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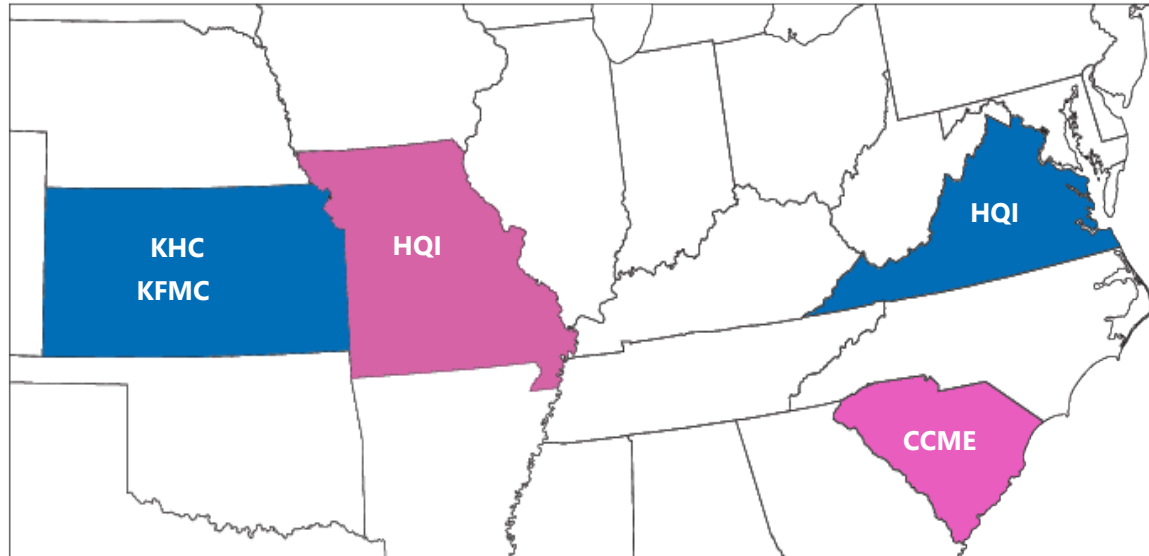
*Simple Strategies Stand-Up*

# CDC COVID Data Tracker

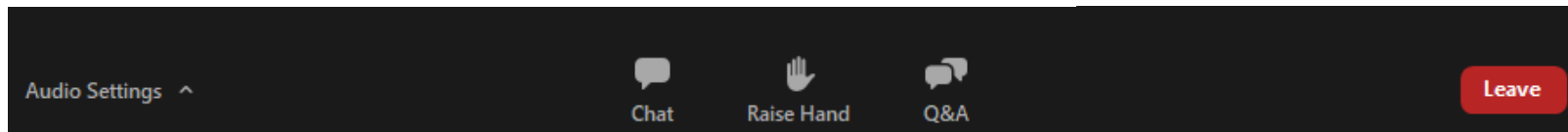
## The Key to Determine the Frequency of Routine Staff Testing

7/12/2022

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# Logistics – Zoom Webinar



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# Your Team



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## Goals for this Series:

- Assist attendees in gaining knowledge related to updates associated with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters
- Assist attendees in meeting CMS regulatory expectations



# Goals for this Webinar:

- Assist attendees in meeting CMS regulatory requirements for routine staff testing
- Assist attendees in gaining knowledge related to the accurate use of the CDC COVID Data Tracker Website



*The content presented in this webinar is based on COVID-19 information and guidance as of the date of this session.*



# Learning Objectives

- Review the current CMS requirement for routine COVID testing of staff
- Review key points related to routine staff testing to ensure compliance
- Learn how to access and change filters to view the Community Transmission Level needed to determine the frequency of routine staff testing



# Routine Staff Testing





# Current CMS Requirement

**Table 2: Routine Testing Intervals by County COVID-19 Level of Community Transmission**

Level of COVID-19 Community Transmission	Minimum Testing Frequency of Staff <i>who are not up-to-date</i> <sup>+</sup>
Low (blue)	Not recommended
Moderate (yellow)	Once a week*
Substantial (orange)	Twice a week*
High (red)	Twice a week*

<sup>+</sup>Staff *who are up-to-date* do not need to be routinely tested.

\*This frequency presumes availability of Point of Care testing on-site at the nursing home or where off-site testing turnaround time is <48 hours.

# Key Points on Routine Staff Testing

- If the level of community transmission increases to a higher level of activity, the facility should begin testing staff at the frequency shown in Table 2 (on slide 8) **as soon as the criteria for the higher activity level are met.**
- If the level of community transmission decreases to a lower level of activity, the facility should **continue testing staff at the higher frequency level until the level of community transmission has remained at the lower activity level for at least two weeks before reducing testing frequency.**

# CMS Requirements – Routine Testing of Staff

- Routine testing intervals are based on the county COVID-19 level of community transmission.
- Staff **who are up to date** do not have to be routinely tested.
- Routine testing of staff **who are not up to date** should be based on the extent of the virus in the community.



# Definition of Up to Date

## Up to date with COVID-19 vaccines

*Individuals are considered up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines during the surveillance period of **June 27, 2022 through September 2, 2022** for the purpose of NHSN surveillance if they meet (1) of the following criteria\*:*

If Under 50 Years:	If 50 Years and Older:
Received at least <b>one booster dose</b>	Received <b>second booster dose</b> ( <u>or</u> received <b>first booster dose less than 4 months ago</b> and not yet eligible for a second booster dose)
<u>or</u>	<u>or</u>
<b>Recently</b> received all recommended doses in the <b>primary vaccine series</b> but is <b>not yet eligible for a booster dose</b> . This includes:	<b>Recently</b> received all recommended doses in the <b>primary vaccine series</b> but is <b>not yet eligible for a booster dose</b> . This includes:
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Source: [Up to Date Guidance Quarter 3 - June 2022 \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0627-covid-vax-up-to-date.html)

# Overview of the CDC COVID Data Tracker



# COVID Data Tracker Landing Page

## COVID Data Tracker

Maps, charts, and data provided by CDC, updates daily by 8 pm ET

COVID-19 Home



CDC recommends use of [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) to determine the impact of COVID-19 on communities and take action. [Community Transmission Levels](#) are provided for healthcare facility use only.

### United States

At a Glance

Cases Total

86,978,283

Case Trends

Deaths Total

1,011,508

Death Trends

Current Hosp.

25,643

Admission Trends

33.6% of People 5+ with

First Booster

Data Tracker Home

Cases, Deaths, & Testing

Case & Death Demographic Trends

Vaccination Distribution & Coverage

Vaccine Effectiveness & Breakthrough Surveillance

Health Equity



Beginning June 13, 2022, instead of daily, jurisdictions and other partners will report vaccine administration and delivery data to CDC weekly on Wednesdays by 4 AM ET. As a result, instead of daily, the following COVID Data Tracker tabs will be refreshed weekly on Thursday by 8:00 PM ET: [Vaccinations in the United States](#), [Vaccinations by County](#), [Vaccination Trends](#), [Vaccination Demographics](#), [Vaccination Demographic Trends](#), [Vaccination Equity](#), [Vaccinations and Case Trends](#), [Vaccinations and Other Outcomes](#).

[< Back to Cases, Deaths, & Testing](#)

## COVID-19 Integrated County View

Maps, charts, and data provided by CDC, updates daily by 8 pm ET<sup>†</sup>

This site provides an integrated, county view of key data for monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. It allows for the exploration of standardized data across the country.<sup>5</sup> The footnotes describe each data source and the methods used for calculating the metrics. For the most complete and up-to-date data for any particular county or state, visit the relevant health department website. Additional data and features are forthcoming.

<sup>5</sup>County level data are not available for territories. Territory level data are available under the [Cases, Deaths, and Testing tab](#). Data presented here for District of Columbia may differ from those presented on the [Cases, Deaths, and Testing tab](#) due to reporting differences for each tab. For CDC's most up to date data for District of Columbia, select District of Columbia in the dropdown on this tab or see the map below.

[The percent of the population coverage metrics are capped at 95%. Learn how CDC estimates vaccination coverage.](#)

CDC recommends use of [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) to determine the impact of COVID-19 on communities and take action.

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# Landing Page, continued

How to Find a COVID-19 Vaccine

Who is Recommended to Receive Booster Doses?

State or territory:

Select a State

County or metro area:

Select County

[Reset Selections](#)

Use the options above or the map below to select a state and county. CDC recommends use of COVID-19 Community Levels to determine the impact of COVID-19 on communities and take action. Community Transmission levels are provided for healthcare facility use only.

Data Type:

COVID-19 Community Levels

Map Metric:

COVID-19 Community Levels

All Counties

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# Data Type Drop-Down List

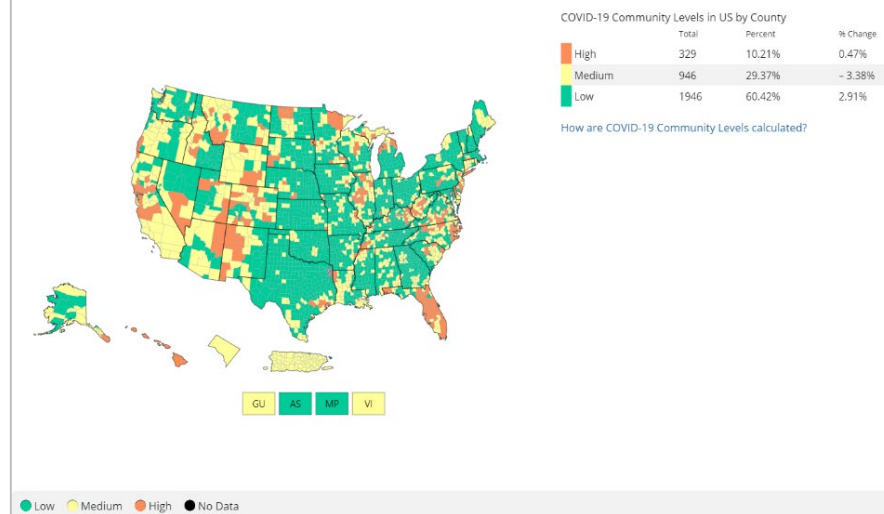
- COVID-19 Community Levels (**note bold**) is the default landing page setting
- Using the dropdown, scroll down to the Community Transmission option

COVID-19 Community Levels
Cases
Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs)
Deaths
Hospital utilization
Vaccinations
CDC Social Vulnerability Index
Community Transmission

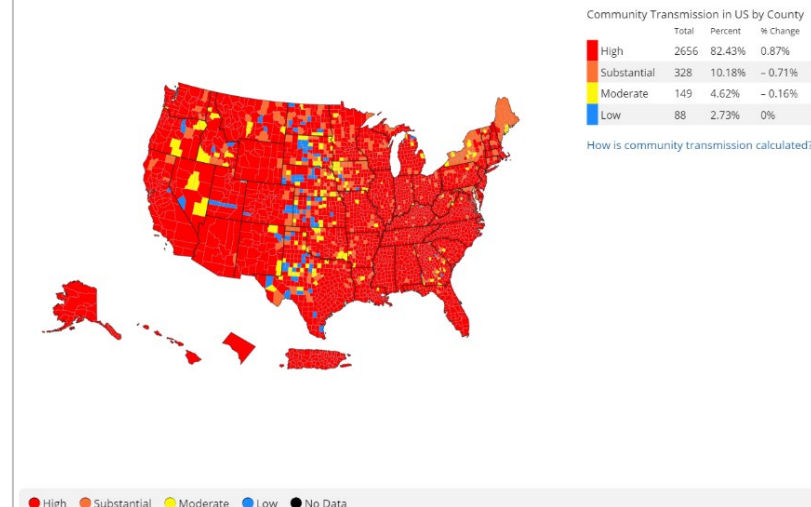


# Why Do Filters Matter?

COVID-19 Community Levels of All Counties in US

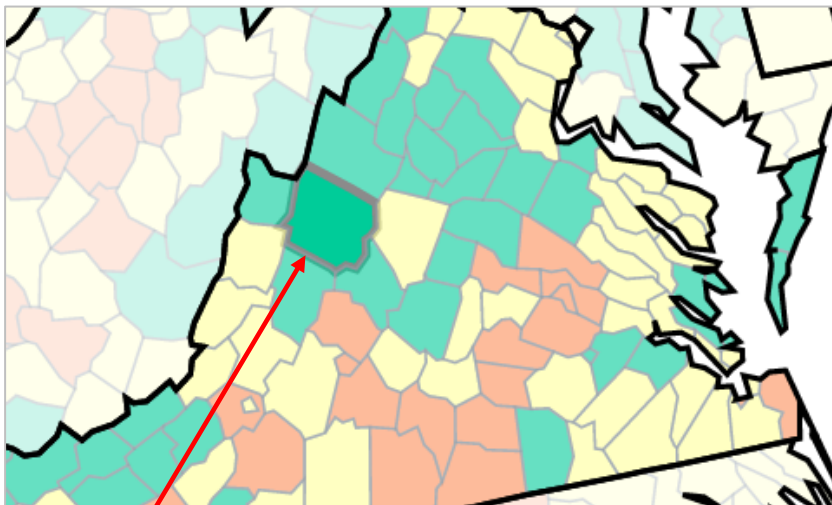


Community Transmission of All Counties in US



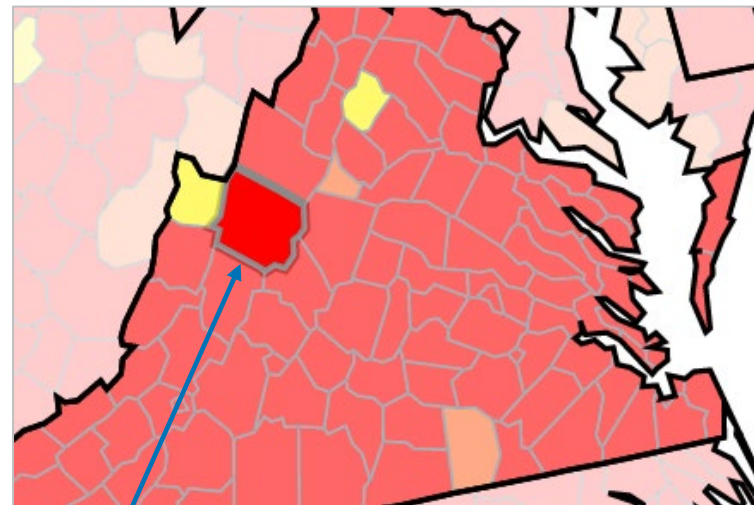
# County View

COVID-19 Community Level



Augusta Co., VA - "Low"

Community Transmission

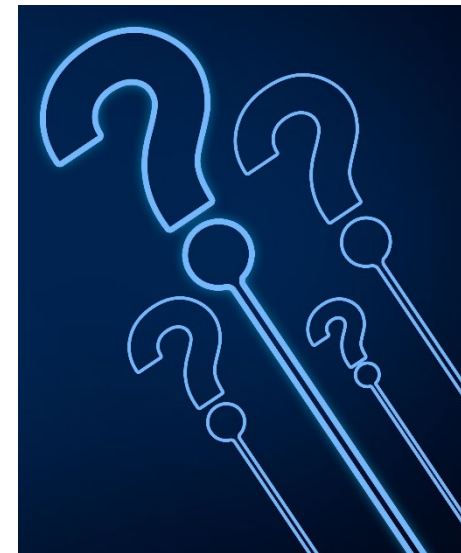


Augusta Co., VA - "High"

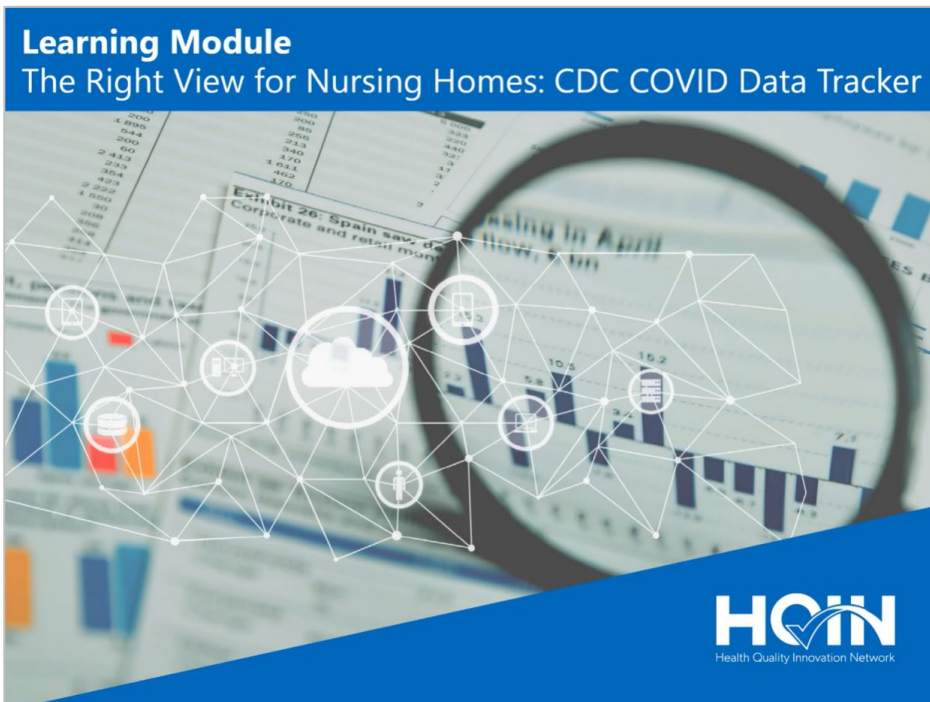
# Polling Question 1

How often do you or someone from your facility access the COVID Data Tracker to obtain your community transmission data and determine the frequency of routine staff testing frequency?

- A. Weekly
- B. Monthly
- C. Several times a week
- D. Rarely or never – we use a state level resource

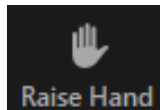


# HQIN Resource

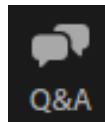


[The Right View for Nursing Homes: CDC COVID Data Tracker Learning Module | HQIN](#)

# Questions? Comments? Share With Colleagues What is Working or What is Difficult for Your Team!



**Raise your hand** to ask a question



Or you may type a question by clicking the **Q&A** icon

*Don't hesitate to ask a question at any time  
during the presentation of the remaining slides*

# Resource Library

- [Workplace Vaccination Program | CDC](#)
- [Clinical Care Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#)
- [Entrance Conference Worksheet for COVID vaccine | LeadingAge MN](#)
- [CMS-20054 Infection Prevention Control and Immunizations | CMS](#)
- [Interim Final Rule - COVID-19 Vaccine Immunization Requirements for Residents and Staff \(QSO-21-19-NH\) | CMS](#)
- [Interim Final Rule \(IFC\), CMS-3401-IFC, Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency related to Long-Term Care \(LTC\) Facility Testing Requirements \(QSO-20-38 NH REVISED\) | CMS](#)



# Resource Library, continued

- [Nursing Home Visitation – COVID-19 \(REVISED\) \(QSO-20-39-NH\) | CMS](#)
- [Long-Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facility Attachment A \(QSO-22-07 ALL\) | CMS](#)
- [LTCSP Procedure Guide | CMS](#)
- [QSO-21-08-NLTC REVISED | CMS](#)
- [Nursing Home COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Action Plan and Resources | HQIN](#)
- [Vaccine Clinic Administration Process Guide | HQIN](#)



# **Next Session: Vital Vaccines: Highlighting the Important Role of Vaccines and Vaccine Champions in Wellness**

**Tuesday, August 9, 2022  
2:00 p.m. EST | 1:00 p.m. CST**





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To all essential care giving teams  
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*Thank you for attending*