COVID-19 Q&A Hour for Long Term Care

Washington State Department of **Health**

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Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program

Shoreline, WA

Housekeeping

Attendees will be in listen only mode

Self-mute your lines when not speaking

Type questions into the question window. Please include the type of facility you are from in your question (e.g., NH) and indicate your county.

Participants from long-term care, regulatory, public health

No confidential information presented or discussed. This is an educational webinar and does not constitute legal advice.

Local guidance may differ, please consult with your Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ):
https://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/PublicHealthSystem/LocalHealthJurisdictions

This is the LTC COVID-19 Q&A Hour!

A chance to connect, ask questions, and learn about the COVID-19 response and infection prevention guidance

COVID-19 Q&A Call Expectations

- Be present
- Assume positive intent
- Focus on solutions
- Speak and chat respectfully
- Give constructive feedback
- Express disagreements professionally and tactfully

Panelists

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ICAR PROGRAM DETAILS

Our free, non-regulatory ICARs provide facilities with infection prevention recommendations and resources on how to keep residents and staff safe.

What We Do

- Provide support with an infection prevention expert
- Assist with addressing gaps in your current infection control protocols for COVID-19 or other infections
- Offer up-to-date guidance and resources

Who We Serve

- Long Term Care Facilities (Assisted, Skilled, Behavioral Health, Nursing facilities, and Adult Family Homes)
- Outpatient Settings
- Acute and Critical Access Hospitals

To Learn More or Schedule an In-Person or Virtual Visit:
http://doh.wa.gov/ICAR

Contact Us:
HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov (General)

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In Partnership With
- Local Health Jurisdictions
- LeadingAge Washington

- Washington Health Care Association
- Adult Family Home Council of WA State
- Washington State Hospital Association

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HAI-AR SECTION EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please refer to the table below to find the email most appropriate for your needs

Email Path	Description
HAI@doh.wa.gov	General healthcare associated infection questions
HAI-Covid@doh.wa.gov	COVID19-specific healthcare associated infection questions
HAIEpiOutbreakTeam@doh.wa.gov	Epidemiological outbreak assistance and healthcare associated infection questions
HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov	Schedule an ICAR for your facility
HAI-FITTesting@doh.wa.gov	Respiratory Protection related questions www.doh.wa.gov/ltcrpp

Fit Test Training

- Learn to conduct your own N95 fit test for your staff
  - Visit our website: Fit Testing Training | Washington State Department of Health (www.doh.wa.gov/ltcrpp)
    - Step 1 – Pre-training education
    - Step 2 – Sign up for a Virtual Fit Test Training webinar
    - Step 3 – Hands-on training with our Fit Test Vendors

  Note: Each participant will need to register individually.

Email questions to:

HAI-FitTest@doh.wa.gov
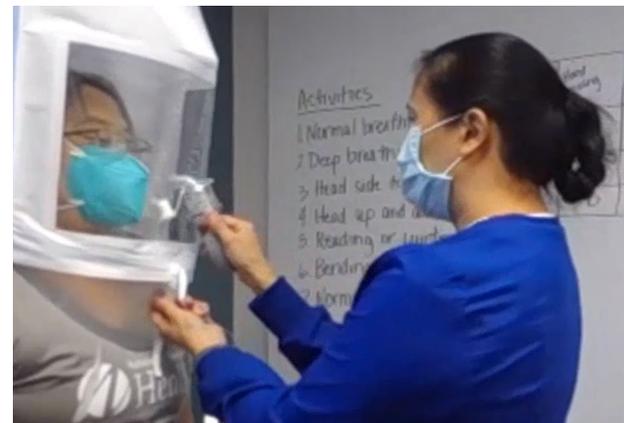
Project Firstline Podcast

Episodes

1. Introduction and HAIs
2. PPE
3. Hand Hygiene
4. MDROs
5. ALFs and SNFs
6. Hospital Settings
7. *Candida auris*
8. Respiratory Protection
9. Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Purpose

- Discuss and identify the importance and impact of infection prevention on our lives and the lives of our community

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Congratulations to all 297 Winter 2022 Awardees!

LONG-TERM CARE

COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION

GOLD AWARD
SPRING 2022

Long-Term Care COVID-19 Immunization Champion Award | Washington State Department of Health

Comagine Health Events June/July

- **Weekly Webinar Series**
- **June 28: COVID-19 Infection Prevention**
  - Every Tuesday 11 a.m. PT / noon MT (30 minutes)
  - Link to Register

- **Weekly Office Hours**
- **July 1: OARS model for essential communication skills**
  - Every Friday 11 a.m. PT / noon MT (30 minutes)
  - Link to Register

- **Comagine Health Learning Collaborative: Driving Clinical Excellence**
- **July 7: Mastery Session 1a**
  - First Thursday of each month through Nov. 2, 2023
  - 11 a.m. PT / noon MT (1 hour)
  - Link to Register

We want to hear from you!

- Micro learning topics – what do you want to learn more about that will help with your facility infection control practices?

- Input your ideas into Question window noting "Topics: …"

- Or send to HAI-COVID@doh.wa.gov

- *Thank you!*

LTC Q&A Call Format Structure

- **Submit questions by 5pm on Monday each week before the Thursday call**

- Submitted questions and answers will be presented during the call and sent out afterwards

- Follow up questions related to the slides will be addressed live

- Additional new questions will be answered live if they are common questions

- Otherwise other questions will be consolidated by topic and roll over to the following week's slides to provide in depth feedback & relevant resource links, along with any new mailbox questions

- Complex questions specific to your facility are best sent to HAI-COVID@doh.wa.gov to be answered individually

How to Submit Your Questions

Subject Line:
COVID Q&A Call

Email:
HAI-COVID@doh.wa.gov

Due by: COB Monday

Next LTC Q&A Call Series

- Current Q&A call series ends today 6/30

- Next LTC Q&A call series begins July 7 through Oct 27. Registration link:

  https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k9_L5yrRQPezKaYkejk5mA

- When confirmation received, add new schedule to calendar

- Summer Plans: There will be two Q&A calls in July and two in August

Upcoming LTC Q&A Presentations

Upcoming micro learning session schedules:

Today's presentation:

Demo of WA State Immunization Information System (WAIIS)

July 7 – Demo WA State Immunization Information System (WAIIS) repeat

July 14 & July 28 – **NO Q&A call scheduled**

July 21 – Hands on Training – Fit Test

WASHINGTON STATE IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

IIS Data Review and Training Coordination
April McClellan, IIS Trainer

WA State Immunization Information System

- An Immunization Information System (IIS) is a secure electronic system that houses immunization records for the population of a certain area, such as Washington State.

- The IIS collects and shares immunization data across authorized healthcare organization, clinics, pharmacies, schools, and other health jurisdiction partners.

WA State Immunization Information System

- The data collected in the IIS is consolidated into a comprehensive record for a patient over their lifetime.

- IIS forecasting tools can help with clinical decision making.

- The IIS is valuable in facilitating public health response to vaccine preventable disease.

- The IIS can remind/recall patients that are due for a vaccination.

- Providers can print Certificates of Immunization for their patients.

- Individuals can register for MyIR to access their own IIS immunization records.

WA State Immunization Information System

- In WA, only participating healthcare providers can view records in the WAIIS. Participation in the system is HIPAA compliant.

- Healthcare providers can reference and update patient records to help ensure the patient receives the appropriate immunizations.

- Thousands of healthcare facilities in WA State participate and exchange data with the WAIIS.

- Participation is not mandatory, but the more facilities that exchange data with the WAIIS, the greater the benefit to healthcare in WA.

WA State Immunization Information System

- For access, your organization must be enrolled in the WAIIS.

- To enroll, the organization must complete an Information Sharing Agreement and have a licensed healthcare provider on staff.

- 2 different types of Information Sharing Agreements: 'View Only' and 'Exchange'.
    - **Immunization Information View Only Agreement**
        - View patient demographics and immunizations
    - **Immunization Information Exchange Agreement**
        - View and add patient demographic data and immunization records

WA State Immunization Information System

Live Demonstration

How to Locate a Patient in the WAIIS

- Log into the WAIIS.

- On the left of the screen, open the blue **Patient** menu tab and select 'Search/Add'.
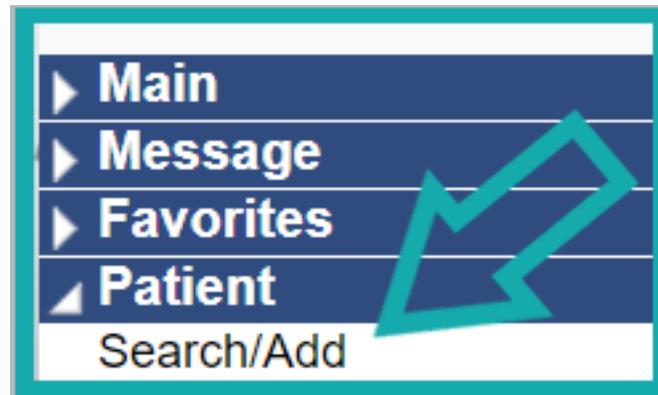
- The Patient Search screen will appear.

Patient Records in the WAIIS

- Enter in the patient identifying information you have available and click 'Search' on the bottom right.

Patient Records in the WAIIS

- Advanced search options are available by clicking '**here**' on the top right of the **Patient Search** screen.

Patient Records in the WAIIS

- Once 'Search' is clicked, the **Patient Search Results** will appear.

- Select the name of the patient you wish to view.
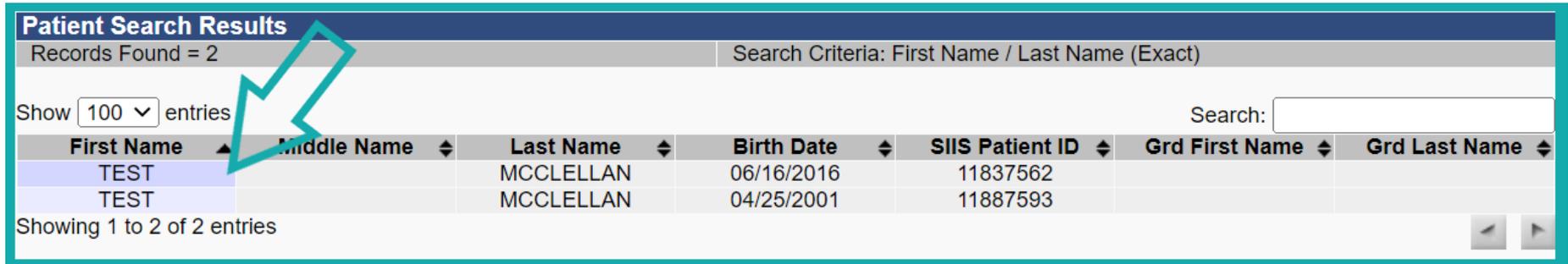
- After the patient is chosen from the results, the **Patient Demographics** screen will appear. Verify that the information on the **Patient Demographics** page is accurate, and update if indicated and your user permissions allow edits.

Patient Records in the WAIIS

Patient Demographics			
Record Info			
SIIS Patient ID:	11837562		
Organization Owner:	-		
Facility Owner:	-		
Entry Date:	08/14/2021 02:52:34 PM	Last Update:	08/14/2021 12:00:00 AM
Entered By:	APRIL MCCLELLAN	Last Updated By:	APRIL MCCLELLAN
Patient Status			
State Level:	Active	**Organization Level:**	**Inactive**
County Level:	Active (Clark)		
Patient			
First Name:	TEST	Race:	American Indian or Alaska Native
Middle Name:		Ethnicity:	
Last Name:	MCCLELLAN	Language:	
Suffix:			
Birth Date:	06/16/2016	Medicaid #:	
Birth File #:		Multi Birth Indicator:	N
		Birth Order:	
Age:	313 weeks, 72 months, 6 yrs	Military:	
Reminder/Recall Publicity Code		Recall Attempts:	0
Sex:	FEMALE	Nationality:	
Mother Maiden Nm:	PATTERSON	Passport #:	
VFC status:	(Unknown)	Visa #:	
		Vaccine Supply:	PRIVATE
– Primary Address			
Address 1:	123 4TH STREET	Address 2:	
City:	VANCOUVER	State:	WA
Zip Code:	98662		
Email			
Country:	United States of America	County/Parish:	CLARK
– Family & Contact			
Contact 1:	MOM MCCLELLAN (Mother)		
+ Alias			
+ Secondary Patient Demographics			
+ School			
+ Medical Home			
+ Birth & Death			
+ Assessment			
+ Patient Specific Reports			

Patient Records in the WAIIS

- If you are unable to locate your patient, you can add them into the IIS if your user permissions allow.

- To add a patient, click the box next to 'Check here if adding a new patient'. Checking this box will cause required fields to appear in red font. Fill in these fields and click 'Search'.

- A popup will appear to remind you to make sure the patient you want to add is not listed in the **Patient Search Results**. Click 'Ok' to clear the popup.

- On the bottom right of the page, click 'Add Patient'.

Patient Records in the WAIIS
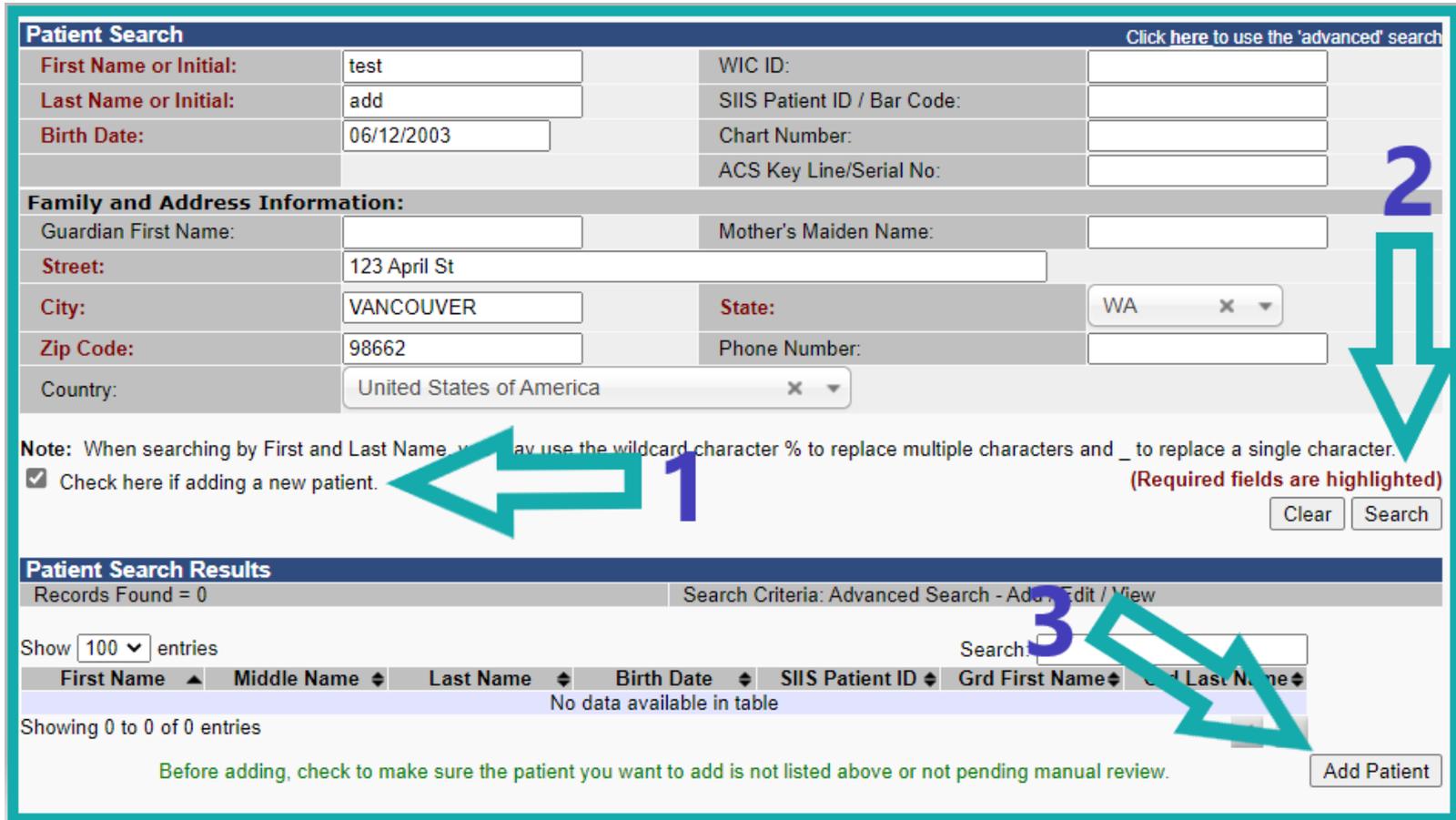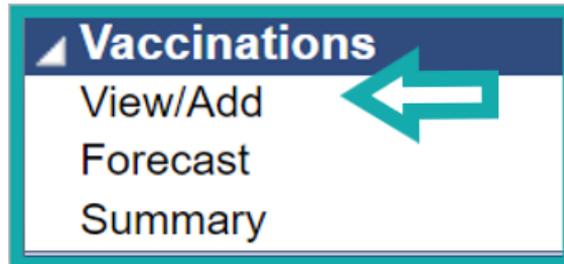
Patient Records in the WAIIS

- Once 'Add Patient' is selected, the **Patient Demographics Edit** page will appear.

- Enter all available and required demographic information and click 'Save' on the bottom right.

Vaccination Records in the WAIIS

- Once you have located or added your patient in the WAIIS, you will be able to view their vaccination history, forecast and access their Certificate of Immunization Status.

- Open the blue **Vaccinations** menu tab on the left of the page and click on 'View/Add'.

- The **Vaccination View/Add** page will appear. All vaccinations recorded in the WAIIS for the patient will be indicated by a date to the right of the administered vaccine product.

Vaccination Records in the WAIIS

- To view specifics of a certain vaccination, click on the date of administration to see the **Vaccination/Medicine Detail** page.

Patient			
Name:	TEST MCCLELLAN	SIIS Patient ID:	11867249
Date of Birth:	04/01/1970	Age:	52 yrs
Guardian:		Organization Level Status:	Active

Vaccination/Medicine Detail	
Vaccine:	COVID-19, mRNA, LNP-S, PF, 30 mcg/0.3 mL dose, tris-sucrose (Pfizer 12+ (Grey Cap))
Date Administered:	03/08/2022
Historical:	No
Confidential:	No
Manufacturer:	PFIZER, INC
Lot Number:	TEST
Lot Facility:	AMAC TEST FAC
Funding Source:	PUB
Provider Noted on Record:	
Lot Noted on Record:	TEST
Manufacturer Noted on Record:	
Vaccinator:	SCIENCE, TRUST
Originating IIS:	
Organization:	11002236 - 2 - AMAC TEST ORG
Facility (Facility SIIS ID):	AMAC TEST FAC (SIISCLIENT36011)
Facility Display Name:	
Anatomical Site:	Left Deltoid
Anatomical Route:	Intramuscular
Dose Size:	Full
Volume (CC):	
VFC Status:	Not VFC Eligible
Revaccination Reason:	
Adverse Reaction:	
District/Region:	
Dates of VIS Publications:	
Date VIS Form Given:	03/08/2022
Ordering Provider:	
Comments:	
Entered By (username):	AMACTESTRC
Entered By:	APRIL RC MCCLELLAN
Entry Date:	06/22/2022 12:09:50 PM
Last Updated By:	APRIL RC MCCLELLAN
Last Update:	06/22/2022 03:59:25 PM

Vaccination View/Add	
(* - Historicals , # - Adverse Reaction , !1 - Warning, !2 - Warn Services)	
Documented By: AMAC TEST FAC	
Double-click in any date field below to enter the default date:	

Vaccine	1
COVID-19, mRNA, LNP-S, PF, 30 mcg/0.3 mL dose, tris-sucrose (Pfizer 12+ (Grey Cap))	03/08/2022
Influenza, injectable, MDCK, preservative free, quadrivalent (Flucelvax PF - 0.5mL syringe)	10/01/2021

Vaccination Records in the WAIIS

- Users can print the **Vaccination View/Add** screen information for the selected patient. This will include all administered vaccines as well as the patient's vaccination forecast.
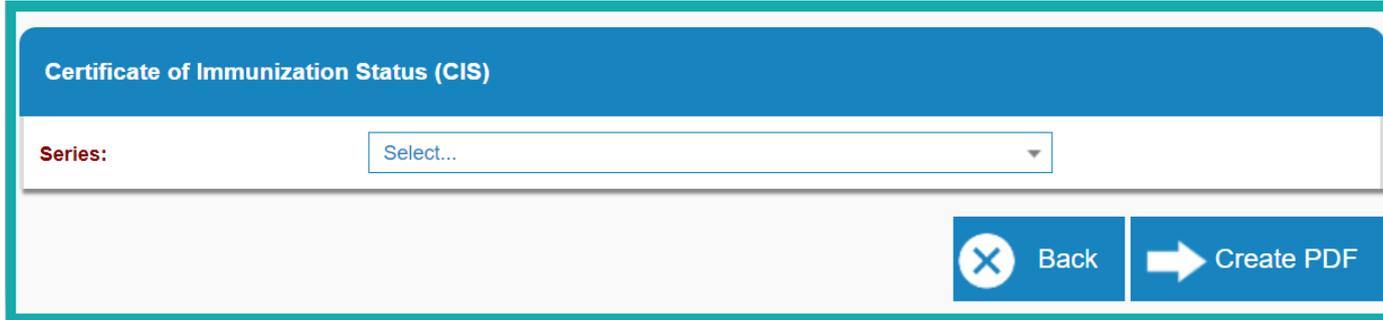
Vaccination Records in the WAIIS

- WAIIS users can view or print the Certificate of Immunization Status from both the **Patient Demographics** page (bottom) and the **Vaccination View/Add** page (top).

- Click the blue **+** to the left of 'Patient Specific Reports', then click "Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS)".

Vaccination Records in the WAIIS

- Choose the desired CIS from the drop down and Create PDF.

Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS)

Series:	Select... ▾

⊗ Back   ➡ Create PDF

- Open the downloaded file and view the Certificate of Immunization Status PDF.

Add Administered Vaccines in the WAIIS

- IIS user who can add data to the system can enter administered vaccines through the **Vaccination View/Add** screen.

- Once logged into the WAIIS, search for the patient. Ensure that you are logged into both your organization AND facility.

- Navigate to the **Vaccination View/Add** screen.

- Enter the date of administration in a blank box just to the right of the appropriate vaccine product. **If you do not see the vaccine listed, check the drop-down menu at the bottom.

Add Administered Vaccines in the WAIIS

- After entering the date of administration, scroll to the bottom of the **Vaccination View/Add** screen and choose 'Add Administered'. If the vaccination was given by a provider outside of your organization, choose 'Add Historicals'.

- For patients under 19, you will be prompted to choose VFC eligibility. Adult patients are not VFC eligible. Click 'Continue'.

- The **Vaccination Detail Add** page will appear.

- If your organization manages inventory in the WAIIS, use the 'Click to Select' function to choose the lot number administered.

- Enter all available and required data for the vaccination event and click 'Save' on the bottom right.

Add Administered Vaccines in the WAIIS

WA State Immunization Information System

MyIR Mobile

- Patients can access their immunization records with their mobile device.

- Registration is required.
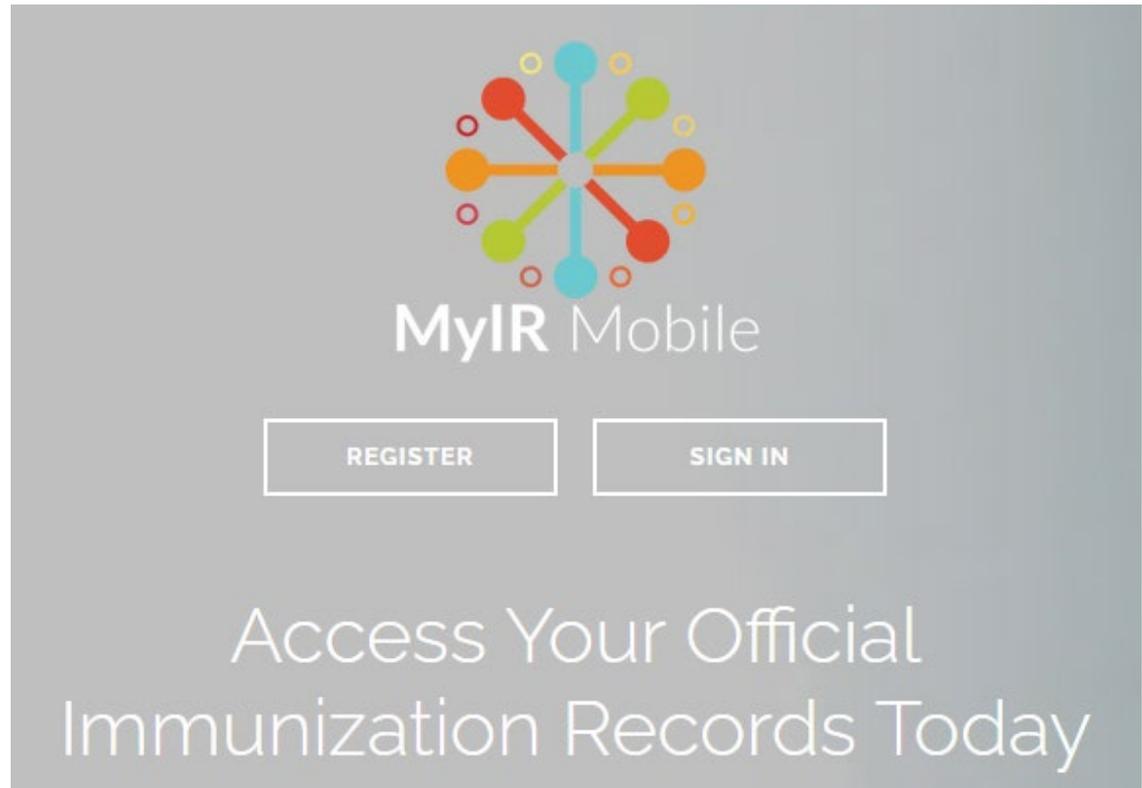
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IIS Training Materials Portal | WA State Department of Health

Access your Family's Immunization Information

Adding Editing Deleting Vaccines

Searching, Adding and Editing Patients

How to Generate the Certificate of Immunization Status

MyIR Mobile

IIS.Training@doh.wa.gov

WaiisHelpDesk@doh.wa.gov

Thank you!

Questions???

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CREATING SAFER AIR
MOVEMENT FOR COOLING

Safety During Periods of Extreme Heat

- During warmer months, facilities need to provide cooling for building occupants.

- This presentation provides guidance on safer ways to create air movement for cooling when air conditioning units and a central HVAC system are unavailable.

- For more information on precautions to take to reduce the risk from extreme heat, see the DOH Hot Weather Safety information online.

Order of Preference for Creating Air Movement:

1. Open Windows. This can create cooling without recirculating air particles indoors

2. Position a box fan in the window to blow exhaust air out and leave adjacent window open

3. Position portable fans either at knee level, or at the tip of the room (ceiling fans may be used). Avoid blowing air across people's faces.

Other Important Considerations

- Pulling window shades closed during periods of direct sunlight will help keep the room cooler

- If fans are at knee level, make sure floors are clean to help decrease the circulation of settled dust and aerosols

- If fans are used in shared spaces, it is safer to close the door to avoid pushing air particles into the hallway

Other Important Considerations

- If fans are used in congregate areas where people are not wearing masks, consider placing portable HEPA units in the area

- Portable fans should be cleaned at least once a week; cleaning should include a wipe-down of fan blades where dust can accumulate.

MAILBOX
QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q/A #1

Question:

Can you please clarify the definition of Fully Vaccinated vs Up to date?

Answer:

Fully Vaccinated: Two weeks after receiving all recommended doses in their primary series of COVID-19 vaccine

Up to date: a person has received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible

Q/A #2

Question:

SLF: Do clients or employees who are fully vaccinated need to quarantine after returning and do employees need to be tested before returning to work?

Answer:

There is no recommendation for quarantine of residents in non-nursing home LTCFs on admission or returning to the facility following a visit in the community.

Staff are recommended to continue to be tested through surveillance as resources allow.

Q/A #3

Question:

What is the current guidance on duration of quarantine?

Answer:

Isolation: 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours have since last fever without fever reducing medication AND symptoms have improved

Quarantine: 10 days of quarantine or 7-day quarantine with a negative test with a specimen collection date within 48 hours

|	Quarantine
Days	**10 Day Quarantine or 7-day Quarantine with a negative test with a specimen collection date within 48 hours for:** • Asymptomatic patients who are NOT up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and have had exposure to someone with COVID-19 • Skilled nursing facility (SNF) resident who is newly admitted resident or has left the facility >24 hours and is NOT up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Residents who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines do not need to quarantine

Q/A #4

Question:

What is the current guidance around fans in LTC settings as well as during COVID outbreak within the facility?

Answer:

Open windows, position box fan in the window to blow exhaust air out and leave adjacent window open, position portable fans at knee level, or at the tip of the room (avoid blowing air across faces).

Today's COVID-19 Community Transmission rates

Key — High (red), Substantial (orange), Moderate (yellow), Low (blue), No Data (hatched)
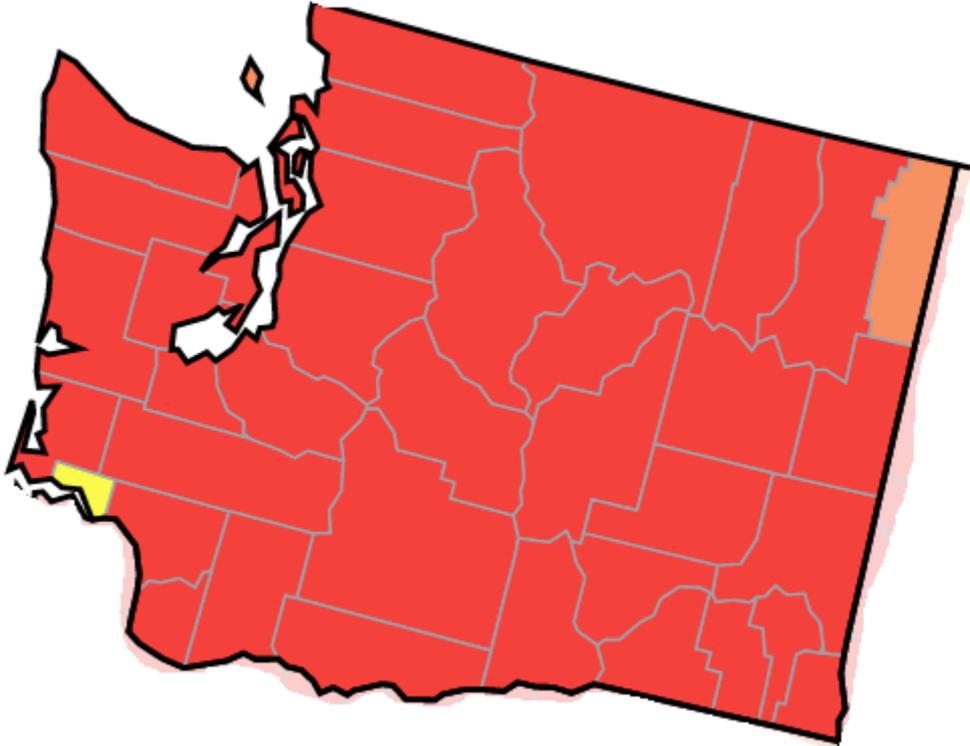
CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View

Q & A Section

Please type your questions into the question window and tell us what type of facility you are from (e.g., ALF, SNF, AFH) and what county you are in.