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TO: Marin County Skilled Nursing Facilities

RE: Requirements for COVID-19 Vaccine and Boosters

Today 45 long term care facilities are experiencing Omicron outbreaks with 140 active cases among patients and staff. Patients at skilled nursing facilities remain at high risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 due to age, medical conditions and weakened immune systems. As of January 9th, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [reports](#) booster rates of 66% and 54% among Marin SNF patients and staff respectively.

Background

Vaccination against COVID-19 is the most effective means of preventing infection with the COVID-19 virus, and subsequent transmission and outbreaks. On December 22, 2021, the State Public Health Officer issued an [order](#) requiring all SNF staff currently eligible for boosters to be "fully vaccinated and boosted" by March 1, 2022. Staff not yet eligible for boosters must comply no later than 15 days after they become booster eligible. Testing must occur at least twice weekly for unvaccinated exempt workers and booster-eligible workers who have not yet received their booster.

Order

Marin County Public Health is issuing the following orders to operators of skilled nursing facilities:

1. By February 28, 2022 all Marin SNFs must be enrolled in the [California COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#) and have capacity to provide vaccine to patients and staff.
2. SNF administrators must email LTCFCovidReport@marincounty.org OR complete the following [JOT form survey](#) by March 11, 2022 that attests the facility is in full compliance with the State Public Health Officer order.

This survey will collect, or the email will contain, the following information:

- a. Total number of staff
- b. Number of unvaccinated staff
- c. Number of staff eligible for boosters with documented boosters
- d. Number of staff eligible for boosters not yet boosted
- e. Number of staff not yet eligible for boosters
- f. Number of exemptions issued for Religious Beliefs or Qualifying Medical Reasons
- g. Affirmation that testing requirements are being followed (pursuant to [Section 4](#))