

# Emergency Department Update

FRIDAY, October 15, 2021

## GENERAL

### COVID VACCINES FOR ED PATIENTS

- COVID Vaccines are now available for ED Patients who qualify.
- A few quick reminders:
  1. We are only providing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> doses for patients. Vaccine cards and Vaccine Information Sheets will be provided from ED Pharmacy with the dose. Please sign card after administration.
  2. We will not be scheduling the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose for patients. Please let them know when they are due for their next shot and refer them to the Vaccination Center at Building 30.
  3. We are **not** giving boosters at this time.
  4. COVID Screening can be found under *Screenings* in the ED Narrator to be completed by the **Primary RN**.

### COVID BOOSTERS

- Moderna boosters—COMING SOON!—We anticipate there will be more information available next week and will provide that as soon as it is available.
- All healthcare workers who received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at least 6 months ago, should have received a SF DPH MyChart message with a link to schedule a booster appointment. If you did not and would like to receive the booster dose here on campus through Occupational Health, please reach out to Occupational Health ([ohs@sfdph.org](mailto:ohs@sfdph.org)). Pfizer boosters are also readily available in the community at many retail pharmacies or through your primary care provider.
- For all travelers, if you received the Pfizer vaccine and are six months out from the second dose, please contact Occupational Health to get your booster scheduled, if desired.

### FLU VACCINES TO ED STAFF

- Flu vaccines can be obtained in the ED. Please try to request your flu shot from your flu champions during a slower time in the department
- There is also the OHS Flu Vaccine Station in the rear of the cafeteria (enter through the back hallway)

### E-LEARNING

- Please complete your annual eLearning modules by 11/01/2021
- Log in to the [Employee Portal](#) to access your assigned modules
- There is an option to test out for many of them

### EPIC

A minor Epic update went live this week. Upon signing in, users will now have the option to select a team:

- The teams will be generally separated by treatment area, and grouped by role
- Users can select multiple teams

- Selecting a team is entirely optional

### Sign In

**Provider:**

**Contact number:**   Pager  
For non-numeric values, first enter a # symbol (e.g., #MyPhone).

**Current role:**  ED Provider  
 Attending Provider  
or:

**Team:**

Triage	Resus
Pod A	Pod B Adult
Pod B Peds	Pod C

### Current Staff (7)

#### RESUS

##### Attending

Attending Physician E

#### POD A

##### Attending

Attending Physician E

#### OTHER

##### Attending

Alan Gelb, MD 61109

Eric Silverman, MD 611

Gabriel Westheimer, NF

Mark Buhler, NP 415-62

#### RTC/CASARC

Np Epic Emergency, PA

#### Registered Nurse

Rosemarie Maghari, RN

## COVID-19

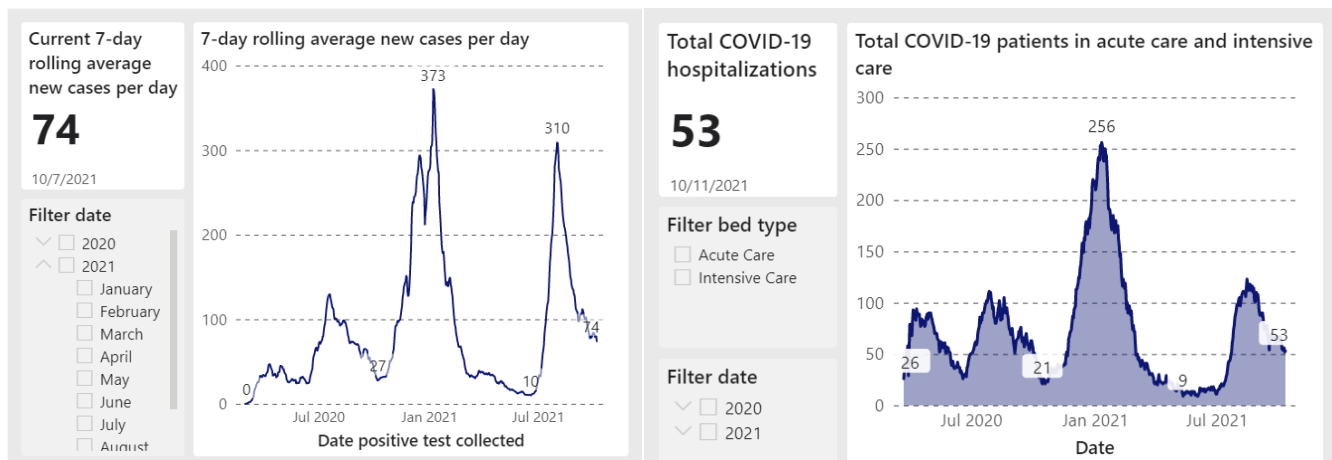
### SELF-SCREENING

- Please continue to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID and if experiencing any, contact OHS 628-206-4100

### HOSPITAL SURGE LEVEL GREEN

- This week we can celebrate moving into the green surge level (Less than 10 hospitalized COVID patients). This is the first time we have been at the green level since July

## COVID-19



## EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS

### MOLDEX

- Supply chain issues continue to impact availability of multiple sizes of the Moldex brand N95 respirators
- If you primarily use this brand, please ensure you are fit tested for an alternative brand and model N95

### TEMPURATURE SENSING FOLEYS

- Kits are available at the Charge Nurse Desk
- Please reserve use for critical care patients where continuous temperature monitoring is indicated

### 22g NEEDLES

- Now experiencing back order

### MEDIUM CRUTCHES

- Continue limited quantities

### XEROFORM 2 X 2

- ETA 10/30

### BLUE TOP VACUTAINERS

- There continues to be a nation-wide shortage of blue top vacutainers and Lab is working on securing an alternate product
- Please do not draw blue tops as part of the routine "Rainbow" draw
- Blue tops tubes have been pulled from the IV Carts in the Pods and are available at the TL's desk
- They should still be being stocked in the Resus Room IV Carts

### PURPLE/LAVENDER TOP VACUTAINERS

- The hospital has procured an emergency reserve inventory
- We will continue to conserve use of the purple/lavender top tubes. Please do not draw a purple top, unless it has been ordered by a provider

### AIRWAY SCOPES

- The airway scopes are in a new repurposed cabinet in the Resus Core
- Same location as before, but now on their new cranberry and tan colored crash cart

### REMINDERS

- When you transport a patient on a cardiac monitor, please switch patient over to the receiving unit's monitoring equipment and bring the departments Phillip's monitor modules back to the department, so they are available for use the next time you need them

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### COURSES

November 4 & 5 PALS instructor-led ([www.zsfglearn.org](http://www.zsfglearn.org))

November 10 BLS and ACLS Heartcode re-cert ([www.zsfglearn.org](http://www.zsfglearn.org))

November 19 BLS, ACLS, PALS Heartcode re-cert (<https://tinyurl.com/2021-ED-AHA>)



## CELEBRATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CELEBRATIONS

Send me your celebrations ([david.staconis@sfdph.org](mailto:david.staconis@sfdph.org)) that you would like included in the ED Updates and I will share them here.

I wanted to celebrate **Julia Cotteral, RN** for being a great Pod C Team Lead and Acuity RN on 10/10. She had a great attitude and was so helpful to us all. She also noticed and reacted promptly to a critical patient seizing. ~**Jordan Gunning, RN**

I would like to celebrate **Elvina Hewitt, Interim ED Nurse Manager** and ED Clinical Pharmacists **Curtis Grier, PharmD; Joyce Go, PharmD; and Steph Komura, PharmD; Malini Singh, MD** and other external team members for their work on getting COVID-19 vaccinations available in the ED once the roving vaccine team ended. It may only be a handful of patients, but we may be the only point of contact with the healthcare system for some of them and if we did not have the ability to provide vaccination for this population, they otherwise may not have the opportunity to get vaccinated. Thank you for all the work you all put in to making this happen. ~**Dave Staconis, ED Nurse Manager (Interim Director)**

### WELLNESS MINUTE

Chaplain MC

We hesitate to put it this way for one another, when we ask each another how the day is going + it's going well, but for a minute in this city/county it does feel like after "struggling through the frozen valley" for eighteen months, we can "suddenly smell flowers."

There is some lightness in-air, in conversations we hear in the hall, in our tired hearts (even though the Giants lost ; /

We can celebrate one another, and our moments of lightness, just for a minute, without jinxing ourselves. We can surrender to the "singing."

Stay well.

Be well.

Thrive.

Chaplain Mary-Cecile (MC)

### Horses at Midnight without a Moon

Our heart wanders lost in the dark woods,  
Our dream wrestles in the castle of doubt.  
But there's music in us. Hope is pushed down  
but the angel flies up again taking us with her.  
The summer mornings begin inch by inch  
while we sleep, and walk with us later  
as long-legged beauty through  
the dirty streets. It is no surprise

that danger and suffering surround us.  
What astonishes is the singing.  
We know the horses are there in the dark  
meadow because we can smell them,  
can hear them breathing.  
Our spirit persists like a man struggling  
through the frozen valley  
who suddenly smells flowers  
and realizes the snow is melting  
out of sight on top of the mountain,  
knows that spring has begun

*Jack Gilbert*