



San Francisco Health Network  
Laguna Honda Hospital  
and Rehabilitation Center

# Laguna Honda Hospital COVID-19 Update

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# CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

After a very challenging year, including a winter surge in COVID-19 cases, **we are starting to see the bright light at the end of the tunnel.**



*LHH resident Jasper Harris shows excitement for the COVID-19 vaccine in January.*



# CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

## What makes us hopeful?

- **Decline in cases:** No resident COVID-19 cases since January 18, 2021 and just one case among staff in March and April thus far.
- **COVID-19 unit census:** No residents in our COVID-19 unit since mid-February.
- **Vaccines:** High vaccination rates among residents (91%) and staff (84%).
- **Community trends:** Generally positive signs throughout the Bay Area and California.
- **Ongoing commitment of our staff, residents, and families:** The LHH community continues to carefully follow COVID-19 response protocols.



# SAFE REOPENING

After a year of great sacrifices, **our focus is now on a safe reopening to resume the services and programs that benefit our residents.**

Reopening safely requires close coordination between all departments and is lead by our Hospital Incident Command System.



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# SAFE REOPENING GUIDANCE

## What is guiding our safe reopening?

- Cases and test positivity rates at Laguna Honda and in our communities
- Vaccinations rates at Laguna Honda and in our communities
- Local, state, and federal guidance
- LHH Infection Prevention and Control team guidance
- LHH Contact Investigation team guidance
- The voices of our staff, residents, and resident families



# SAFE REOPENING – CLINICAL OPERATIONS

## **Reopening highlights from clinical operations:**

- Nearly all clinics have reopened
- Expanding admission sources, including resuming home referrals
- Resuming in-person treatment groups
- Preparing to bring back trainees and students in the coming months



# SAFE REOPENING – RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

## Reopening highlights from resident activities:

- Expanding visits to include on-unit visits beginning on April 19, 2021
- Resuming Art with Elders and animal-assisted activities
- Resuming beside communions
- Resuming in-person Resident Council meetings
- Resuming resident grooming and other quality of life activities
- Planning for future reopening this spring/summer:
  - Chapel services
  - Medical Clowns on units
  - Opening the café
  - More group activities
  - Residents out on pass
  - Bus-based city tours



# NOT LETTING DOWN OUR GUARD

**As we reopen, some things are not changing just yet.**

- **Universal masking:** Staff continue to mask at all times on campus.
- **Frequent testing:** Staff and residents continue to be tested regularly through “screening testing.”
- **Daily screenings:** Everyone entering the buildings goes through a health check.
- **COVID-19 Response Protocols:** Our COVID-19 Response Protocols, first developed in March, are still in place and we are ready to respond to any new cases or outbreaks.





# A MOMENT TO PAUSE

We are grateful for the patience, support, and scarifies of the entire Laguna Honda community, especially our LHH families.

**Everyone's efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 put us in a position to respond effectively during the pandemic and to now safely reopen.**





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Thank you