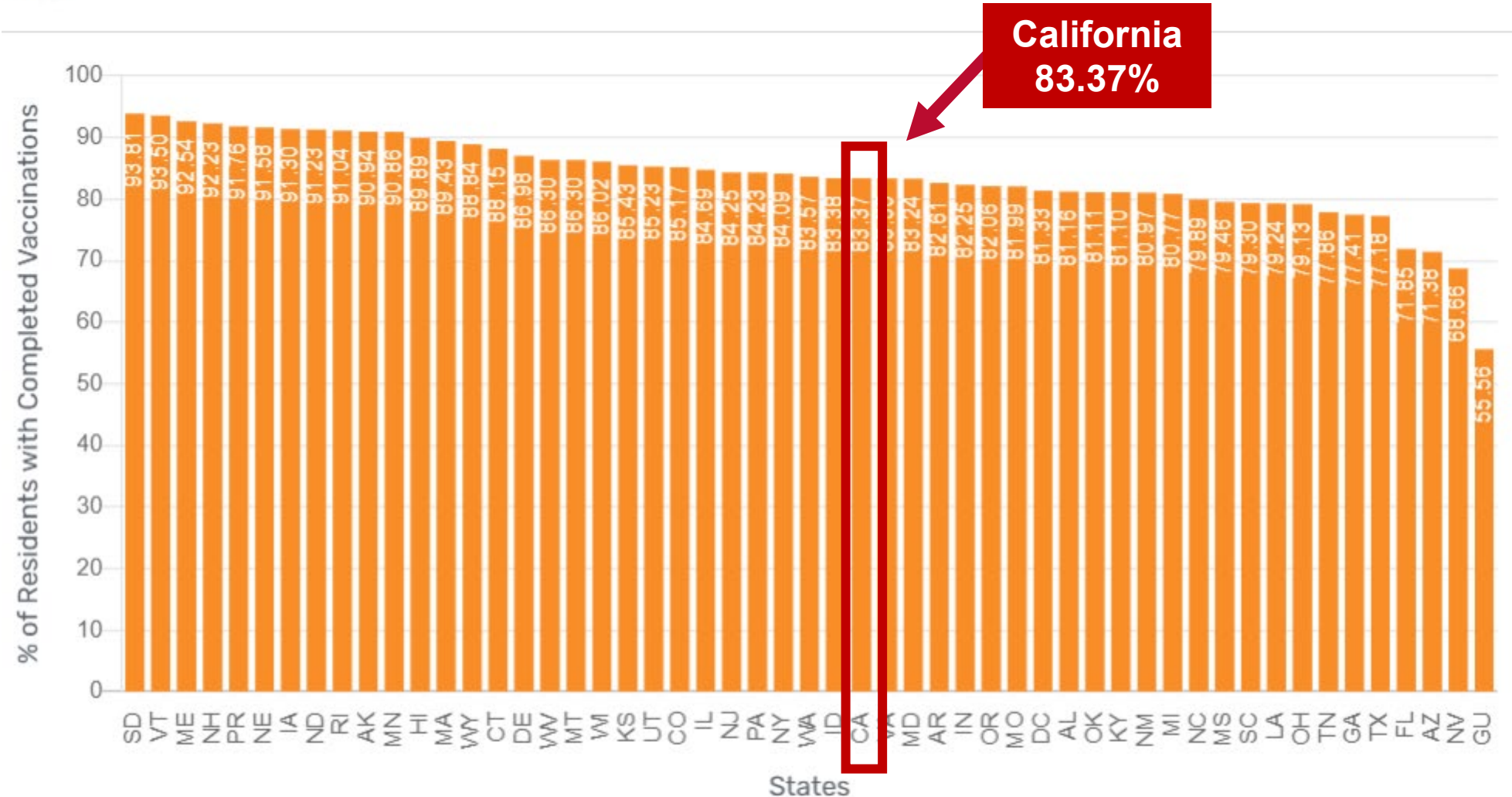
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates

Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.351 (P.1.1, P.1.2, B.1.351.2, B.1.351.3) are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. AY.1, AY.2, and AY.3 are no longer aggregated with B.1.617.2.



Percent of Current Residents with Completed COVID-19 Vaccinations

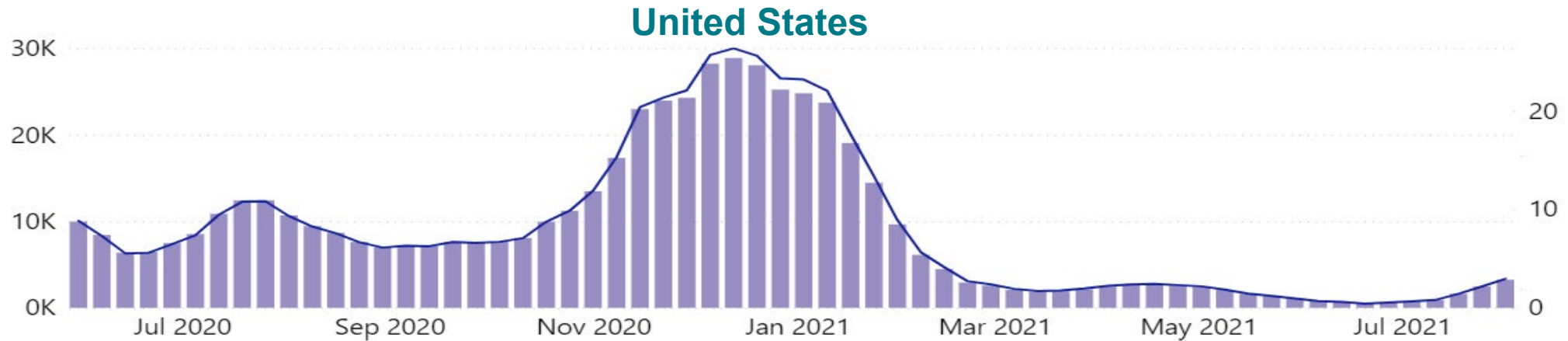
Note: This shows the average percentage among facilities who have reported vaccination data in the current or prior week.



Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in US Nursing Homes

Residents and Rate Reported as of 8/10/21

Count of COVID-19 Cases

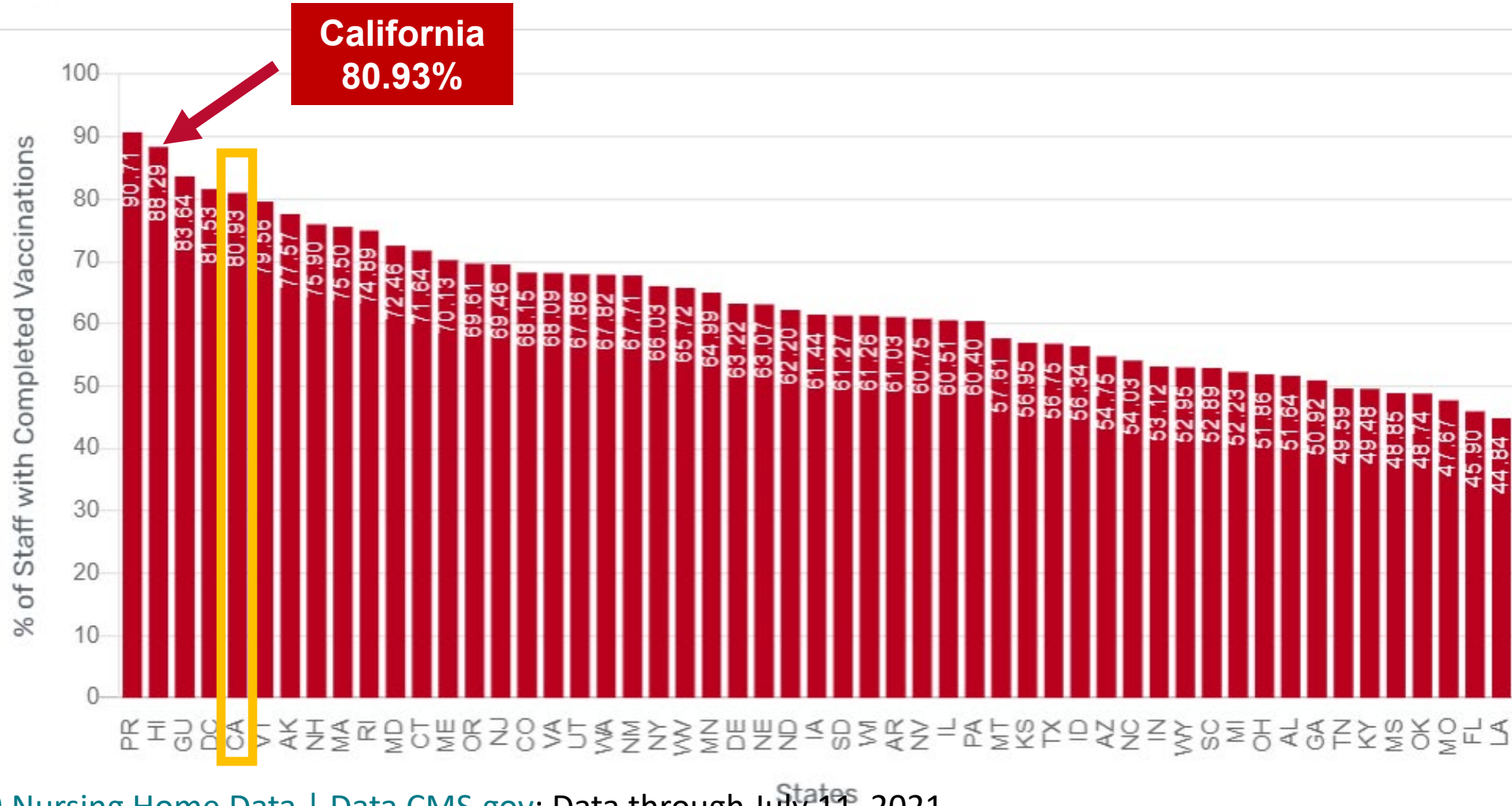


COVID-19 Cases per 1,000 Resident - Weeks

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#nursing-home-staff>

Percent of Current Staff (Healthcare Personnel) with Completed COVID-19 Vaccinations

Note: This shows the average percentage among facilities who have reported vaccination data in the current or prior week.



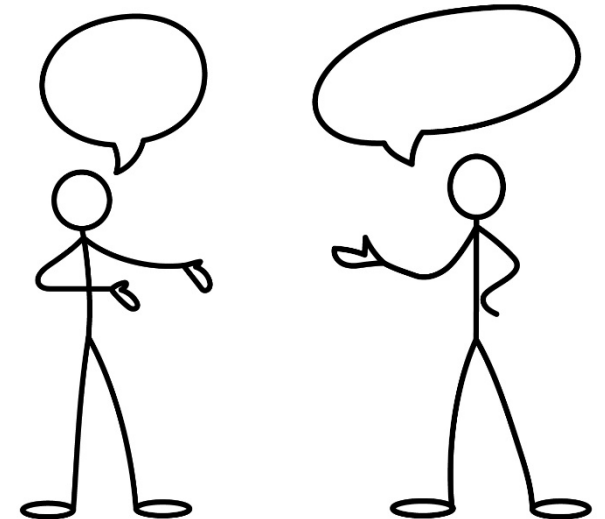
Leadership Communication: Rounds

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Leadership Rounds

- A process where leaders are out in the building with staff and residents, talking with them directly about care and services provided.
- Effective method for leaders to hear firsthand what is going well and what issues need to be addressed within the organization.
- Serves as an important signal of leadership's commitment to performance improvement.
- Promotes a culture of QAPI in the organization.



Poll Question: When should leadership rounds occur? (check all that apply)

- a. Before the morning huddle
- b. Immediately after report of adverse event
- c. Frequently during high stress periods
- d. Days, PMs, and night shift
- e. Mealtimes
- f. Change of shift
- g. Other

Leadership Rounds

<https://youtu.be/ekKxN0knCRY>


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CMS QAPI Leadership Rounding Guide

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/qapi/downloads/qapileadershiproundingtool.pdf>

QAPI Leadership Rounding Guide



Directions: Leadership rounding is a process where leaders (e.g., administrator, department heads, and nurse managers) are out in the building with staff and residents, talking with them directly about care and services provided in the organization including QAPI initiatives. Rounding with staff and residents is an effective method for leaders to hear firsthand what is going well and what issues need to be addressed within the organization. It serves as an important signal of leadership's commitment to performance improvement, and promotes a culture of QAPI in the organization. Use this to guide your rounds to monitor the progress of QAPI initiatives.

Questions to Consider Before Rounding

1. Which leader(s) will conduct rounds?
2. How frequently will rounds take place?
3. What questions do you want to ask? What do you want to learn? (See sample questions below.)
4. What barriers/issues have already been identified that employees should be asked about in order to gather input on solutions?

Rounding

1. Leaders conduct rounds as planned, maintaining a positive tone, building relationships with staff by taking the time to listen and respond to employees' and residents' needs.
2. Ask questions and document key points. See **optional** rounding form below.
3. When employees raise issues or ask for help, assure them you will follow up.
4. Follow up on previous issues or requests —share with staff how the issues were addressed or resolved.

To Do After Rounding

1. Identify frequently noted issues/themes.
2. Prioritize issues (e.g., by level of urgency, threat, ability to resolve).
3. Conduct follow-up to show responsiveness to the issues raised (note: this may involve following up with employees individually, developing an organizational report that outlines the input collected and proposed solutions—potentially utilizing the priority levels developed in step #2—or including the findings as a component to be communicated during the next rounding session).
4. Consider ways to acknowledge outstanding employee/unit efforts (e.g., thank you notes or other rewards/recognition).
5. Identify training or coaching opportunities for employees/units. Plan next rounding session.

**What things are going well around this initiative or this aspect of care or service?
What evidence do you see of success?**

**What is frustrating you with the work around this initiative or this aspect of care or service?
What barriers/issues do you see threatening this initiative or aspect of care or service?
How should they be addressed?**

What additional resources/tools/equipment are needed?

Are there any colleagues who deserve special recognition for their efforts on this initiative or this aspect of care or service?

Are there any colleagues who could be helped through coaching/training to make this initiative or aspect of care or service more successful?

What feedback, if any, have you heard from residents and families about changes taking place as part of this initiative or this aspect of care or service?

What else would you like the leadership to know about this initiative or this aspect of care or service?

Waterfall Chat:

**What have you learned
from rounding
during the pandemic?**



Mindfulness Moment:

Headspace | Meditation | How to Deal with Uncertainty

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QI Corner

Supporting Staff Well-Being and Joy in Work: Care For Me

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Principles to Promote Conversation and Joy in Work

Hear Me

Protect Me

Care for Me

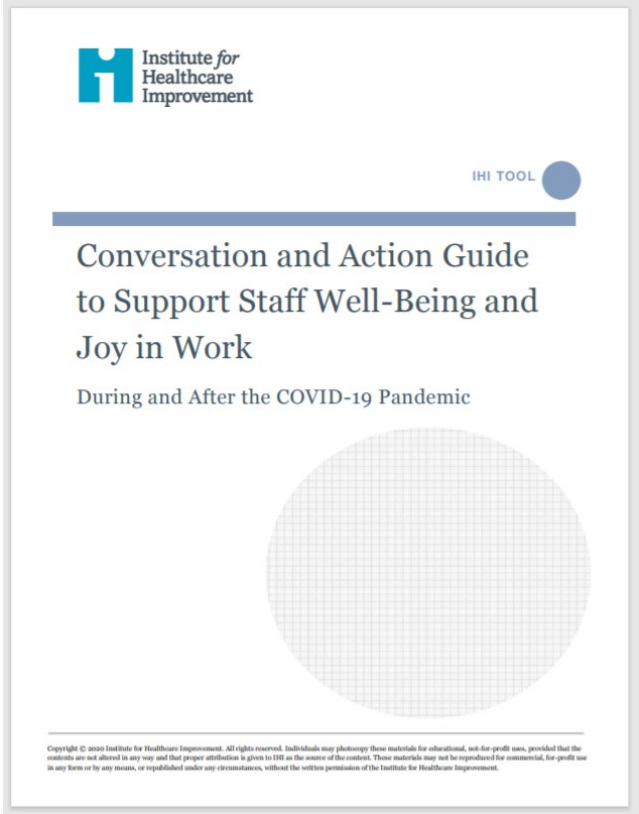
Prepare Me

Support me

<http://www.ihl.org/resources/Pages/Tools/Conversation-Guide-to-Support-Staff-Wellbeing-Joy-in-Work-COVID-19.aspx>

Evidence-Based Needs for Joy in Work

Ask “What would support look like for you today?”



Chat Waterfall Question

How have you cared
for your staff during
COVID-19?



What is Psychological Safety?

- A **shared belief** held by members of a team that the team is *safe* for interpersonal risk-taking.
- A sense of **confidence** that the team will not *embarrass, reject or punish* someone for speaking up.
- A team climate of *interpersonal trust and mutual respect* in which **people are comfortable being themselves.**

Lack of Psychological Safety

- People do not feel comfortable talking about initiatives that aren't working.
- The organization isn't equipped to prevent failure
- Employees aren't fully committed
- The organization loses an opportunity to realize its full talent.

Presence of Psychological Safety

- Team members enjoy interpersonal trust and mutual respect
- Team members feel free to collaborate
- Team members feel safe taking risks
- Ability to implement rapid innovation

Care For Me: Sustain Joy in Work

Access	Access effective support systems for all staff.
Provide	Provide accommodations for mental health needs.
Create	Create a peer support and coaching network.
Build on	Build on learnings about support in times of great stress.
Develop	Develop more robust HR systems based on learnings.

Daily Improvement Questions For Leaders

- **Three questions to consider:**
 1. Are you treated with dignity and respect by everyone?
 2. Do you have what you need so you can make a contribution that gives meaning to your life?
 3. Are you recognized and thanked for what you do?

Conversation and Action Guide to Support Staff Well-Being and Joy in Work During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

<http://www.ihl.org/resources/Pages/Tools/Conversation-Guide-to-Support-Staff-Wellbeing-Joy-in-Work-COVID-19.aspx>

Physical and Psychological Safety			
Care for Me: Provide holistic support for team members and their families, if isolation is required (or other sources of distress occur)			
Do	Don't	Steps to Try	Sustain Joy in Work
<p>Identify what support looks like for staff and their families</p> <p>Mobilize efforts to obtain support: use volunteers, social workers, community members</p>	Ignore the personal and family toll on staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: "What would support look like for you today?" • Address the basics: Food, medicine, safe housing, PPE, child care 	Assess effective support systems for all
Recognize that mental illness may increase during times of intense stress	Ignore that staff may have mental health needs	Offer assistance: "Our mental health is vital for all of us and our patients. Let me or your provider know if you need help."	<p>Provide accommodations for mental health needs</p> <p>Create a peer support and coaching network</p>
Find ways for staff to support colleagues who are (or have family members who are) sick or have died from COVID-19	Assume that stress will not affect everyone's well-being	<p>Provide support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Here are resources to support one another." • "Let's take a minute to think of Louis' family." 	Build on learnings about effective support in times of great stress
Ensure staff know about resources if they are furloughed	Assume that staff know how to navigate HR or government agencies on their own	Inform: "HR partners will provide the information you need and make sure you get all your questions answered."	Develop more robust HR systems based on learnings

5-Part “Quickinar” Vaccine Series

- **Launch Full Speed Ahead! Program**
August 5, 2021 | [Event Recording Available Here](#)
- **The Moveable Middle**
August 19, 2021 | 10:30–11:00 a.m.
- **The Moved Middle**
September 2, 2021 | 10:30–11:00 a.m.
- **Invest in Trust Strategies, Part 2**
September 16, 2021 | 10:30–11:00 a.m.
- **Celebrate Success**
September 30, 2021 | 10:30–11:00 a.m.

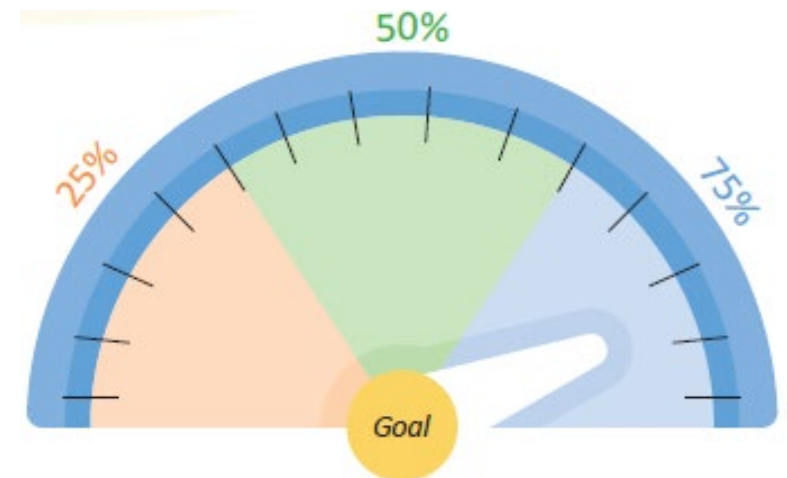
Register for the entire “quickinar” series at:

https://www.hsag.com/en/covid-19/vaccine-resources/#Full_Speed_Ahead_COVID_19_Vaccination_Recognition_Program

Full Speed Ahead! COVID-19 Vaccination Recognition Program

Nursing homes will receive a certificate of achievement for meeting either of the following criteria in July, August, and September:

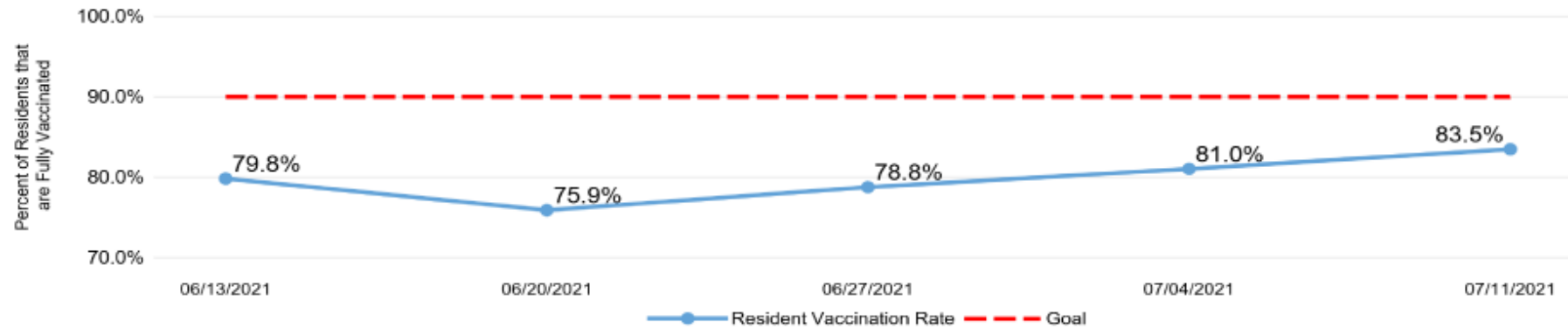
- ✓ Exceeding a 75% staff vaccination rate for 4 consecutive weeks.
- ✓ Exceeding a 90% resident vaccination rate for 4 consecutive weeks.



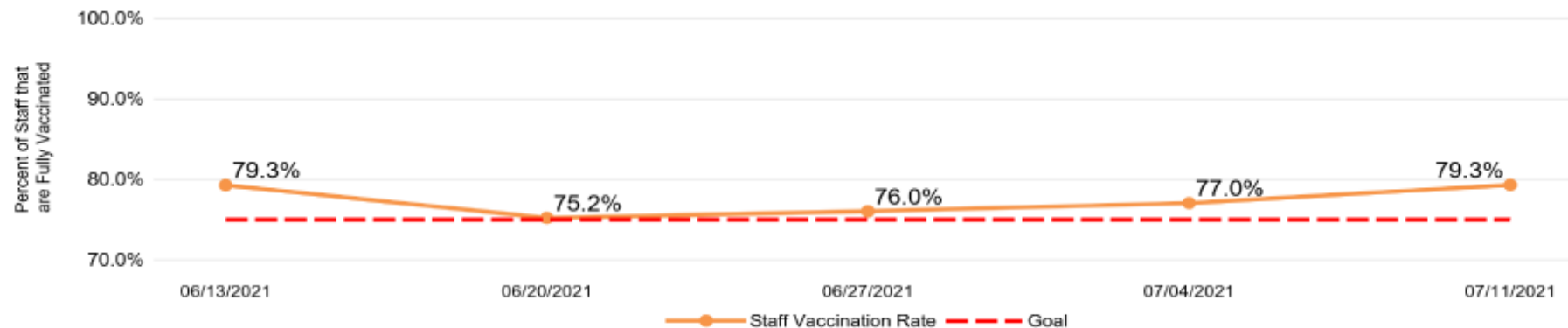
Facility-Specific COVID-19 Vaccine Data Report

Available at—<https://qiip.hsag.com>

Resident: Vaccination Rate



Staff: Vaccination Rate



To Access the Quality Improvement Innovation Portal (QIIP) for Facility Report

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HSAG HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP

HSAG Quality Improvement and Innovation Portal (QIIP) Administrator Form

The HSAG QIIP is your centralized place for information in support of the quality initiatives and activities which you are working on with HSAG to achieve the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') national goals. CMS' goals include increasing quality scores, improving infection prevention, decreasing opioid misuse, preventing adverse drug events, improving quality of care transitions, and preventing avoidable readmissions. The HSAG QIIP will allow you to view your weekly COVID-19 Trend Report. Future enhancements include the ability to complete assessments, track interventions, and view your performance dashboards.

To get access to your weekly COVID-19 Trend Report please fill out the short form below to designate your QIIP Administrator(s) and return the completed form via email to canursinghomes@hsag.com.

The QIIP Administrator(s) will have the following rights:

- Access performance reports and dashboards.
- Attest to the completion of activities.
- Complete assessment forms.

Facility Information
Please provide the CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name for your facilities. **Please add additional rows to the table as needed if your organization has more than one facility.**

CCN	Facility Name	Telephone Number

the table below. HSAG recommends having at least two staff members assigned to the table below.

www.hsag.com/covid-19/long-term-care-facilities/

Under California Resources, click on
"California HSAG Quality Improvement and Innovation Portal (QIIP) Administrator Form"

General Q&A

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Thank You!

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