

PIN Summary for Clients/Participants

A Companion Guide for Provider Information Notice (PIN) 22-23-ASC Adult Day Programs Infection Control Guidance

The Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) has prepared this **Summary for Clients/Participants** as a companion to **PIN 22-23-ASC** to inform you of infection control guidance that CCLD provided to your Adult Day Program (ADP) concerning your care.

CCLD has developed this PIN to provide updated guidance on infection control for ADP providers during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. In addition, PIN 22-23-ASC provides new guidance to licensees on staff vaccination and booster status pursuant to the updated State Public Health Officer Order of December 22, 2021 (updated February 22, 2022).

The purpose of this PIN is to reiterate information or provide new guidance for Adult Day Programs where noted for the following topics:

- Opening Guidance *!UPDATED!*
- Mitigation Plans and the New Infection Control Plan *!UPDATED!*
- Change in Services
- Capacity *!UPDATED!*
- Masking and Face Coverings *!UPDATED!*
- Testing *!UPDATED!*
- Isolation Procedures
- COVID-19 Vaccination and Recordkeeping *!UPDATED!*
- Visitors *!NEW!*
- Communal Dining *!UPDATED!*
- Activities
- Public Outings *!UPDATED!*
- Transportation *!UPDATED!*

The decision to participate in day program services should be made by you and your care team, taking into consideration overall health status and associated risks. Day program services must be provided in accordance with local county public health orders or recommendations and relevant guidelines issued by CDSS and/or CDPH. The new updates are as follows:

Opening Guidance

- You should refrain from participating in day program services when any of the following occurs, regardless of your vaccination status:
 - Tested positive for, have symptoms of, or are in quarantine for COVID-19 exposure.

- Recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 during the prior 10 days and you are unvaccinated or have completed the primary series and are booster eligible but not yet boosted.

Mitigation Plans and the New Infection Control Plan

Licensees are required to submit a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Report to CCLD, which will stay in effect until CCLD approves the licensee's Infection Control Plan. Licensees must submit their Infection Control Plan to CCLD by June 30, 2022. Information related to the Infection Control Plan and Infection Control Regulations can be found in PIN 22-13-ASC.

Capacity

When feasible, your ADP may consider distancing everyone present to help protect individuals who are unvaccinated or are booster-eligible and have not yet received a booster dose, or whose vaccination status is unknown. You may be in a group with people from your same household.

Masking and Face Coverings

Pursuant to the State Public Health Officer Order of July 26, 2021, all facilities must strictly adhere to current California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Masking Guidance, which requires that all individuals entering the facility wear a mask, and highly recommends the use of FDA cleared surgical masks, unless a N95 respirator is required pursuant to Title 8 regulations.

Facility Staff

The State Public Health Officer Order of December 22, 2021 (updated February 22, 2022) provides that all unvaccinated exempt workers and all booster-eligible workers who have not yet received a booster dose are required to wear FDA-cleared surgical masks in indoor settings anywhere they are working with another person.

Clients/Participants and Visitors

As specified in the CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings, you must continue to wear a well-fitted face covering, irrespective of vaccine status while at the ADP. Visitors should wear a well-fitted face mask upon entry and at all times within the facility, irrespective of vaccine status. You may be exempt from the mandate based on the following:

- If you have a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents you from wearing a face mask.
- The ability to see the mouth is essential for your communication, for example, if you are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired.
- When obtaining a service involving the nose or face where temporary removal of face mask is necessary.
- When eating or drinking.
- When engaged in outdoor work or recreation.

Testing

Pursuant to the State Public Health Officer Order from CDPH issued on December 22, 2021, unvaccinated exempt workers and all booster-eligible workers who have not yet received their booster are required to undergo diagnostic screening testing weekly.

All facilities shall verify and document vaccination, booster, and testing status of workers. It is required that all workers currently eligible for boosters, who provide services or work indoors must receive their booster dose by February 1, 2022. Workers not yet eligible for boosters, must be in compliance no later than 15 days after the recommended timeframe for receiving the booster dose.

COVID-19 Vaccination and Record Keeping

Pursuant to the State Public Health Officer Order issued on December 22, 2021, all workers who provide services or work in Adult and Senior Care facilities must have completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccine, unless exempted prior to November 30, 2021.

Visitors

Below are general recommended guidelines for visitors of an ADP:

- Indoor Visits:
 - You should be allowed indoor visitation, including communal area visitation, at all times, **regardless of your vaccination status**, if (1) the visitor has completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccine and received a booster dose **or** provided evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within one day of visitation for antigen tests, and within two days of visitation for Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests; **OR** (2) permit only outdoor visitation for those that do not meet all the recommendations in this section. Visitors with history of COVID-19 within the prior 90 days may provide documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in lieu of testing.

- Outdoor Visits
 - Outdoor visitation is preferred and should be held whenever practicable.
 - Visitors that choose to meet outside with you do not need to be vaccinated or show proof of negative test.

Entertainers are considered visitors and should follow the recommended guidelines above. You are encouraged to wear a well-fitting face mask during the performance, regardless of vaccination status.

Communal Dining

For individuals who are unvaccinated and/or are booster eligible and have not yet received a booster dose, your ADP should arrange tables and chairs to allow for physical distancing and space seating at least six feet apart per CDC Guidance for Adult Day Service Centers. For those who have completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccine and have received a booster dose, the six feet requirement does not apply. Individuals from the same household do not have to stay six feet away from each other.

Though maintaining six of feet physical distance helps decrease the risk of transmission, it is not sufficient to prevent all risk of transmission. However, it does help prevent individuals from contracting COVID-19. You must continue to follow guidelines for face coverings in communal settings (except while eating or drinking).

Public Outings

You have the right to leave facilities for outings such as community events, attending a short meeting, etc. Providers should provide education to you and your families about the types of activities that are safe. Providers must screen all clients/participants, **regardless of your vaccination status**, for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 upon your return.

Transportation

If you have completed your primary series of COVID-19 vaccine and have received a booster dose you may be seated together with individuals who have also completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccine and have received a booster dose without physical distancing in transport vehicles; otherwise, if you are unvaccinated or are booster eligible and have not yet received a booster dose, you should be seated with as much distance possible and wear masks while in transport vehicles.

Your care providers, the licensee of your facility, and your ***local Long-Term Care Ombudsman*** (call 1-800-510-2020) are available to answer your questions.